

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2506

May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

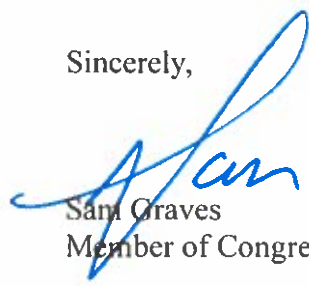
I am requesting funding for the Sullivan County Memorial Hospital project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Sullivan County Memorial Hospital located at 630 West Third Street, Milan, MO 63556.

The Sullivan County Memorial Hospital project will construct a new 14-bed critical access hospital and rural health clinic to replace a 70-year-old facility, the only hospital in Sullivan County, Missouri. Services will include continuation of emergency, acute, skilled and observation services with a full spectrum of diagnostic laboratory, imaging, outpatient (infusions, transfusion, injections), and therapies (physical, occupational, speech and cardiac rehabilitation). There are three physicians and five advanced nurse practitioners supporting the Emergency Department and clinics. Specialty outpatient services offered include rheumatology, urology, pain management, podiatry and OB/GYN. Other specialty providers and services will be added based on the analysis of the Community Health Needs Assessment and the expected growth of the population and recreational activities with the upcoming reservoir development. The current aging facility is in dire need of replacement and is located more than 2 hours away from the nearest tertiary healthcare facility.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will preserve access to critical healthcare services in an underserved rural area in North Missouri. This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,



Sam Graves
Member of Congress

Date Signed: May 3, 2024