

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

May 20, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C., 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Downtown Piqua Streetscape Improvements Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Piqua, located at 201 W Water Street, Piqua, Ohio, 45356. The funding would be used for infrastructure enhancements needed to support the expansion of downtown business and housing opportunities in downtown Piqua. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will be focused on improvements on the walkability and connectivity of downtown destinations, linking proposed downtown housing to downtown businesses and shops, and generally enhancing the safety of pedestrians moving about the downtown area. The improvements will include curb extensions at intersections, accessibility/beautification upgrades (including connecting the Great Miami River Recreational Trail and the Lock 9 Riverfront Park trailhead improvements and a new YMCA facility to the downtown), parking improvements, storm sewer, and electrical utility work to provide improved lighting. The project will support new and existing businesses and an intentional effort to activate the downtown area as a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



Mike Carey  
Member of Congress