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Tom Cole
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Mike Quigley
Ranking Member
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U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Quigley,

I am requesting \$2,900,000 under the FY 24 HUD-Economic Development Initiative program for the City of Douglas' Downtown Revitalization Project.

The Douglas Downtown Revitalization Project will be transformational for economic development for Douglas, will span three blocks and expand pedestrian sidewalks, construct road diets to slow traffic, pave the street, and add decorative elements to beautify downtown. The project aims to improve access for the community, increase safety for pedestrians and cyclists, encourage healthier lifestyles, revitalize the downtown area, and support businesses and job growth. The funds will be used to fund the rehabilitation of historic G Avenue.

Downtown Douglas was once the center of economic activity for the community and full of thriving small business. Today, Downtown Douglas has a copious amount of vacated and unmaintained buildings as well a significant decrease of foot traffic. The City has taken steps to entice investment in the downtown by creating a zoning overlay to allow for mixed-use in existing buildings that supersedes the underlying zoning requirements. Additionally, the City has created an entertainment district downtown. Revitalizing downtown through means of an improved streetscape will aid their goal to attract infill development on vacant property and attract investment in Douglas. This project will also allow Douglas to become a destination and attract tourists to the area.

This project meets all requirements, is shovel ready, and can obligate funds within a year. Thank you for your consideration for this important proposal.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress