JOSH GOTTHEIMER
New Jersey's 5th District

Community Project Funding Resource Guide

March 29, 2022

Dear Mayor:
Dear Councilmember:
Dear County Commissioner:

As part of my continued work to claw our federal tax dollars back to New Jersey from Washington, I am glad to bring to your attention my annual Community Project Funding process.

Last year, Congress institutedCommunity Project Funding (CPF). CPF was a new initiative for Fiscal Year 2022, allowingMembers of Congress to request direct funding for projects that benefit the communities they represent. The initiative entails stringent eligibility, ethics, and transparency guardrails and is only available to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, as well as some non-profits. Additionally, only projects with evidence of strong support from the community will be considered, and evidence of this support and community need is required as part of your submission. I am committed to transparency in government spending, reducing wasteful spending, and ensuring that New Jersey federal tax dollars are used wisely and effectively right here in our North Jersey communities.

Each Member of Congress is limited to only 15 Community Projects Funding requests, and given the number of proposals that the House Appropriations Committee will receive, a request from my Office is not a guarantee of funding. Additionally, only certain projects will be eligible for these requests under criteria established by the House. My team will work with you to determine if your project(s) are good candidates for this new opportunity, and we will also identify any other potential competitive grant opportunities to meet your community's needs.

To meet my House deadlines for these funding opportunities, I ask that you submit the documents we are requesting to my Office for review no later than Tuesday, April 19, 2022 by 5 PM EDT.

Please submit all requests through my Office's form, which can be found at https://gottheimer.house.gov/constituent-services/communityprojectfunding.htm. You may also contact Shay Battle in my Glen Rock Office at 201-389-1100 with any questions. Once we review your submitted requests, we may follow up with you for additional information.

You can find the needed forms and additional information on my website at gottheimer.house.gov and in this resource guide.

Thank you again for your interest in this year's federal funding opportunity. My team and I are available to answer your questions as needed. I look forward to working with you to claw back more federal dollars to New Jersey's Fifth Congressional District.

Sincerely,

Josh Gottheimer
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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Contact Information

1) Please submit all FY 2023 Programmatic or Language Appropriations requests through my Office's form at
   https://gottheimer.house.gov/constituent-services/appropriations-requests.htm

- The deadline to submit a programmatic or language request for FY 2023 is April 12, 2022 by 5:00 pm EDT.

2) Please submit all FY 2023 Community Project Funding requests through my Office's form at
   https://gottheimer.house.gov/constituent-services/communityprojectfunding.htm

- The deadline to submit a Community Project Funding request is April 19, 2022 by 5:00 pm EDT.

For specific questions, please reach out to my team by emailing
GottheimerAppropriations@mail.house.gov.

Overview of the Appropriations Process

Every year, the United States Congress considers and enacts annual appropriations bills, which provide the federal government with the funding it needs to operate. These bills fund numerous activities, including government operations, medical research, national defense, infrastructure, and education.

It is critical that the federal government invests in the policies and programs that help move our communities, state, and country forward.

You or your organization may submit a community project, programmatic or language requests. Community project requests may include funding for a community center, senior center, recreation center or park, water infrastructure, transportation infrastructure, health care services, education programs, social services, police services or equipment, and other local government projects and programs. Programmatic requests include funding for specific federal programs that are important to you or your organization. Language requests include specific policy directives to federal agencies.

The Community Project Funding initiative entails stringent eligibility, ethics, and transparency guardrails and is only available to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, as well as some non-profits. Additionally, only projects with evidence of strong support from the community will be considered, and evidence of this support and community need is required as part of your submission.

Requests for community projects are due on April 19 by 5:00 PM EDT. Requests for programs, and language are due on April 12 by 5:00 PM EDT You and your organization should begin developing your request well in advance to ensure that your request is submitted properly and tailored to the needs of your project. As you develop your request, please feel free to contact my team at GottheimerAppropriations@mail.house.gov. and use this resource guide to ensure your project request meets all requirements.

In order to submit a request, please complete the form on my website at https://gottheimer.house.gov/constituent-services/communityprojectfunding.htm

We cannot guarantee that requests submitted after the deadline noted on my form will be considered. If you have problems or questions while completing these forms, please feel free to contact my staff. My staff is unable to forward request forms to other Congressional or Senate offices.

My team will review each request. The entire appropriations process can take several months. Appropriations bills approved by the House Appropriations Committees must be agreed to by both houses of Congress and signed into law by the President before the end of the fiscal year on September 30, 2022; however, the process often extends beyond this date.

Overview of the Community Project Funding Process

I am looking forward to recommending important local projects for federal funding this year. However, it is important that you know how this process will work this year.

First, we expect to receive hundreds of requests for funding. Only 15 of those may be submitted to the Appropriations Committee; of those, only a few will be funded.

Second, it is important that any request you make satisfies **every** requirement laid out by the House Appropriations Committee. Most importantly, each request must include demonstrated community support. You will be required to submit evidence of community support, including (but not limited to):

- Letters of support from elected community leaders
- Press articles highlighting the need for the specific project
- Resolutions passed by local/county/state governments
- Projects listed on community development plans, state intended use plans, and other publicly available planning documents
- Support from local newspaper editorial boards, etc.

Additional requirements are listed below:
- A financial disclosure statement from myself certifying that neither my immediate family nor I have any financial interest in the proposed project.
- No funds can be used by for-profit recipients.
- Several Federal programs eligible for Community Project Funding requests require a State or local match for projects either by statute or according to longstanding policy. The Committee will not waive these matching requirements for Community Project Funding requests, so it is important that Member offices discuss with their State and local officials the ability for localities to meet matching requirements prior to requesting a project. Note: This does not mean that matching funds must be in-hand prior to requesting a project, but that local officials must have a plan to meet such requirements in order for such a project to be viable
- Each project is funded only for FY 2023.

Additional information for each specific account is detailed below.

As more information becomes available, this guide will be updated.

