



## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

May 6, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Grandview, Missouri's Main Street Market project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Grandview, Missouri located at 1200 Main Street, Grandview, MO 64030. Grandview's Main Street Market project will create a permanent Main Street Market that will also provide an additional multipurpose community space in downtown Grandview. This includes the construction of a farmer's market structure both enclosed and open air, restrooms, public parking, solar power, and the development of green space that provides a pocket park and park amenities.

In the last several years Grandview's downtown has grown with a number of new businesses operating on Main Street as well as planned streetscape improvements to make downtown ADA compliant and more accessible for pedestrian traffic. In that time, the Grandview Farmer's market has also grown substantially and the need for access to food has also increased. This creates an opportunity for Grandview to capitalize and make a large beneficial impact for the community and improve the quality of life.

The Market on Main Street project would assist in reducing food insecurity by providing access to fresh nutritious food in a centralized location and within walking distance of lower income neighborhoods. This will support healthy communities through art, culture, and educational opportunities and promote sustainability through the use of solar power. Providing an additional public space also creates a destination that allows for socialization and market visitors to stay on Main Street and utilize the local businesses, stimulating the local economy. The activity this would bring to downtown Grandview could spur future development in the area.

Analyzing the household characteristics within the City indicates Grandview had a lower median income and more residents below the poverty level than both MO and the U.S. The median household income was \$53,734 compared to MO (\$61,811) and 15.3% of the Grandview's population are living at or below the poverty level compared to 12.9% in the rest of the state.

So, providing access to fresh food helps in lowering food insecurity, has the potential to stimulate the local economy and reduce poverty levels, promote sustainability through the use of solar energy, and support a more connected community by an additional public gathering space.

All of these truly represent a good use of taxpayer funds.

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The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 5305(a)(4) – clearance, demolition, removal, reconstruction, and rehabilitation (including rehabilitation which promotes energy efficiency) of buildings and improvements (including interim assistance, and financing public or private acquisition for reconstruction or rehabilitation, and reconstruction or rehabilitation, of privately owned properties, and including the renovation of closed school buildings).

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

Sincerely,

Rep. Emanuel Cleaver, II

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Emanuel Cleaver", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Member of Congress