

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0911

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Crest Avenue Wastewater Treatment Facility Capacity Expansion and Process Optimization in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Winter Garden, located at 101 E Crest Avenue, Winter Garden, FL 34787.

The funding would be used to upgrade the wastewater plant's electrical system to Class I Reliability which will significantly increase resiliency by providing continuous satisfactory operation during storms, power failures, peak loads, equipment failure and maintenance. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the facility operations are critical to protecting area water quality, including wastewater impacts to Lake Apopka, the 4th largest lake in Florida and once the bass fishing capital of the Eastern United States. Lake Apopka is one of Florida's unique ecosystems which impacts not only area fishing, but also water access and quality across Central Florida and even further south. The Crest Avenue Wastewater Treatment Facility operations are a fundamental component to successfully restoring Lake Apopka and surrounding areas.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Daniel Webster
Member of Congress