Appropriations Bill: Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration

The Subcommittee on Agriculture will accept Community Project Funding requests in five accounts as noted below:

- **Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities**: The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) owns and operates laboratories and facilities across the United States. Many of these laboratories/facilities are decades old, have outlived their functional life span, and are badly in need of major repairs, renovation, or replacement. Facility requests must be for ARS-owned facilities or for facilities that will enhance ongoing ARS work. Requests can assist in the acquisition of land, construction, repair, improvement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agricultural research programs of the Department of Agriculture.

- **Rural Development, Rural Community Facility Grants**: Grants to purchase, construct, or improve essential community facilities, to purchase equipment, and pay other related project expenses. Essential community facilities include, but are not limited to, healthcare facilities, public facilities, public safety measures, educational services, or other community support services. Examples of eligible projects include medical or dental clinics, towns halls, courthouses, childcare centers, police or fire departments, public works vehicles, or distance learning equipment. Any project must serve a rural area as specified in 7 CFR 3570.53 (rural areas including cities, villages, townships and Federally Recognized Tribal lands with no more than 20,000 residents), and the Member's request must demonstrate community support.

  The Community Facilities program has a cost share calculated on a graduated scale. The applicant should be aware of any cost share as documented in 7 CFR 3570.63(b). Applicant shall certify they cannot finance the project from their own resources and credit is not otherwise available on reasonable terms from non-Federal sources.

- **Rural Utilities Service, ReConnect Grants**: ReConnect broadband pilot grants facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas. Grants funds can be used for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband service to rural areas without sufficient broadband access. The area must be rural and lack sufficient access to broadband service. A rural area is any area which is not located within a city, town, or incorporated area that has a population of greater than 20,000 inhabitants. Sufficient access to broadband is defined as greater than 90% of any rural area in which households have fixed, terrestrial broadband service delivering at least 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream. Mobile and satellite services will not be considered in making the determination of sufficient access to broadband.

- **Rural Utilities Service, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants**: The Distance Learning and Telemedicine program (DLT) helps rural residents better utilize the enormous potential of modern telecommunications and the internet for education and healthcare, two critical components of economic and community development. The DLT program helps rural communities acquire the technology and training necessary to connect educational and medical professionals with students, teachers, and patients in rural areas. Grants may be used for audio and video equipment, broadband facilities that support distance learning or telemedicine (not actual broadband), computer hardware or network components/software, and acquisition of instructional programing.

  All requests are subject to all the regulations governing the program which can be found at 7 CFR Part 1734. The program requires a 15% match that cannot come from another federal source.

- **Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations**: The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) supports private landowners, conservation districts, and other organizations to conserve, maintain, and improve the Nation's natural resources. Conservation Operations has four major program components: Conservation Technical Assistance, Soil Survey, Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting, and Plant Materials Centers. Examples of specific objectives include reduce soil erosion, improve soil health, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damage caused by floods and other natural disasters. Due to the newness of the urban agriculture program, the subcommittee will not consider such proposals this year as part of CPFs in Conservation Operations.

Specific items of information needed for the Agriculture bill include the following:
1. The website address of the proposed recipient.
2. If there are additional costs necessary to complete the project, have those been secured?
3. For Rural Development projects, is the project for an eligible purpose and does it meet
   all eligibility requirements under current law?
4. Does the entity plan to make grants to other entities from the funds provided and if so, to whom?
5. Why is the project a priority for the district? Briefly explain the community benefits.
6. Has any funding for the project been included in any presidential budget and if so, how much, in which fiscal year, and in which agency or agencies and program(s)?
7. Has the project received federal funding before and if so, how much, when, and from which agency or agencies and program(s)?

8. For ARS B&F only, what is the estimated start date of the project? How soon could the
feasibility/engineering design phase commence? [mm/yy]
9. For ARS B&F only, does the project have distinct and separable phases?
10. For ARS B&F only, what is the estimated completion date of the project? When does completion of construction occur? [mm/yy]
11. For ReConnect requests only, please provide relevant information, such as the number of households, businesses, or farms that would be served, what the performance of the service to be offered will be, and whether healthcare or educational facilities will be served.
12. For Conservation Operations, briefly describe how the project will reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, or other objectives that will help conserve, maintain, and improve natural resources.

Appropriations Bill: Commerce, Justice, and Science

The Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies will accept community project funding requests in the following accounts:

- **Department of Commerce; National Institute of Standards and Technology; Scientific and Technical Research and Services**: Funding must be for activities consistent with and supportive of NIST's mission and within its authorities, such as STEM education activities, scientific research, or other activities that support American manufacturing and industry.

- **Department of Commerce; National Institute of Standards and Technology; Construction of Research Facilities**: This account funds the construction and renovation of research facilities, provided that such facilities will be used in a manner that is aligned with and supportive of the mission of NIST.

- **Department of Commerce; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Operations, Research, and Facilities**: Community project funding for NOAA will only be considered within the Operations, Research, and Facilities account. This account does not fund construction projects, and as such, any such requests will not be considered. Requests for funding will be considered for research, demonstration, or education projects performed by external partners or for prioritizing NOAA internal funds for geographically specific projects. Any such project must be aligned with NOAA's mission and within their existing authorities.

- **Department of Justice; Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)**: Office of Justice Programs, Byrne JAG Grants assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement efforts to prevent crime, improve the criminal justice system, provide victims' services, and other related activities. Community projects funded under this category must comply with the requirements cited in JAG statutes and be consistent with Justice Department guidance for the program. Below are the links to the Department's guidance and frequently asked questions regarding Byrne-JAG:

  https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/overview
  https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/jag-faqs.pdf

  The Committee encourages community project funding designed to help improve police-community relations. Historically, the Committee has not funded building construction or renovation as part of community project funding under this account.

- **Department of Justice; Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology and Equipment**: Funding will be provided for COPS Technology and Equipment (COPS Tech) community project grants for State, local, and tribal law

enforcement to develop and acquire effective technologies and interoperable communications that assist in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime, provided that such equipment meets the applicable requirements of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Office of Law Enforcement Standards (OLES).

This funding will allow recipients the opportunity to establish and enhance any of a variety of technical equipment and/or programs to encourage the continuation and enhancement of community policing efforts within their jurisdictions. These projects should help improve police effectiveness and the flow of information among law enforcement agencies, local government service providers, and the communities they serve.

