



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

March 27, 2026

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the City of Bloomington for Elevated Water Tower project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Bloomington, located at 115 E. Washington St, Bloomington, IL 61701. The funding would be used for the construction of a new two-million-gallon elevated water storage tank.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the eastern and southern portions of Bloomington have experienced a water pressure deficiency for decades that remains unresolved. The proposed Division Street and Hamilton Elevated Towers project will construct a two-million-gallon elevated water storage tank to provide stable water service pressures, emergency reserve supply, and improved water quality. The project is a key component of the City's comprehensive Systemwide Potable Water Distribution Improvements program and will permanently resolve a longstanding infrastructure deficiency affecting reliable water service for Bloomington residents.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. § 300j-12), which authorizes the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program to support improvements to community water systems, including the construction or rehabilitation of storage facilities under 40 CFR 35.3520(b)(2)(i).

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

Sincerely,


Darin LaHood
Member of Congress