

March 31, 2023

Chairwoman Kay Granger
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Replacement Water Tower Serving the Massaponax Area in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Spotsylvania County, located at 9104 Courthouse Road, Spotsylvania, Virginia 22553. The funding would be used to design and construct a new 1-million-gallon water tower to replace the existing 250,000-gallon tank. The county currently provides water to approximately 100,000 residents of Spotsylvania and an additional 30,000 residents of the City of Fredericksburg. The increased capacity will serve the significant residential and commercial growth underway in the Massaponax (I-95 exit 126) and Thornburg (I-95 exit 118) areas of Spotsylvania as well as provide more fire flow duration if needed.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the service area has experienced consistent population growth in recent years, and additional water service is needed. Water consumption has increased by 2% on average annually over the past 10 years in conjunction with considerable residential and commercial growth, both planned and underway, in the Massaponax and Thornburg areas of Spotsylvania. As a result, there is a need to increase the capacity of the existing Massaponax water tank from 250,000 gallons to a 1-million-gallon water tower to provide service stability and reliability for the area.

This project is eligible under 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), which states that eligible activities include “the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or installation (including design features and improvements with respect to such construction, reconstruction, or installation that promote energy efficiency) of public works, facilities (except for buildings for the general conduct of government), and site or other improvements.”

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

Sincerely,



Abigail Spanberger
Member of Congress