

January 20, 2026

The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE
Washington, DC 20528-0525

Dear Secretary Noem,

As the Mayor, am writing on behalf of the City Council of the City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, to express our strong support for the approval of Disaster #4575 – Project 13 – Tulsa County 101st & Garnett Infrastructure Protection, which is currently awaiting your review for Phase 2 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant funding.

This critical infrastructure project involves elevating approximately one mile of Garnett Road (from 91st to 101st Street) and the 101st Street intersection by five feet to mitigate future flooding risks. The project is near the cities of Broken Arrow, Tulsa, and Bixby, and its successful implementation will enhance public safety, protect essential roadways, and benefit the broader regional community by preventing disruptions caused by severe weather events. By all accounts, Tulsa County has diligently advanced the project through all required FEMA steps and guidelines, and it is now ready to proceed to construction bidding upon your approval.

As a reimbursable grant valued at over \$8 million, this funding represents a vital federal investment in proactive hazard mitigation that will yield long-term benefits for our residents and neighboring jurisdictions. We understand that U.S. Representative Kevin Hern and U.S. Senator Markwayne Mullin have previously advocated for this project, and we join them in respectfully requesting your fair and prompt consideration to ensure timely implementation and maintain the momentum from earlier phases.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of Resolution No. 1734, adopted by the Broken Arrow City Council on January 20, 2026, formally endorsing this request. We urge the Department to provide a decision at the earliest opportunity so that all involved parties can plan and proceed accordingly.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and your commitment to strengthening communities through effective disaster preparedness. Should you require any additional information, please contact City Manager Michael Spurgeon at 918-259-2408.

Sincerely,

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On Behalf of the City Council

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