- **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA); Safety, Security and Mission Services**: Community project funding under the NASA Safety, Security, and Mission Services (NASA-SSMS) account must be for activities consistent with and supportive of the work of NASA's mission directorates and within the agency's authorities, such as STEM education activities and scientific research. Funding for building construction or renovation projects will not be considered for community project funding.

Appropriations Bill: Defense

The Subcommittee on Defense will accept project requests in the following accounts, which is identical to last year:

- **Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Army**

- **Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Navy**

- **Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Air Force**

- **Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Space Force**

- **Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Defense-Wide**

Supplemental Required Questions for Defense Projects

- Provide a description of the desired outcome of the project and how it would benefit the
  Department of Defense.
- List the Line Number and Program Element number proposed to fund the project.
- List the required funding in future years and the source of that funding.

Appropriations Bill: Energy and Water Development

The Subcommittee will only consider CPF requests in the following accounts and areas:

- **Corps of Engineers: Investigations**

- **Corps of Engineers: Construction**

- **Corps of Engineers: Mississippi River and Tributaries**

- **Corps of Engineers: Operation and Maintenance**

- **Bureau of Reclamation: Water and Related Resources**

- **Department of Energy, including the following topics: energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainable transportation, cybersecurity, energy security, emergency response, electricity, energy storage, nuclear energy, fossil energy, carbon management, critical minerals**

All requests for the Corps of Engineers (Corps) and Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) accounts listed above should reflect a funding amount that can be realistically utilized in FY23. This is referred to as the project's "capability" for FY23. All projects will be sent to the relevant agency for technical assistance, including regarding project capability.

All CPF requests for the Department of Energy (DOE) should reflect a funding amount that can complete the project or complete a discrete segment of the project. In the event that the Subcommittee cannot fully fund your request, information is required to be provided about a minimum funding level that could be realistically utilized in FY23 to advance the project or complete a discrete segment of the project. If the minimum amount exceeds available funding, then the project may not be funded.

Statutory cost sharing requirements may apply to these projects, as required by section 988 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The amount of required cost sharing will depend on the scope and technological maturity of the project.

Appropriations Bill: Financial Services and General Government

Only the following accounts in the FSGG appropriations bill will be open for community project requests:

- **General Services Administration, Federal Buildings Fund - New Construction, Major Repairs and Alterations and Basic Repairs Accounts**: Projects are limited to line items in the GSA Federal Buildings Fund requested by the Administration in either the FY22 or FY23 budget request. This account was not eligible for community project funding in the House in FY22 but was eligible for community project funding in the Senate. The awards in FY22 ranged from $500,000 to $50 million. Note that the Committee may consider a similar project range for FY23, and any caps will be determined by the Chair after reviewing the full universe of requests.

- **National Archives and Records Administration, National Historical Publications and Records Commission**: Projects that help ensure online public discovery and use of historical records collections, encourage public engagement with historical records, strengthen the nation's archival network, or publish documentary editions of historical records. Generally, projects should comply with the eligibility requirements for existing National Historical Publications and Records Commission grants programs as specified at https://www.archives.gov/nhprc/apply/eligibility.html. This account was not eligible for community project funding in the House in FY22 but was eligible for equivalent funding in the Senate. The average award in FY22 was just under $500,000. Note that the Committee may consider slightly higher project amounts for FY23, and any caps will be determined by the Chair after reviewing the full universe of requests.

- **Small Business Administration, Small Business Initiatives**: Projects in support of small businesses, including but not limited to entrepreneur training, workforce development, counseling, research, and construction or acquisition of facilities. The average award in this account for FY22 was $650,000. Note the Committee may consider slightly higher project amounts for FY23, and any caps will be determined by the Chair after reviewing the full universe of requests.

For each Community Project request, Members will be asked to respond to a series of questions intended to provide transparency and ensure the Community Project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds. The questions for each account are listed below.

General Services Administration, Federal Buildings Fund, Repairs and Alterations-Basic Repairs
1. Does the public have access to the building the project will be completed in?
2. Can this project be executed by a small business?
3. Does this request augment an existing Basic Repairs project?

4. Has a Major Alteration and Repairs project been completed at this site in the last three years?
5. Community engagement and support is crucial in determining which projects are worthy of Federal funding. To that end, please describe or include evidence of community support that were compelling factors in the Member's decision to submit this project request.
Pleaseincludeanyrelevantlinkstoinformationpostedonyourwebsite,or online, including letters of support as well as a list of any material you are uploading.

National Archives and Records Administration, National Historical Publications and Records Commission

1. How will this project directly help ensure online public discovery and use of historical records collections, encourage public engagement with historical records, strengthen the nation's archival network, or publish documentary editions of historical records?
2. Please provide a detailed spend plan for the requested funding, breaking down anticipated expenditures for each major category of project activity.
3. Are there matching funds associated with the requested funds? If yes, please list the source(s) and amount(s).
4. If the request does not fully fund the project, describe where the remaining funding comes from to fund the project.
5. If the Appropriations Committee is not able to provide the full amount of funding requested, can this project start in a limited capacity?
6. Is this a new or ongoing project? If it is an ongoing project, please provide a history of funding for the project, including Federal, state, or local government; non-profit; corporate.
7. Will the funds go to an organization that will make sub-grants of those funds to other organizations? If yes,please list the sub-grantees.
8. Is this a capital project or will any funds support operating costs?
9. Who will oversee the administration/management of the project and what accountability measures will be in place to ensure the appropriate use of taxpayer funds?
10. What performance standards will be used to evaluate whether the program or project supported by the funds meets its mission?
11. Has the organization or any potential sub-grantees been subject to sanction or litigation by State, local, or Federal governments in the past five years? If yes, please provide details.
12. Has the organization received funding from the National Archives and Records Administration in the past 5 years? If yes,please provide details on the amount(s) and purpose(s) for which these funds were received.
13. Community engagement and support is crucial in determining which projects are worthy of Federal funding. To that end, please describe or include evidence of community support that were compelling factors in the Member's decision to submit this project request. Please include any relevant links to information posted

on your website, or online, including letters of support as well as a list of any material you are uploading.

