

**Project Name:**

Bridge Replacement, Groff Lane Ravalli County

**Recipient:**

Ravalli County

**Address:**

215 South 4th Street, Hamilton, MT 59840

**Amount Requested:**

\$1,008,000

**Project Explanation:**

Ravalli County is one of the fastest growing counties in Montana. Groff Lane provides access to larger agricultural tracts in Ravalli County and a future potential public access. The narrow bridges need to be replaced to allow for safer passage and also to ensure that irrigation water delivery can continue to some larger agricultural water users in the Bitterroot Valley.

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-2601**

May 8, 2024

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

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

**Re: Bridge Replacement, Groff Lane Ravalli County**

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Bridge Replacement, Groff Lane Ravalli County in Fiscal Year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Ravalli County, 215 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Ste A, Hamilton, MT 59840.

The funding would be used to replace narrow bridges on Groff Lane in Ravalli County. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Ravalli County is one of the fastest growing counties in Montana. Groff Lane provides access to larger agricultural tracts in Ravalli County and a future potential public access. The narrow bridges need to be replaced to allow for safer passage and also to ensure that irrigation water delivery can continue to some larger agricultural water users in the Bitterroot Valley.

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,



Ryan Zinke  
Member of Congress