



Congress of the United States
Washington, DC

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Chairman Cole
Chairman, House Committee on
Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ranking Member DeLauro
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Glacial Lake Outburst Flood Disaster Mitigation Project - Flood Resilience on the Mendenhall River in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City and Borough of Juneau, located at 155 Heritage Way, Juneau, AK, 99801.

The funding would be used to protect against Glacial Lake Outburst Flooding (GLOF) along the Mendenhall River, specifically for engineering, site preparation and deployment of an additional two miles of flood barriers and flood protection along high value facilities and surrounding neighborhoods. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will protect two senior living facilities, a major medical facility, a post office, elementary school, affordable housing development, restaurants, grocery stores and other businesses, as well as the community's primary wastewater treatment facility in Juneau.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

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 that reads "Nicholas J. Begich III".

Nicholas J. Begich III
Congressman for All Alaska