Small Business Administration, Small Business Initiatives
1. How will this project directly benefit small businesses and/or entrepreneurs at the local, regional, and/or national level?
2. Please provide a detailed spend plan for the requested funding, breaking down anticipated expenditures for each major category of project activity.
3. Are there matching funds associated with the requested funds? If yes, please list the source(s) and amount(s).
4. If the request does not fully fund the project, describe where the remaining funding comes from to fund the project.
5. If the Appropriations Committee is not able to provide the full amount of funding requested,can this project start in a limited capacity? {yes/no}
6. Is this a new or ongoing project? If it is an ongoing project, please provide a history of funding for the project, including Federal, state, or local government; non-profit; corporate.
7. Will the funds go to an organization that will make sub-grants of those funds to other organizations? If yes,please list the sub-grantees.
8. Is the project a capital project or will the funds support operating costs?
9. Who will oversee the administration/management of the project and what accountability measures will be in place to ensure the appropriate use of taxpayer funds?
10. What performance standards will be used to evaluate whether the program or project supported by the funds meets its mission?
11. Has the organization or any potential sub-grantees been subject to sanction or litigation by State, local, or Federal governments in the past five years? If yes, please provide details.
12. Has the organization received funding from the Small Business Administration in the past 3 years? If yes, please provide details on the amount(s) and purpose(s) for which these funds were received.
13. Community engagement and support is crucial in determining which projects are worthy of Federal funding. To that end, please describe or include evidence of community support that were compelling factors in the Member's decision to submit this project request. You may include any relevant links to information posted on your website, or online, including letters of support.

Appropriations Bill: Homeland Security

The Subcommittee on Homeland Security will accept Community Project Funding requests for only the following Federal Emergency Management Agency—Federal Assistance accounts:

- **Pre-Disaster Mitigation grants**: Only projects that meet the requirements detailed in the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program will be considered for funding, including the cost-share requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements, as applicable. For any projects designated for funding in the final fiscal year 2023 Homeland Security Appropriations Act, the state agency responsible for administering mitigation grants in the requestor's state must submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and that entity will serve as the administrative agent for the grant. Therefore, all project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate state agency affirming that it believes the project is eligible.

  Supplemental questions for this account:

  1. Is the requesting jurisdiction a state, Indian tribal government, local government, or territory as defined by section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122)?
  2. Is the proposed project eligible under the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grant program?
  3. Can the requesting jurisdiction provide the required non-federal cost share, as detailed in the NOFO?
  4. If less than the requested amount were provided as the federal share, would additional state, local, or other eligible funding sources be available to support the project?
  5. Can the requesting jurisdiction provide a Cost-Benefit Analysis or other documentation that validates cost-effectiveness, which is defined by FEMA as having a Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCA) of 1.0 or greater? A non-FEMA BCA methodology may only be used if pre- approved by FEMA in writing.
  6. Is the entity that will benefit from the proposed activity covered by the current FEMA - approved multi-hazard mitigation plan in compliance with 44 CFR Part 201? If so, what is the Final FEMA Approval date.
  7. How will the project provide long-term permanent risk-reduction, as opposed to simply supporting emergency protective measures?
  8. Can the recipient describe how the project supports the needs of vulnerable populations?
  9. Does the recipient specifically encourage the adoption and enforcement of the latest disaster resistant building codes?
  10. Provide a clear and detailed description of the proposed mitigation activity.

11. How will the mitigation activity be implemented?
12. Who will manage and complete the mitigation activity?
13. What risks will remain from all hazards after project implementation (i.e., residual risk)?
14. How does the project take into account future conditions?
15. Has the project been submitted to current or previous competitive BRIC funding cycles?
16. If the answer to the previous question is yes, what is the subgrant ID?
17. Community engagement and support is crucial in determining which projects are worthy
of federal funding. Please describe or include evidence of community support that were compelling factors in the Member's decision to submit this project request, including letters of support and any relevant links to information posted on the Member's website or other online sources.
18. Has your office or the community consulted with state/county/local emergency management officials or with FEMA about the proposed project?
19. If the answer to the previous question is yes, please provide name agency and contact information.
20. Is there or will there be a letter from the appropriate state officials confirming that should the project be approved the appropriate state agency is willing and able to serve as the recipient for the grant?

- **Emergency Operations Center grants**: Only projects that meet the requirements detailed in the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Emergency Operations Center Grant Program, including the cost-share requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements, as applicable, will be considered for funding. For any projects designated for funding in the final fiscal year 2023 Homeland Security Appropriations Act, the respective state administrative agency (SAA) must submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and that agency will serve as the administrative agent for the grant. Therefore, all project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate SSA affirming that it believes the project is eligible.

  Supplemental questions for this account:

  1. Is the requesting jurisdiction a state, Indian tribal government, or local government as defined by section 102 or 602 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 USC 5122, 5195a?
  2. Is the proposed project eligible under the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Emergency Operations Center Grant Program? (For EOCs, the fiscal year 2011 NOFO is the most recent.)
  3. Can the requesting jurisdiction provide the required 25 percent non-federal cost share?
  4. If less than the requested amount were provided as the federal share, would additional

state local, or other eligible funding sources be available to support the project?

5. Is the requestor in a position to enhance their emergency management capabilities and address their Emergency Operations Center needs?
6. Is the proposed project related to a structure or facility that meets the definition of an EOC, to include supporting incident management (on-scene) operations across multiple
functional disciplines and/or jurisdictions?
7. Is the facility (or will the facility) be the primary Emergency Operations Center for the jurisdiction?
8. Community engagement and support is crucial in determining which projects are worthy of federal funding. Please describe or include evidence of community support that were compelling factors in the Member's decision to submit this project request, including letters of support and any relevant links to information posted on the Member's website or other online sources.
9. Has your office or the community consulted with state/county/local emergency management officials or with FEMA about the proposed project?
10. If the answer to the previous question is yes, please provide name agency and contact information.
11. Is there or will there be a letter from the appropriate state officials confirming that should the project be approved the appropriate state agency is willing and able to serve as the recipient for the grant?

