

## Community Project Funding Guidance

This year, the House Appropriations Committee will be accepting Community Project Funding (CPF) requests. These will be project-specific funding requests for towns, cities, municipalities, and nonprofit entities in Maine's 2nd District. Each office will be limited to fifteen Community Project Funding requests, though only a handful may actually be funded.

Community engagement and support is crucial in determining which projects are worthy of Federal funding. Only projects with demonstrated community support will be considered and our office will be required to present to the Appropriations Committee evidence of community support that were compelling factors in our decision to submit the request. Examples of these include, but are not limited to:

- Letters of support from elected community leaders (e.g. mayors or other officials);
- Press articles highlighting the need for the requested Community Project Funding;
- Support from newspaper editorial boards;
- Projects listed on State intended use plans, community development plans, or other publicly available planning documents; or
- Resolutions passed by city councils or boards.

Please note that only the below accounts are eligible for CPF requests so please review the criteria when determining whether or not your project can be funded. Each project request must be for Fiscal Year 2023 funds only and <u>cannot</u> include a request for multi year funding.

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### Which Programs are Eligible for Community Project Funding?

## Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

#### Department of Agriculture 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 lifespan, 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. Project sponsors are encouraged to provide details on the research to be conducted, why the research is a high priority, as well as details on the modernization and why it is critical in carrying out the research.

Sponsors for ARS projects must be able to provide our office with the following information:

- Has the project received federal funding before and if so, how much, when, and from which agency or agencies and program(s)?
- What is the estimated start date of the project? How soon could the feasibility/engineering design phase commence? [mm/yy]
- Does the project have distinct and separable phases?
- What is the estimated completion date of the project? When does completion of construction occur? [mm/yy]

#### Department of Agriculture Community Facilities Grants

Community facilities grants can be used 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, which the account defines as "rural areas including cities, villages, townships and towns including Federally Recognized Tribal Lands with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census Data." The request must demonstrate community support.

Submissions should include details on all proposed uses of funds, activities that will occur, timeline, and detailed information on the complete service territory, including median household income of the proposed project. Please review all program regulations carefully, most notably:

- <u>Cost share requirements</u>. 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 <u>7 CFR 3570.63(b)</u>.
- <u>Credit Elsewhere Test.</u> Applicants shall certify they cannot finance the project from their own resources and credit is not otherwise available on reasonable terms from non-Federal sources.

Community Facilities grants generally cannot be used to pay initial operating expenses or annual recurring expenses, refinance existing debt, pay interest, build or repair facilities in non-rural areas, or pay for construction costs of facilities that will be used for commercial rental space.

#### Department of Agriculture ReConnect Program

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, defined as 10 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream. The area must be rural and lack sufficient access to broadband service. A rural area is any area which is not located within: (1) A city, town, or incorporated area that has a population of greater than 20,000 inhabitants; or (2) an urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 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 10 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream. Mobile and satellite services will not be considered in making the determination of sufficient access to broadband. Stand-alone middle-mile projects are not eligible under the ReConnect Program. However, middle-mile facilities are eligible if they are needed to bring sufficient broadband service to all premises in the area.

Project sponsors are strongly encouraged to include all relevant information, including: the number of households, businesses, or farms that will be served in the area, what the performance of the service to be offered will be, and whether healthcare or educational facilities will be served.

Applicants are reminded that all policies and procedures apply, including environmental and related reviews and the cost share requirement of 25% of the overall project cost. Policies and procedures can be found at <a href="https://go.usa.gov/xexPT">https://go.usa.gov/xexPT</a>.

#### Department of Agriculture 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 programming.

All requests are subject to all the regulations governing the program which can be found at <u>7 CFR Part 1734</u>. The program requires a 15% match that cannot come from another federal source. The State Rural Development Office is a valuable resource to answer program questions, including eligibility.

Competitive awards typically range from \$50,000 to \$1,000,000 and the Committee will consider projects in this range. This a new account for the fiscal 2023 House process; in fiscal year 2022, the average Senate CPF in this account was \$359,000. Members are strongly encouraged to provide as much detail as possible on how the award will be utilized, what equipment of service will be acquired and any information on population(s) served. The program is intended to serve rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less.

