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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am writing to request \$5,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2027 Community Project Funding for the Town of Riverhead Townwide Street Resurfacing and Drainage Improvement Project. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Riverhead, located at 4 West Second Street, Riverhead, New York 11901.

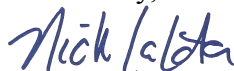
The funding would be used for a townwide street resurfacing and drainage improvement initiative to address deteriorated roadway conditions and chronic roadway ponding caused by increased daily traffic, severe weather events, and growing development pressures. The project will resurface roads in dire need of rehabilitation and complete targeted drainage improvements to reduce flooding hazards, improve roadway safety, and restore more reliable transportation access throughout the Town. By upgrading these essential public works assets, the project will strengthen neighborhood conditions, improve mobility for residents and visitors, and support Riverhead's economic activity, including commerce and tourism.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because safe roads and effective drainage are essential to Riverhead's public safety, quality of life, and economic vitality. By rehabilitating damaged roadways and correcting drainage problems that cause hazardous ponding, the project will improve travel conditions for residents, workers, first responders, and visitors, while reducing damage to personal and commercial vehicles and helping prevent avoidable accidents. The project will also support Riverhead's growing economy and tourism sector by providing safer and more reliable access to downtown businesses, commercial corridors, and community destinations. Federal investment is especially important because the Town is facing widespread roadway and drainage needs that cannot be addressed quickly enough with local resources alone.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. § 5305(a)(2), which authorizes the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or installation of public works, facilities, and site or other improvements. The resurfacing of deteriorated roads and improvement of drainage infrastructure constitute the reconstruction and improvement of essential public infrastructure that supports a suitable living environment, neighborhood stability, and expanded economic opportunity, consistent with the goals of the Community Development Fund. The project is intended to benefit Riverhead residents, workers, businesses, first responders, and visitors, including in downtown Riverhead and parts of Calverton.

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

Sincerely,



Nick LaLota
Member of Congress