



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4905

May 2, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding of \$1,999,400 from the Rural Community Facilities Program in fiscal year 2025 for a street extension project.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Jefferson, located at 317 South Main Street, Jefferson, WI 53549-1772. The city was estimated by the 2020 census to have a population of 7,793, qualifying it as a rural area under the Community Facilities Grant Program.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the City of Jefferson and Jefferson County are working cooperatively to develop a Food and Beverage Innovation Campus located on the southern edge of the City just off the State Highway 26 Bypass. The project is anchored by a significant, nearly \$600 million investment from Kikkoman Foods, Incorporated, for the construction of a new manufacturing production facility. An economic impact analysis completed by Vandewalle and Associates estimates that by developing all the remaining potential lots (Approximately 70 acres), the City of Jefferson and its overlapping taxing districts see 322 new jobs and \$655,961 in annual revenue. The estimated assessed value of the four lots (Those surrounding the Kikkoman parcel) is approximately \$37 million once they reach full occupancy.

The City of Jefferson can provide well over the required match by funding the first \$9,133,537 of infrastructure costs for the Food and Beverage Innovation Campus. That number includes the cost for: immediate street, water, sewerage and storm water extension work, in addition to a new Business STH 26 intersection, sewer pumping station and a major electrical line relocation.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided will help the City of Jefferson, a rural area under 41 U.S.C. § 1490, increase its competitiveness in attracting and retaining businesses that provide employment and services for its residents, ensuring a critical rural area enjoys the same quality of life and services as urban areas.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Fitzgerald". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" and "F".

Scott Fitzgerald
Member of Congress