# <u>Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations</u>

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 reducing soil erosion, improving soil health, enhancing water supplies, improving water quality, increasing wildlife habitat, and reducing 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.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to provide details on the work to be done, including if the project will conduct surveys, investigations, or research, and if there is a plan to publish the results of any such work. Project sponsors should also describe any preventive measures to be taken, such as engineering operations, methods of cultivation, or changes in use of land.

This is a new account for the fiscal year 2023 House process; in fiscal year 2022, the average Senate CPF in this account was \$1.1 million. The Committee will consider higher project requests for fiscal year 2023. However, projects requesting significantly more than that average may be more difficult to accommodate and will depend on program demand and other variables. Any future potential project caps will be determined by the Chair after reviewing the full universe of requests.

## Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies

#### State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance—Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)

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. Historically, the Appropriations Committee has not funded vehicles or building construction or renovation as part of CPF under this account. Below are the links to the Department's guidance and frequently asked questions regarding Byrne-JAG:

- https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/overview
- <a href="https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/jag-fags.pdf">https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/jag-fags.pdf</a>

Sponsors of JAG projects must be able to provide our office with the following information:

- What is the total cost to complete the project?
- Is the requested project currently authorized in law? If yes, please provide a specific legal citation of such authorization.
- Are the proposed project activities consistent with the activities of the Federal
- agency?
- If the proposed project activities are not consistent with the activities of the Federal agency, why is the project being requested?
- Is this request consistent with all current statutory and regulatory requirements of Byrne Justice Assistance Grant recipients and subrecipients?
- Has the project been funded in the past? If the project has been funded in the past, how much funding has been provided to date?
- Is the proposed recipient currently in material non-compliance of a prior grant award made by the proposed Federal funding agency?
- Any non-Federal sources of funding that have been or are fully anticipated to be applied toward the project, including any dollar amounts and timelines for funding.
- Can this project spend a smaller amount of appropriated funds within 12 months of the enactment of the Appropriations Act? If yes, please provide any details that may be helpful for understanding the scalability of the project.
- Is this proposed project a priority for the local community?
- Describe the current developmental status of this project.
- What is the estimated impact of this project, e.g. number of jobs created/sustained, number of community members served, other projected impacts?
- Is this project intended to serve primarily youth under age 18?

• Is this request to fund the acquisition of property or the construction or renovation of a building?

#### Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) - Technology and Equipment

Funding will be provided for 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.

Historically, the Appropriations Committee has not funded vehicles or building construction or renovation as part of community project funding under this account. Recipients of community project funding under this account may not subgrant to other organizations or agencies.

The median award in this account for FY 22 was \$520,000. Note the Committee may consider similar or higher project amounts for FY 23. Any caps will be determined after reviewing the full universe of requests, and while there are no guarantees, projects of a modest size are more likely to receive full funding

Sponsors of COPS projects must be able to provide our office with the following information:

- Has the intended recipient received any COPS or Byrne-JAG funds at any time in the past ten years?
- What is the total cost to complete the project?
- Is the requested project currently authorized in law? If yes, please provide a specific legal citation of such authorization.
- Are the proposed project activities consistent with the activities of the Federal
- agency?
- If the proposed project activities are not consistent with the activities of the Federal agency, why is the project being requested?
- If the project has been funded in the past, how much funding has been provided to date?

- Any non-Federal sources of funding that have been or are fully anticipated to be applied toward the project, including any dollar amounts and timelines for funding.
- What is the estimated start date of the project? (mm/dd/yy)
- What is the estimated completion date of the project? (mm/dd/yy)
- Please describe the current developmental status of this project.

# 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 (ORF) 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.

The Appropriations Committee will not entertain requests for community project funding for the National Weather Service or the Office of Marine and Aviation Operations. Coastal Zone Management funds are distributed to states on a formula basis and will not be considered for community project funding. Historically, the Committee has not funded vehicles or building construction or renovation as part of community project funding under this account.

Sponsors of ORF projects must be able to provide our office with the following information:

- Has the intended recipient received any competitive grant funding or other funding from NOAA at any time in the past ten years? If yes, in what fiscal years and for what purposes?
- What is the total cost to complete the project?
- Is the requested project currently authorized in law? If yes, please provide a specific legal citation of such authorization.
- Are the proposed project activities consistent with the activities of the Federal agency?
- If the proposed project activities are not consistent with the activities of the Federal agency, why is the project being requested?
- If the project has been funded in the past, how much funding has been provided to date?
- Any non-Federal sources of funding that have been or are fully anticipated to be applied toward the project, including any dollar amounts and timelines for funding.

