

**Project Name:**

Regional Detention Facility Construction for Flood Mitigation Project

**Recipient:**

City of Chickasha, OK

**Address:**

117 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Chickasha, OK 73018

**Amount Requested:**

\$1,980,000

**Project Explanation:**

The City of Chickasha is located geographically in an area with strong propensity of flooding during periods of high precipitation. There have been significant and costly floods in the area in the past and current drought circumstances are likely the only recent reason we have not sustained further flooding. The City engaged professionals to develop a Master Drainage Plan, but the City lacks the financial resources to implement the plan.

Chickasha proposes to establish two structures with this funding. The detention facilities will allow the city to collect and hold stormwater to allow more time for it to drain to the river system. At present, due to low, flat elevations and saturated soils, excess water has no place to go during a significant precipitation episode. The structures themselves are holding ponds or small lakes which allow the city to create a system of banks and engineered drainage to control the flow of water throughout the entire system. The city is located geographically very near the Washita River with several major creeks running through the city which collect the water that feeds in to the Washita. The detention facilities will provide a manageable slowing and storage effect to allow the creeks to empty over time rather than all at once. The proposed structures are regional detention facilities, one each located in the Congo Creek basin and the Westside Creek basin. Westside Creek is a tributary to Line Creek. The Congo Creek facility will be located just south of Grand Avenue west of US Highway 81 and the Westside facility will be located south of Idaho Avenue just west of the SLSF Railroad.

**TOM COLE**

4TH DISTRICT, OKLAHOMA

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March 24, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the construction of Regional Detention Facilities in Chickasha, Oklahoma in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Chickasha located at 117 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Chickasha, Oklahoma 73018.

The funding would be used for the land acquisition, design, and construction of two regional detention facilities near 9<sup>th</sup> St. and Grand Ave., and near Highway 44 and Pondridge Rd., Chickasha, Oklahoma 73018 to mitigate flooding. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help mitigate flooding that inundates the downtown business area due to its location near the Washita River, Line Creek, and Congo Creek. The City engaged professionals to develop a Master Drainage Plan due to the city's strong propensity of flooding during periods of high precipitation.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 603(c) of the Clean Water Act.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Cole", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom Cole  
Member of Congress