

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

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Dundee Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovation project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Dundee, located at 801 N Hwy 99W Dundee, OR 97115.

The funding will be used to replace filtration cartridges and rehabilitate ultraviolet (UV) units. The funds will also sponsor smoke and camera studies to identify infiltration and identified leaks will be repaired or the pipes will be replaced.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the City's wastewater treatment plant, built in 2012, now faces water quality issues during heavy storms due to infiltration and degraded filtration cartridges and other equipment. This project will ensure clean waterways, improved public health, and regulatory compliance.

Without federal funding, the City will need to pursue a significant rate increase starting July 1, 2026, and substantial debt financing thus creating a challenging financial burden for Dundee rate payers. Most importantly, a high performing wastewater treatment plant is a needed first step to develop the planned Riverside district and add over 900 dwelling units to Dundee. This project will prevent overflows and ensure that capacity can be added for future development. Dundee currently has 1,060 residential customers and 50 commercial customers including major wine producers who rely on the system.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)(2).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



MEMBER OF CONGRESS