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The Honorable Andy Harris Chairman U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration The Honorable Sanford Bishop Jr.
Ranking Member
U.S. House of Representatives
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural
Development, Food and Drug Administration

Dear Chairman Harris and Ranking Member Bishop,

I am requesting \$1,375,000 under the FY 25 Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Community Facilities Grants program for the City of Tolleson's Multi-modal Path Lighting project.

This project is to install LED path lighting along a multi-modal path near the center of the City of Tolleson. This path can be utilized for walking, jogging, biking, and horseback riding. The addition of canal lighting enhances safety and accessibility, enabling community members to utilize these paths during early mornings or evenings, when visibility may be limited. With the heat in Arizona, having a path that can be used when the sun is down is a huge benefit to the City.

The total project cost is \$2,500,000 and the federal request is \$1,375,000. Funding will be used for the design and construction of path lighting along the multi-modal pathway. Funding will be used for consultant services as well as acquisition and installation of the path lighting.

Offering diverse recreational options caters to the preferences and needs of individuals, promoting inclusivity and community engagement. Primary supporters are the City of Tolleson, Tolleson Elementary School District, Tolleson Union High School District, and local businesses. This project meets all requirements, is shovel ready, and can obligate funds within a year.

Thank you for your consideration of this important proposal.

Sincerely,

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