



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 10, 2024

Chairman Tom Cole
Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307
U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$8,800,000 for a community project funding request for the American Falls City Water Improvements Project in the FY 25 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

The intended recipient is the City of American Falls. The applicant is located at 550 N. Oregon Trail, American Falls, ID, 83211.

Funding would be used to replace 13 miles of noncompliant lines to meet the needs of citizens and fire flow. Due to the higher than typical per capita water usage, meters will be added to all city connections. The energy and water savings provided by this project will allow the city to become more resilient to drought emergencies.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the long-term environmental impacts of water conservation would help minimize additional drilling of city wells and ease demand on the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer. The energy and water savings provided by this project will allow the city to become more resilient to drought emergencies. In addition, this project will assist the community with fire safety and water capacity while assisting the region conserve up to 2,000-acre feet of water yearly.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Simpson" with "M.C." written in small letters at the end of the signature.

Mike Simpson
Member of Congress