

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2703

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and
Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Ohiowa Well Replacement in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Ohiowa, Nebraska located at P.O. Box 27 Ohiowa, NE 68416. The funding would be used for a well redrill and backup water supply well. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because The Village of Ohiowa's Public Water System Improvements project is a critical investment in the health, resilience, and sustainability of Nebraska's Third Congressional District. Serving approximately 120 residents, the Village relies on two wells for its public water supply. Following the failure of the backup well—despite significant repair efforts—and the deterioration of the existing well house, the Village now faces an urgent infrastructure need: the redrilling of a secondary well and construction of a new, code-compliant well house.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

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

Sincerely,



Adrian Smith
Member of Congress