

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-0913

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman, Subcommittee on  
Energy and Water Development  
2207 RHOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on  
Energy and Water Development  
2413 RHOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for an additional reclaimed water storage tank for the city of Oldsmar Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Army corps of engineers. The amount requested for FY27 is \$2,000,000.

The funding would support a water reuse infrastructure project to improve reclaimed water storage capacity, enhance water conservation efficiency, and reduce nutrient discharge to Tampa Bay. The project will include expanding storage systems, infrastructure upgrades, and related improvements to capture additional treated water during heavy rainfall events when production exceeds demand. This investment will strengthen water reuse infrastructure, enhance environmental protection, and help prevent costly nutrient loading impacts.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it improves water conservation efficiency, protects Tampa Bay water quality, and strengthens critical infrastructure in Florida's Thirteenth Congressional District. By investing in reclaimed water storage improvements, the project reduces nutrient discharge, maximizes beneficial water reuse for public facilities and irrigation, and improves system reliability during peak production periods. This proactive infrastructure investment lowers long-term environmental compliance costs, enhances regional water conservation goals, and helps avoid more expensive upgrades in the future, making it a responsible and efficient use of federal taxpayer dollars.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 219 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-580), as amended, which supports environmental infrastructure projects, including stormwater management and flood risk reduction, in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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

Sincerely,



Anna Paulina Luna  
Member of Congress