

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

March 20, 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 Edgerton 8th Street Lift Station Modernization and Resiliency Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 404 East Nelson St., Edgerton, KS, 66021. The funding would be used for a project which replaces a 25-year-old, 6-foot diameter, 15-foot deep, two-pump residential lift station serving 12 homes. The existing system lacks SCADA connectivity and relies on a single exterior red alarm light to signal failure. Staff must manually inspect the station to detect malfunctions. This outdated configuration presents significant public health, environmental, and equity risks. Failure could result in: Basement sewer backups, Sanitary sewer overflows, Groundwater contamination and Regulatory enforcement action. Modernization will improve system resilience through redundant pumps, remote monitoring, backup power, and structural rehabilitation. This investment protects vulnerable households from wastewater exposure, strengthens environmental compliance, and modernizes critical infrastructure in an aging system. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is a preventative infrastructure investment. Emergency failure would require costly remediation, liability response, and potential environmental cleanup. Planned modernization reduces lifecycle cost, improves energy efficiency, lowers long-term operations and maintenance, and enhances resilience against power outages and equipment failure. Proactive replacement is fiscally responsible risk mitigation.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

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

Sincerely,



Sharice L. Davids
Member of Congress