Appropriations Bill: Interior and Environment

The Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies will accept project requests in the following accounts:

- **Save America's Treasures historic preservation projects within the National Park Service**: The Save America's Treasures grant program is for preservation and/or conservation work on nationally significant collections and historic properties. The SAT program falls under the purview of the Historic Preservation Fund account and was established in 1998 to celebrate America's premier cultural resources in the new millennium (Public Law 113–287, Section 308902, 128 Stat. 3244; 54 USC 3089 et seq.). The existing competitive grant program funds two categories of projects: awards managed by the National Park Service (NPS) for preservation projects at properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places for national significance or designated a National Historic Landmark; and awards managed by the Institute of Museum and Library Services for projects involving nationally significant collections (including artifacts, museum collections, documents, sculptures, and other works of art).

    All SAT grants require a dollar-for-dollar non-federal matching share. Recipients of any SAT project funded in the Interior bill must be able to match the amount provided.

    Supplemental questions for this account include:

    1. If the request is for a preservation project, does the property meet the SAT requirement to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places at the national level of significance or to be designated a National Historic Landmark, either individually or as contributing to an historic district?
    2. Is the recipient one of the eligible entities under the HPF, as identified in 54 USC 308901?
    3. What type of eligible entity is the recipient?
    4. Does the recipient have in place, or a plan to provide, the one -to-one match with non- federal cash and/or in-kind contribution?
    5. Would the requested project fund an eligible activity under the SAT program?
    6. Is the applicant prepared to accept the required preservation easement/covenant that
       is required by the program?
    7. Has this project been completed or advanced beyond emergency stabilization?
    8. Is the applicant financially sound and capable of managing a federal grant so as to minimize the risk of fraud, waste, and abuse and loss of federal funding?

- **Federal land acquisitions through the Land and Water Conservation Fund**: Federal acquisition of lands and water and interests therein must be for the purpose of land and habitat conservation and the encouragement of outdoor recreation, as established by the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act of 1965. Land acquisition project requests funded from the LWCF should be requested through the agency that would manage the land being acquired. The four land management agencies are: within the Department of the Interior, (1) the Bureau of Land Management, (2) the Fish and Wildlife Service, (3) the National Park Service; and within the Department of Agriculture, (4) the Forest Service.

  Supplemental questions for this account include:

  1. Is the requested project on either the president's proposed or supplemental LWCF project list submitted by the agency?

- **Environmental Protection Agency State and Tribal Assistance Grants for certain water infrastructure projects**: The vast majority of requests made to the Interior Subcommittee are for STAG infrastructure grants. These grants fund local wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects. This includes construction of and modifications to municipal sewage treatment plants and drinking water treatment plants. Similar to past practice, the Committee will be limiting STAG infrastructure grants only to projects that are publicly-owned or owned by a non-profit entity and that are otherwise eligible for the funding from that state's Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRF) loan programs. Members should use the range of House and Senate project amounts funded in FY22 as a general guide when making requests. In FY22, the majority of EPA STAG infrastructure projects funded in the House bill ranged from $60,000 - $3,500,000, though there were a handful of exceptions. Note that the Committee may consider higher project amounts for FY23, and any caps will be determined by the Chair after reviewing the full universe of requests.

  There is a minimum 20% cost share requirement for any portion of a project funded through a STAG infrastructure grant. For example, a $1 million project could receive a maximum of $800,000 from the Federal government, with the remaining $200,000 the responsibility of the grantee. In almost all cases, other federal funds cannot be used to meet this 20% cost share.

  Supplemental questions for this account include:

  1. Is this a Clean Water SRF project or a Drinking Water SRF project?
  2. Does the project have (or expects to have within 12 months) its 20 percent matching
     fund requirement?

3. Is the project on your state's most recently finalized Clean Water/Drinking Water State
Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan?
4. Has the project received federal funds previously? If so, please describe.

- **Certain State and Private Forestry projects within the U.S. Forest Service**: The State and Private Forestry (S&PF) account provides technical and financial assistance, usually through the network of State Foresters, to improve the management, protection , and utilization of the Nation's forests. Community projects are usually limited and include various specific urban and community forestry projects and specific forest disease or pest treatment areas. Members may also request specific State fire assistance projects or specific forestry assistance projects in this account.

  State and Private Forestry projects are required to meet the 1:1 matching requirement mandated by the Forest Service. Keep this in mind when considering the amount being requested for the project. The amount being requested can be no more than half of the total project cost to account for matching funds being used (ex. If a project has been calculated to cost $200,000, then a request for a CPF can be no more than $100,000 for that project to allow for 1:1 matching funds to be used.) Additionally, project amounts should be to the nearest thousand (ex. $100,000 instead of $100,500).

  Supplemental questions for this account include:

  1. Does the recipient have i place, or a plan to provide, the one -to-one match with non- federal cash and/or in-kind contribution?
  2. Has the project received federal funds previously? If so, please describe.
  3. Is the project ranked in a priority setting system/list? If so, please provide list name and rank.
  4. How does this project meet the goals of the State Forest Action Plan and/or support community plans?
  5. Does this project meet the eligibility requirements of one of the following Forest
     Service, State and Private Forestry Programs? Landscape Scale Restoration, Forest Health Management, Cooperative Fire Assistance, Forest Stewardship, or Urban and Community Forestry
  6. Provide evidence to support the project's eligibility within a specific State and Private Forestry program. Some examples include: (If landscape scale restoration) Does this project meet the eligibility requirements of the Landscape Scale Restoration program as listed in the instructions on the Forest Service website? (If Forest Health Management) Is this project treating a specific insect, disease, or invasive plant infestation listed in the FY23 Forest Service Budget Justification? (If Urban and Community

Forestry) How does the project meet the goals outlined in the 2016-2026 Urban Forestry Action plan?

**Appropriations Bill: Labor, Health and Human Services,
and Education**

The Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies will accept project requests in the following accounts:

- **Department of Labor—Employment and Training Administration—Training and Employment Services**: The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act demonstration program is the only Labor Department program that supports community project funding. Community project funding is designated under Training and Employment Services.

  These projects must meet all statutorily mandated requirements, except that they are exempt from the requirement to compete. In addition, all projects must:

  > 1) Include direct services to individuals to enhance employment opportunities;
  > 2) Demonstrate evidence of a linkage with the State or local workforce investment system; and
  > 3) Include an evaluation component.

