

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

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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 Anderson County Safe Community Connections Initiative in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Anderson County Development Agency, located at 131 West 5th Ave., Garnett, KS 66032. The funding would be used to support the construction and replacement of ADA-compliant sidewalks and associated pedestrian safety improvements in Garnett, Colony, and Westphalia as part of the Anderson County Safe Community Connections Initiative. Funds will be used for the following project components:

- Sidewalk Construction and Replacement: Removal of deteriorated sidewalk segments and construction of new concrete sidewalks to create safe pedestrian routes between schools, residential areas, and community destinations.
- Site Preparation and Grading: Preparation of the sidewalk corridor, including minor grading, base preparation, and adjustments necessary to meet state construction standards and ensure long-term durability.
- Pedestrian Safety Improvements: Installation of marked pedestrian crossings where sidewalks intersect roadways. In Colony, this includes the installation of a solar-powered flashing pedestrian beacon at a crossing along a busy agricultural route to improve visibility and safety.
- Railroad Crossing Coordination and Improvements: Construction of a sidewalk segment in Westphalia that safely accommodates a railroad crossing and adjacent grade changes while meeting applicable safety and design requirements.
- Engineering, Design, and Project Management: Preparation of final construction plans, coordination with relevant agencies where necessary, and project oversight to ensure compliance with applicable construction and accessibility standards.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these investments will result in safe, durable pedestrian infrastructure that improves connectivity between schools, residential areas, and community destinations across Anderson County.

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 handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Davids', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sharice L. Davids
Member of Congress