 For any science research project request, please provide the name of the individual who is anticipated to be the Principal Investigator for the research project, as well as a link to such person's curriculum vitae, and a list of this person's peer-reviewed publications related to the topic of the requested research project.

# National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) - Safety, Security, and Mission Services

Funding 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.

The median award in this account for FY 22 was \$900,000. Note the Committee may consider similar or higher project amounts for FY 23. Any caps will be determined after reviewing the full universe of requests, and while there are no guarantees, projects of a modest size are more likely to receive full funding

Sponsors of NASA projects must be able to provide our office with the following information:

- Has the intended recipient received any competitive grant funding or other
- funding from NASA at any time in the past ten years? If yes, in what fiscal years and for what purposes?
- What is the total cost to complete the project?
- Is the requested project currently authorized in law? If yes, please provide a specific legal citation of such authorization.
- Are the proposed project activities consistent with the activities of the Federal agency?
- If the proposed project activities are not consistent with the activities of the Federal agency, why is the project being requested?
- If the project has been funded in the past, how much funding has been provided to date? Were such funds provided for discrete, severable activities?
- Any non-Federal sources of funding that have been or are fully anticipated to be applied toward the project, including any dollar amounts and timelines for funding.
- For any science research project request, please provide the name of the individual who is anticipated to be the Principal Investigator for the research project, as well as a link to such person's curriculum vitae, and a list of this person's peer-reviewed publications related to the topic of the requested research project.
- What is the estimated start date of the project? (mm/dd/yy)
- What is the estimated completion date of the project? (mm/dd/yy)
- Please describe the current developmental status of this project.

# National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) - 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.

The median award in this account for FY 22 was \$1,250,000. Note the Committee may consider similar or higher project amounts for FY 23. Any caps will be determined after reviewing the full universe of requests, and while there are no guarantees, projects of a modest size are more likely to receive full funding. This account does not fund vehicles or building construction or renovation.

Sponsors of NIST Scientific and Technical Research and Services projects must be able to provide our office with the following information:

- Has the intended recipient received any competitive grant funding or other funding from NIST at any time in the past ten years? If yes, in what fiscal years and for what purposes?
- What is the total cost to complete the project?
- Is the requested project currently authorized in law? If yes, please provide a specific legal citation of such authorization.
- Are the proposed project activities consistent with the activities of the Federal agency?
- If the proposed project activities are not consistent with the activities of the Federal agency, why is the project being requested?
- If the project has been funded in the past, how much funding has been provided to date?
- Any non-Federal sources of funding that have been or are fully anticipated to be applied toward the project, including any dollar amounts and timelines for funding.
- For any science research project request, please provide the name of the individual who is anticipated to be the Principal Investigator for the research project, as well as a link to such person's curriculum vitae, and a list of this person's peer-reviewed publications related to the topic of the requested research project.

# National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) - 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. The median award in this account was \$10 million in fiscal year 2022, though the Committee may consider lower project amounts for Fiscal Year 23, and any

caps will be determined after reviewing the full universe of requests. Given the expectation of limited resources and the large cost of research facilities, the Committee may not be able to fully fund all requests

Sponsors of NIST Construction of Research Facilities projects must be able to provide our office with the following information:

- A detailed budget and schedule timeline for the planned construction or renovation project associated with this request.
- An explanation as to how this project is aligned with the mission of NIST.

### **Defense**

#### Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Army

CPF from this account may be used to enhance the Army's scientific and technical knowledge through research, development, test, and evaluation funded by the Department of Defense (DOD) and performed by industry, universities, federal laboratories, and others. Please note that the most likely recipients of funds from this account will be universities conducting research with a DOD element.

#### Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Navy

CPF from this account may be used to enhance the Navy's scientific and technical knowledge through research, development, test, and evaluation funded by DOD and performed by industry, universities, federal laboratories, and others. Please note that the most likely recipients of funds from this account will be universities conducting research with a DOD element.

#### Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Air Force

CPF from this account may be used to enhance the Air Force's scientific and technical knowledge through research, development, test, and evaluation funded by DOD and performed by industry, universities, federal laboratories, and others. Please note that the most likely recipients of funds from this account will be universities conducting research with a DOD element.

#### Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Space Force

CPF from this account may be used to enhance the Space Force's scientific and technical knowledge through research, development, test, and evaluation funded by DOD and performed by industry, universities, federal laboratories, and others. Please note that the most likely recipients of funds from this account will be universities conducting research with a DOD element.

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

CPF from this account may be used to enhance DOD's scientific and technical knowledge through research, development, test, and evaluation funded by the Department of Defense (DOD) and performed by industry, universities, federal laboratories, and others. Please note that the most likely recipients of funds from this account will be universities conducting research with a DOD element.

DOD project sponsors will be required to provide our office with the following information:

- 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. This information can be found in the budget justification documents that will be posted at <a href="https://comptroller.defense.gov/Budget-Materials/">https://comptroller.defense.gov/Budget-Materials/</a>
- If an existing project, has it previously received federal funding? If so, identify the account, amount of funding, and fiscal year.
- The total cost of the project.
- Required funding in future years and source of that funding.

## **Energy & Water Development and Related Agencies**

The Appropriations Committee will only consider Community Project Funding requests in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill that have been <u>authorized</u> in the following accounts:

#### Corps of Engineers

- Investigations The Army Corps uses funds in this account for various studies ranging from flood and storm damage reduction, coastal storm damage, navigation, environmental restoration studies, and coastal resiliency.
- Construction The Army Corps uses funds in this account for technical aspects of engineering, construction management, environmental protection and restoration, operations, maintenance and repair activities.
- Mississippi River and Tributaries The Army Corps uses funds in this account specifically for projects that are a part of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project
- Operation and Maintenance The Army Corps uses funds in this account for activities to maintain Corps-constructed water infrastructure.

#### Bureau of Reclamation

Water and Related Resources - funds most agency activities, including construction, operation and maintenance, dam safety, and ecosystem restoration as well as Indian water rights settlements and most Reclamation programmatic and grant authorities.

#### Department of Energy

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.

Given the ban on directing Community Project Funding to for-profit entities, projects with for profit entities as a recipient are not allowed. In addition, funds may not be used to support building construction (no brick and mortar). Electric vehicle (EV) charging station projects will not be considered unless there is a renewable energy or energy storage connection to the charging station.

Only certain topic areas within the Department of Energy are eligible for CPF requests. Topics include:

- Energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainable transportation
- Cybersecurity, energy security, emergency response
- Electricity, energy storage
- Nuclear energy
- Fossil energy, carbon management, critical minerals

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:

- Research or development activities of a basic or fundamental nature: no minimum cost share
- Research or development activities of an applied nature: minimum 20 percent cost share
- Demonstration or commercial application: minimum 50 percent cost share

The number of projects and the amount will be limited. In FY10, the last year these DOE CPFs were included in the House, House projects selected for funding received \$740,000 on average, and the range of funding was approximately \$75,000 to \$3 million.

Department of Energy project sponsors must provide our office with the following information:

- Amount requested
- Total project cost
- President's Budget Request Amount (If not included in the President's Budget Request, write \$0 in the application)
- Can the project obligate all of the appropriated funds within 12 months after enactment (yes/no)?
- Was this request submitted to another subcommittee this fiscal year, and if so, which one?

### Financial Services and General Government

#### Small Business Administration, Small Business Initiatives

This account funds support of small businesses, such as entrepreneur training, workforce development, counseling, research, and construction or acquisition of facilities. Project recipients must be other units of government or nonprofit organizations to be considered eligible.

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.

Sponsors of Small Business Initiatives projects must provide our office with the following information:

- How will this project directly benefit small businesses and/or entrepreneurs at the local, regional, and/or national level?
- Please provide a detailed spend plan for the requested funding, breaking down anticipated expenditures for each major category of project activity.
- Are there matching funds associated with the requested funds? If yes, please list the source(s) and amount(s).
- If the request does not fully fund the project, describe where the remaining funding comes from to fund the project.
- 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}
- 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.
- 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.
- Is the project a capital project or will the funds support operating costs?
- 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?
- What performance standards will be used to evaluate whether the program or project supported by the funds meets its mission?
- 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.
- 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.

# <u>General Services Administration, Federal Buildings Fund - New Construction, Major Repairs and Alterations and Basic Repairs Accounts</u>

Projects are limited to line items in the GSA Federal Buildings Fund requested by the Administration in either the FY22 or FY23 budget request. 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.