  Equipment purchases may be included within community project funding only as an incidental part of the entire project. A similar standard applies to curriculum development, which should be incidental to the project's emphasis on direct services to individuals. Community project funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities.

- **Department of Health and Human Services—Health Resources and Services Administration—Program Management**: Grants to help with the cost of construction, renovation, or capital equipment for facilities for provision of health, mental health, or substance abuse services, training of health professionals, or medical research. Examples of eligible facilities include hospitals; health centers and clinics; skilled nursing facilities; mental health centers; facilities for schools of medicine, nursing or other health professions; and medical research laboratories.

  In addition to construction and renovation, grants can be used to acquire capital equipment, such as lab equipment, x-ray machines, and telehealth and information technology equipment. Equipment-only grants—that is, grants not involving construction—are permissible (and commonly done). Generally, any equipment having a useful life of more than one year and a unit cost of at least $5,000 will be eligible as capital equipment. In addition, equipment with lower costs may also be eligible, provided that it is treated as an item of capital expense under the recipient institution's pre-existing, written accounting policies. One-time equipment expenses for health information systems and electronic medical records systems

are permitted expenditures. The costs of expendable supplies such as pharmaceuticals, lab chemicals, or office paper are not eligible.

- **Department of Health and Human Services—Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration—Health Surveillance and Program Support**: Community project funding through SAMHSA provides resources for substance use and/or mental health services — including prevention, harm reduction, treatment, or recovery support services.

  Generally, SAMHSA projects cover:
    - Evidence-based substance use disorder and/or mental health treatment services.
    - Evidence-based harm reduction activities.
    - Crisis services, including 24-hour mobile crisis teams.
    - Suicide prevention activities including awareness training, screening, referral to treatment, as well as postvention activities.
    - Recovery support services, which includes case management, outreach, peer recovery mentors, peer support specialists, childcare, training, transportation, and housing, as well as helping individuals to navigate these various services.
    - Screening and assessment of individuals, including the presence of co-occurring mental and substance use disorders and referral to treatment.
    - Referral and access to treatment services.
    - Educational materials on substance misuse, HIV prevention, hepatitis prevention, and mental health promotion.
    - Practitioners or community members training on evidence-based behavioral health practices.
    - FDA-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorders in combination with comprehensive psychosocial services, including counseling, behavioral therapies, recovery support services, and other clinically appropriate services.
    - Projects that support the hiring of behavioral health providers.
    - Limited indirect costs that are directly related to the projects.

- **Department of Health and Human Services—Administration for Children and Families—Children and Families Services Programs**: Community project funding within ACF should be submitted through the Children and Families Services Programs account and must fall under one of the following categories:

    - Child Abuse Prevention — Community project funding may be used for projects to improve the prevention, assessment, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect through research, model service improvement, information dissemination, and technical assistance. Projects must serve or target children and families who are at risk or who have experienced child abuse and neglect.

○ Social Services Research and Demonstration — Community project funding may be used for projects to promote the ability of families to thrive through financial self-sufficiency in order to prevent and reduce poverty and to promote the healthy development and greater well-being of children and families. Projects can serve a diverse population including: low-income individuals, children, youth, families, individuals with developmental disabilities, and Native Americans.

- **Department of Health and Human Services—Administration for Community Living—Aging and Disability Services Programs**: Community project funding may be used for projects to improve or create new opportunities for older adults, individuals of all ages with disabilities, and their eligible family caregivers, to live independently and participate fully in their communities. Generally, community project funding should focus on improving access to, or the quality of, education, health services, training, support services, and independent living services for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and eligible family caregivers.

- **Department of Education—Innovation and Improvement**: Community project funding for elementary and secondary education should be submitted through the Innovation and Improvement account. Elementary and secondary education community project funding includes instructional services, afterschool centers, curricula development, teacher training, acquisition of books and computers, arts education, social and emotional learning activities, full-service community schools, and early childhood education. In general, the focus of elementary and secondary education community project funding should be providing early childhood or K-12 educational services.

  Community project funding to provide and improve special education services at the elementary and secondary levels are also eligible under elementary and secondary education. Community project funding may include early intervention services for infants and toddlers, transition services, and postsecondary education services.

- **Department of Education—Higher Education**: Community project funding can be designated under this heading for a wide variety of higher education projects. Generally, community project funding should focus on improving access to, or the quality of, postsecondary education. Community project funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of academic buildings, except in the case of minor remodeling required as part of technology upgrades.

  Examples of the types of projects that can be funded under FIPSE include projects to hire and train faculty, establish and improve degree programs, improve teacher preparation programs, develop and improve curricula, upgrade technology and telecommunications, acquire science laboratory equipment, provide student

support, implement university partnerships with school districts, and establish research and training centers.

Supplemental questions for the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education subcommittee include the following:

1. Please provide a budget breakdown for this project – maximum of 10 budget items (i.e., do not upload a spreadsheet with dozens of budget items)
2. Please provide the website of the entity to receive funding for this project
3. One-Year Funding? (Yes/No)
4. If the request does not fully fund the project, please describe the source(s) of funding necessary to complete the project
5. Please indicate if you are aware of another Member making a request for this same project (Yes/No)

Appropriations Bill: Military Construction, Veterans Affairs

Department of Defense - Military Construction Accounts: The following types of projects are eligible to be considered for community project funding, provided that they comply with the specified guidelines listed below. The subcommittee will not consider requests for community projects unless they appear on a list provided to Congress by the Secretary of Defense or his/her designee. More detail regarding such lists can be found below.

- Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction – Active Components: Eligible community project requests include both construction and unspecified minor military construction projects for active components. An unspecified minor military construction project is a project that has an approved cost equal to or less than $6,000,000. The types of projects under this heading include construction, installation, equipment of temporary or permanent public works, military installations, and facilities for the accounts listed below:
  - Army
  - Navy and Marine Corps
  - Air Force
  - Space Force
  - Defense-Wide Agencies (Special Operations Command (SOCOM), Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), etc.)

- Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction – Reserve Components: Eligible community project requests include both construction and unspecified minor military construction projects for Reserve Components. An unspecified minor military construction project is a project that has an approved cost equal to or less than $6,000,000. Some Reserve Component projects require a State funding match. Requesting offices must determine whether the proposed project requires such a match and if so, confirm that the project has current State match funding before the request can be considered. The types of projects under this heading include construction, expansion, rehabilitation, and conversion of facilities for training and administration for the accounts listed below:
  - Army National Guard
  - Air National Guard
  - Army Reserve
  - Navy Reserve
  - Air Force Reserve

- Planning and Design: Planning and design funding can be requested for specific projects when they are not yet at 35 percent design and therefore ineligible for construction funding. The types of projects under this heading include improving facility resilience, study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services for the accounts listed below:
  - Army

- ○ Navy and Marine Corps
- ○ Air Force
- ○ Space Force
- ○ Defense-Wide Agencies (SOCOM, DHA, etc.) ➢ Army National Guard
- ○ Air National Guard
- ○ Army Reserve
- ○ Navy Reserve
- ○ Air Force Reserve

- For Community Project Funding requests for DoD Military Construction, you will need to answer supplemental questions in support of these requests specifically. The subcommittee- specific questions and additional information required include:
    - ○ Which Service is the project for?
    - ○ State/territory where project is located.
    - ○ Installation Name.
    - ○ Project Name and Amount.
    - ○ Is the funding request for major construction, minor construction, or planning and design?
    - ○ Is the project on the FY 2023-2027 FYDP? If so, for what fiscal year?
    - ○ Is the project on a Service unfunded requirement (UFR)/unfunded priority list (UPL)?
    - ○ Is the project a cost-to-complete from a prior year? If so, what year?
    - ○ DD Form 1391.
    - ○ If a Reserve Component project, does it require a State funding match?
    - ○ Is the project at 35 percent design and shovel-ready in FY 2023?
    - ○ Can the project funds be obligated within 12 months of enactment of the bill?
    - ○ If a construction funding request, has the Environmental Impact Study been initiated?
    - ○ Was the project previously authorized? If not, has a corresponding request been submitted to HASC?
    - ○ Who is the point of contact in the requesting office?

Department of Veterans Affairs: The following information outlines the type of projects that are eligible to be considered for community project funding, provided that they comply with the specified guidelines listed below. The subcommittee will not consider requests for community projects unless they appear on VA's 2023 Construction SCIP List.

- VA has three types of construction projects: Major Construction (projects that are expected to cost above $20,000,000), Minor Construction (projects that are expected to cost equal to or less than $20,000,000), and Nonrecurring Maintenance (NRM) (projects that consist of upkeep, construction and maintaining building systems). The classification of each construction project is determined by VA.

Community project funding requests are eligible ONLY for VA Minor Construction projects. VA's Minor Construction program includes capital projects with costs equal to or less than $20,000,000, particularly projects that construct new space instead of renovating existing space. Examples may include expanding existing facility square footage to provide additional healthcare capacity, construction of specialty care buildings or clinics, building of parking structures, or expanding gravesite space at cemeteries.

The Committee will only consider projects that appear on VA's Integrated Department- wide Priority List for 2023 Construction Projects (2023 Construction SCIP List). This list will be included in the FY 2023 President's Budget submission.

- For Community Project Funding requests for VA Minor Construction, you will need to answer supplemental questions in support of these requests specifically. The subcommittee -specific questions and additional information required include:
  - State/territory where the project is located.
  - City where the project is located.
  - Veterans Integrated Services Network (VISN) where the project is located or VA Administration.
  - Specific facility where the project is located.
  - Is the project listed on VA's 2023 Construction Strategic Capital Investment Planning
    (SCIP) list?
  - VA Construction Program Type (note – only Minor Construction projects are eligible for
    CPF funding).
  - What is the total estimated cost of the project? (must be equal to or less than $20 million)
  - Where is the project in the construction process? [Planning; Design; Awaiting construction; In the middle of construction; Other, please explain]
  - Please provide a history of Federal funding for the project, if any.
  - Can the project funds be obligated within 12 months of enactment of the bill?
  - Why is the project a priority for the Congressional district?
  - Who is the point of contact in the requesting office?

Appropriations Bill: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development

Four accounts in the THUD appropriations bill will be open for community project funding requests:

- **Department of Transportation – Airport Improvement Program (AIP)**: Projects for enhancing airport safety, capacity, and security, and mitigating environmental concerns in accordance with sections 47101 to 47175 of title 49, United States Code, and FAA policy and guidance.

- **Department of Transportation – Highway Infrastructure Projects**: Highway capital projects eligible under title 23 of the United States Code. Eligible projects are described under Section 133(b) of title 23, United States Code and generally include roughly one million miles of Federal-aid highways, bridges on any public road, and transit capital projects. Tribal and territorial capital projects authorized under Chapter 2 of title 23, United States Code, are also eligible.

- **Department of Transportation – Transit Infrastructure Projects**: Transit capital projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code. Public transportation or transit is defined in Section 5302(15) and (22) of title 49, United States Code, as regular, continuing shared-ride surface transportation that is open to the general public or open to a segment of the general public defined by age, disability, or low income, and does not include intercity passenger rail transportation, intercity bus service, charter bus service, school bus service, sightseeing service, courtesy shuttle service for patrons of one or more specific establishments, or intra-terminal or intra-facility shuttle services.

- **Department of Housing and Urban Development – Economic Development Initiative (EDI)**: EDI community project funding may be used for economic and community development activities, including land or site acquisition, demolition or rehabilitation of housing or facilities, construction and capital improvements of public facilities (including water and sewer facilities), and public services. Requests may also include planning and other activities consistent with previously funded activities eligible under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program (title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.)), unless otherwise specified. EDI community project funding is not eligible for the reimbursement of expenses for activities or costs incurred prior to the obligation of funds, if such activities are not eligible under the CDBG program. Capital and operating expenses for fire and police stations are not eligible for EDI community project funding.

Frequently Asked Questions

The process of requesting and submitting requests for Community Project Funding can be confusing. Here are some of the most frequently asked questions about the process. Please check this section for answers to many of your questions before following up with my staff.

What is Community Project Funding?

