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We would like to show our support for the \$25,000 contribution for the Coyote Creek Pilot Channel Project. We live on Camp Chaffee and personally experienced significant flooding of our garage, shop, and storage shed as well as fence damage and tons of debris left on our property. Dealing with the damage as well as the closure of the road has made it a tough year. When the Pilot Channel Project was proposed, we were given hope that help was coming. Although our community contribution of \$94,000 was daunting, the neighborhood rallied and answered the call! Bake sales, restaurant fundraisers, a benefit concert, and going door to door asking for donations brought us together in a unique way. We had other friends and family give to the cause, and we personally contributed thousands of dollars. But we still fell short....Honestly, we were wondering how we could even pull together the last \$25,000. That's a lot of bake sales! My husband retired in 2022, and our income is quite limited. When I heard about the possibility of the county making up the last amount, I literally started crying. It felt like a huge burden was being lifted. We hope that we have shown good faith in trying to make our contribution, and would urge you to approve making up the last amount to help us reach our goal. We are thankful for the work of our community rep Nikki Katz and Supervisor Matt Levere as well as the many county and state employees who have made this a possibility.

Sincerely,
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