Sponsors of GSA projects must provide our office with the following information:

- Does the public have access to the building the project will be completed in?
- Can this project be executed by a small business?
- Does this request augment an existing Basic Repairs project?
- Has a Major Alteration and Repairs project been completed at this site in the last three years?

# 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 <a href="here">here</a>.

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.

Sponsors of National Archives must provide our office with the following information:

- 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?
- A detailed spend plan for the requested funding, breaking down anticipated expenditures for each major category of project activity.
- Are there matching funds associated with the requested funds? If yes, please list the source(s) and amount(s).
- If the request does not fully fund the project, describe where the remaining funding comes from to fund the project.
- If the Appropriations Committee is not able to provide the full amount of funding requested, can this project start in a limited capacity?

- 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.
- 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.
- Is this a capital project or will any funds support operating costs?
- 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?
- What performance standards will be used to evaluate whether the program or project supported by the funds meets its mission?
- 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.
- 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

## **Homeland Security**

#### Pre-Disaster Mitigation Projects

The Pre-disaster Mitigation (PDM) program provides technical and financial assistance to states and local governments for cost-effective, pre-disaster hazard mitigation programs to reduce injuries, loss of life, and damage and destruction of property. Only projects that meet the requirements detailed in the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) 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.

Sponsors of PDM projects must be able to provide our office with the following information:

- 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)?
- Is the proposed project eligible under the most recent <u>Notice of Funding</u>
   <u>Opportunity</u> for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grant program?
- Can the requesting jurisdiction provide the required non-federal cost share, as detailed in the NOFO?
- 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?
- 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.
- 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?
- Can the recipient describe how the project provides long-term permanent risk reduction, i.e., it is not used for emergency protective measures?
- Can the recipient describe how the project takes into account future conditions?

- Can the recipient describe how the project supports the needs of vulnerable populations?
- Does the recipient specifically encourage the adoption and enforcement of the latest disaster resistant building codes?
- Provide a clear and detailed description of the proposed mitigation activity.
- How will the mitigation activity be implemented?
- Who will manage and complete the mitigation activity?
- What risks will remain from all hazards after project implementation (i.e., residual risk)?
- Has the project been submitted to current or previous competitive BRIC funding cycles? If the answer to the previous question is yes, what is the subgrant ID?

#### **Emergency Operations Center Grant Program**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program is intended to improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure, strategically located, and fully interoperable EOCs with a focus on addressing identified deficiencies and needs.

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 2022 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.

Sponsors of EOC projects must be able to provide our office with the following information:

- 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?
- Is the proposed project eligible under the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Emergency Operations Center Grant Program?
- Can the requesting jurisdiction provide the required 25 percent non-federal cost share?
- 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?
- Is the requestor in a position to enhance their emergency management capabilities and address their Emergency Operations Center needs?

- Is the proposed project related to a structure or facility that meets the <u>definition</u> <u>of an EOC</u>, to include supporting incident management (on-scene) operations across multiple functional disciplines and/or jurisdictions?
- Is the facility (or will the facility) be the primary Emergency Operations Center for the jurisdiction?

# Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

#### Save America's Treasures (SAT) through the National Park Service (NPS)

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:

- 1. 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
- 2. 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.

To be considered for Community Project Funding, each applicant must provide information consistent with competitive application requirements. All grant recipients must comply with relevant requirements for recipients of Federal financial assistance and program-specific requirements found <a href="here">here</a> on NPS's SAT website. Consistent with prior years, applicants are encouraged to consider a project funding threshold of up to \$500,000 when making requests in this account.

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. The property must be on the National Register of Historic Places in order to be eligible to receive funding. Grants are not available for work on sites or collections owned by the NPS. Other federal agencies working with a nonprofit partner to preserve the historic properties or collections owned by the federal agency may submit applications through the partner. If the project has received previous appropriations, it is not eligible. A building or structure may only receive one SAT grant. Previous SAT projects can be viewed <a href="https://example.com/here/batter/">here.</a>

If the historic structure has been moved, it is probably not eligible for funding. It is best to ask the State Historic Preservation Officer if the proposed work meets the Secretary of Interior's <u>Standards for the Treatment of Historic Buildings</u>. Work that has already been done prior to SAT funding may have had an adverse effect on the historic features of the building and make it ineligible for the National Register and for SAT funding.