Community Project Funding is generally defined as spending provisions in federal legislation that:

- Are requested on behalf of constituents or constituent organizations by a Member of Congress;
- Provides, authorizes, or recommends a specific amount of discretionary budget authority, credit authority, or specific funding amount to a specific entity for a specific purpose; and,
- The purpose of the project must meet the objective of a federal program under existing law.

Community Project Funding is typically requested for projects with a clear purpose and goal above and beyond normal operating activities, for which private, non-federal funding is not available or sufficient. Community Project Funding will typically only serve as a partial contribution to the total cost of a project.

Is there a deadline for submitting a request?

Yes. The deadline to submit a Community Project Funding request for our Office is 5 pm EDT on April 19, 2022.

What if I miss a deadline? Are any exceptions made if the bill hasn't been passed?

Congressional Offices review numerous requests in a short amount of time. As a result, deadlines are strictly enforced. Once my Office submits our requests to the full committee, I am unable to change or add requests. That is why it's important to submit your request before the deadline.

Are Community Project Funding requests publicly disclosed?

Yes. All requests for Community Project Funding submitted by the Member to the committee for consideration must be publicly listed on that Member's website, including the name and address of the requestor, the amount requested, and the justification for use of taxpayer funds.

Are there limitations on what Community Project Funding can be used for?

Yes. Federal Programs have very specific restrictions on how federal funds can be used. It is recommended that you closely examine this guide for references to eligible uses or limitations on use. Generally, funding cannot be used for debt service, recurring or routine expenses, reimbursement of costs, or projects that cannot demonstrate value to the community.

Can I request funding for "bricks and mortar"?

In general, no. One of the most common requests for funding is for building construction or renovation. Most appropriations accounts specifically prohibit this kind of project given the high demand.

There are some exceptions to this rule, including the Economic Development Initiative under the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and certain projects under the Military Construction Subcommittee, etc.

Should I submit my request to both my representatives in the House and Senate?

Yes. It is strongly recommended that you submit your request to all your federal representatives.

How much should I request?

It depends on the account from which you are requesting funds. You should not request more funds than you need or that can be realistically spent in the Fiscal Year for which you receive the funds. While you should request the amount that can be expended in the upcoming Fiscal Year that you need, please remember that projects are rarely funded fully due to budgetary restraints. Receipt of funds from Community Project Funding in one Fiscal Year is not a guarantee for Community Project Funding in future Fiscal Years.

What if I do not know the appropriate Account or Agency for my project request?

This guide has been prepared to outline information on available accounts. Requestors should use this guide to identify the appropriate account to identify one that meets the needs of your project or organization. Please call my Office if you need additional information.

If my project is funded, will I receive the full amount I request?

There is no guarantee that an approved Community Project Funding request will be funded at the requested level. It is very likely that you will only receive a portion of your request, if funded at all. This is mostly due to budgetary restraints. Please keep this in mind when requesting support for your project.

Do I need letters of support?

Yes. The more community support for a project, the better. As listed above, letters of support from local, municipal, and state elected officials and stakeholders, as well as editorials and articles in local newspapers on the importance and necessity of the project are all important.

I submitted a request. Will it be approved? When will I know?

The FY 2023 Community Project Funding process is extremely targeted and this process is also very competitive. While my team will look at all requests, it is strongly recommended you explore other grant and funding sources as well.

Many subcommittee deadlines are in late-April. In order for my team and I to properly examine all requests, my Office's deadline is April 19 by 5 pm EDT.

The House Appropriations bills are typically considered in the late spring, with the Senate considering bills in late spring and over the summer. The House and Senate must convene a "conference committee" to work out the differences in each of those bills.

The Committee requires all Members to publicly disclose and post their final requests to the Appropriations Committee once the requests are made. Please remember, even if your project is supported in the House or Senate Appropriations bills, the funding level is subject to change until the final bill is signed into law.

If my Community Project Funding request is granted, what is the process for getting the assistance and how quickly will I receive it?

In general, recipients of Community Project Funding will be contacted by the appropriate agency or office that oversees the account from which your project received funding. This cannot happen until the appropriations bill in which your project was listed is signed into law. The timing varies between departments and agencies – some may start the process within several weeks, others may take several months after the bill's enactment into law.

In most cases, you will have to complete and submit a grant application outlining the project's goals, cost estimates and other requirements. You will work with a program or contract officer to complete these steps; they may have questions or additional requirements that could affect the timing of the obligations or outlay of funding to your organization.

The process of accessing funding and the time it takes to complete the necessary steps, surprises many recipients who expect the money to be provided immediately.

Please be sure to take this into account when submitting a request.

Can I depend on receiving Community Project Funding for the same project more than once?

Generally, no. Most successful requests are one-time infusions of funding, generally used to launch a project or partially contribute towards the total cost of a project.

Given the limitations on the appropriations process for Community Project Funding, there is no guarantee that Congress will support a project for more than one year. However, you should discuss the needs of your project with your Congressional sponsor(s) if you believe that federal support will be needed beyond a single fiscal year.

Other Federal Funding Resources

The Community Project Funding process is highly competitive, and while there are many worthy projects that deserve support, funding limitations prevent many from receiving funding through the Congressional appropriations process. However, it is important to note that Community Project Funding represents only a small fraction of the discretionary funding available through competitive grants, loans, and other opportunities.

Below are several useful resources to explore other federal funding opportunities. Each Congressional Office has staff dedicated to assisting organizations with seeking and applying for grants; you are strongly encouraged to contact your Congressional representatives to discuss how you can access any assistance from your federal elected officials.

Key Resources

Grants.gov
Looking for other federal funding opportunities? At Grants.gov, organizations can search and apply for competitive grants from 26 different federal agencies. Grants can be searched by agency, type of applicants, intended purposes, and more.

SAM.gov
The official U.S. government website for people who make, receive, and manage federal awards.

GovLoans.gov
Interested in finding out which loans or benefits you may be eligible for? Here you can learn more about federal loans, determine which loans may be right for you, and more.

Benefits.gov
This tool will help you figure out what government benefits you may be eligible for. It also provides information on how to apply for these programs.

USA.gov
The official guide to US Government Information and Services.

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https://gottheimer.house.gov/