

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

March 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Vero Beach Water Reclamation Facility Construction Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Vero Beach, located at 1053 20th Place, Vero Beach, FL, 32961.

The funding will be used to support the replacement of an existing wastewater treatment plant, which currently produces public-access irrigation-quality reclaimed water with elevated nutrients and suspended solid concentrations. The City of Vero Beach is currently constructing a new 5.0 MGD Water Reclamation Facility that will utilize advanced treatment technologies to meet Advanced Wastewater Treatment standards. The requested funding will be applied directly toward eligible construction costs associated with this project.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it represents a generational investment in the health of our waterways and community. This project protects a regionally significant estuary while strengthening long-term environmental resilience. Declining water quality threatens sensitive ecosystems, public health, tourism, and the shared resources that sustain the regional economy. Federal participation reflects a shared responsibility to safeguard these natural assets and advances the goals of the Clean Water Act through proactive investment in critical water infrastructure.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

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

Respectfully,



Mike Haridopolos
Member of Congress