



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Chicora Drinking Water Plant Improvements Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Chicora Borough located at 109 Water Street, Chicora, PA 16025. The funding would be used for upgrades and repairs to the outdated Drinking Water Plant. This project will upgrade the existing filtration system that was originally constructed of repurposed filtration and storage tanks from industrial installations donated to the Borough and is past the expected service life for these units. This project would address the dire need of significant repairs and upgrades. Chicora provides potable water service to approximately 1,100 people in Chicora Borough through 480 service connections which includes a commercial district and a public elementary schooled (Chicora Elementary School of the Karns City Area School District). These improvements will allow for the Borough to maintain safe drinking water service to benefit the existing and potential future customers and to the well-being and development of the children at the elementary school. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the existing drinking water plant has reached the end of its service life and prevents a health risk to the community.

The 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,

Mike Kelly  
Member of Congress