

U.S. House of Representatives
Rep. Sharice L. Davids
Kansas Third District

May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, 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 Mount Marty Park Refurbishment in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS, located at 701 N 7th St., Kansas City, Kansas. The funding would be used for park wayfinding signage, lighting, resurfacing of the roadway into the park, trail work, structural repairs, sidewalk installation, and beautification enhancements/landscaping.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Mount Marty Park is in a state of disrepair. Improvements to the park have been identified as a priority in the Unified Government of Kansas City Parks Master Plan. The park turns 100 years old in 2024 and a celebration is planned for later this year. Being able to announce at this celebration that the park is being restored would be incredibly significant for the Rosedale neighborhood. The neighborhood treasures this park, as it has been a gathering place for decades. It is also home to various walking and biking trails, which provide a healthy, outdoor recreational alternative for the citizens of Kansas City, KS, which is a Low and Moderate Income community. This greenspace and trail revitalization would provide greater recreational opportunities and would help to bring the park infrastructure up to ADA code and modern building code standards. KCK ranked 103 out of 104 counties in the state in health outcomes, according to a 2023 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation study, partially owing to a lack of availability of public green spaces. Additionally, the park offers a sweeping view of the Kansas City downtown area that attracts many visitors.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SD.' with a flourish.

Sharice L. Davids
Member of Congress