

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

May 23, 2025

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 the John Brown Park Infrastructure Refurbishment in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Osawatomie, located at 439 Main St. PO Box 37, Osawatomie, Kansas, 66064. The funding would be used to refurbish badly aged infrastructure (streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, sewer) and allow space for better public engagement and historical storytelling opportunities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will support economic development in a financially challenged rural community of 4,200 residents. Tourism is an important economic driver for the community as it seeks to attract visitors, residents and positive attention. Safe and aesthetically pleasing maintained social, cultural, recreational and historical assets will serve to promote and increase both the historical and bicycle-based tourism reputation earned in Osawatomie.

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,



Sharice L. Davids
Member of Congress