Contractors for the project must be competitively selected, as stipulated under Government-wide Grants Requirements set by OMB. New construction is not eligible. The SAT grant program was created to preserve nationally significant properties by repairing them, not adding to or changing them.

Demolition of an historic building or significant changes to it are not eligible projects under the SAT grant program. The sponsors of this project must agree to a preservation easement or covenant. The National Park Service not only pays for the work to fix the roof, but also ensures that if the property is sold later, then the covenant or easement will bind the new owner to maintain and preserve the historic building that gets the SAT grant.

SAT project sponsors must provide our office with the following information:

- Amount requested
- Total project cost
- Can the project obligate all of the appropriated funds within 12 months after enactment (yes/no)?
- Was this request submitted to another subcommittee this fiscal year, and if so, which one?
- Estimated start and completion dates for the project
- 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?
- Is the recipient one of the eligible entities under the Historic Preservation Fund, as identified in 54 USC 308901?
- What type of eligible entity is the recipient?
- Does the recipient have in place, or a plan to provide, the one-to-one match with nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contribution?
- Would the requested project fund an eligible activity under the SAT program?
- Is the applicant prepared to accept the required preservation easement/covenant that is required by the program?
- Has this project been completed or advanced beyond emergency stabilization?
- 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?

#### Land Acquisition 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.

Third party organizations (i.e. The Nature Conservancy, Trust for Public Land, etc.) frequently participate in the federal acquisition process by coordinating the negotiation and purchase of tracts. If the project you are requesting involves a third-party organization, please be mindful that funding for a land acquisition project goes to the agency that will manage the land. The Great American Outdoors Act of (Public Law 116-152) and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260) mandates that the president submit, along with the upcoming fiscal year's budget request, proposed and supplemental project lists. The Committee will look favorably upon requests for projects that appear in either of these lists.

LWCF project sponsors must provide our office with the following information:

- Amount requested
- Total project cost
- Can the project obligate all of the appropriated funds within 12 months after enactment?
- Estimated start and completion dates for the project
- Is the requested project on either the president's proposed or supplemental LWCF project list submitted by the agency?

#### State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG)

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. Privately-owned projects are NOT eligible for infrastructure grants, even if they are otherwise eligible for assistance under a SRF program. The Committee will look favorably upon requests for projects that are listed on a state's most recent Intended Use Plan.

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. Ability to fund the 20% cost share is required before EPA can award a STAG grant. Please note that only the non-federal portion of assistance provided by a SRF can be applied towards a project's matching requirement.

STAG projects have very specific eligibility requirements, and the Committee will not consider projects that do not meet those requirements. Please review the types of projects that are eligible for STAG funding <a href="here">here</a>.

STAG project sponsors must provide our office with the following information:

- Amount requested
- Total project cost
- Can the project obligate all of the appropriated funds within 12 months after enactment?
- Estimated start and completion dates for the project
- Is this a Clean Water State Revolving Fund project or a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund project?
- Does the project have (or expects to have within 12 months) its 20 percent matching fund requirement?
- Is the project on your state's most recently finalized Clean Water/Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan?
- Has the project received federal funds previously? If so, please describe.

#### State and Private Forestry

The Forest Service is an agency within the Department of Agriculture. Requests that do not fit into the described categories below are unlikely to be eligible for funding under the Forest Service.

The State and Private Forestry 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. The Committee will look favorably upon requests for projects that are listed on any federal or state ordinal list or are clearly demonstrated to meet the goals of a State Forest Action Plan(s).

Note, 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).

State and Private Forestry project sponsors must provide our office with the following information:

- Can the project obligate all of the appropriated funds within 12 months after enactment?
- Estimated start and completion dates for the project
- Has the project received federal funds previously? If so, please describe.
- Is the project ranked in a priority setting system/list? If so, please provide list name and rank.
- How does this project meet the goals of the State Forest Action Plan and/or support community plans?
- 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
- (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 Landscape Scale Restoration) How does this project meet the goals of the State Forest Action Plan(s)?
- (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?

# <u>Labor, Health & Human Services, Education, and Related</u> <u>Agencies</u>

#### DOL - Employment and Training Administration (ETA)

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. Community project funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities.

Project sponsors must provide our office with the following information:

- Information on the direct services to individuals to enhance employment opportunities.
- Demonstrate evidence of a linkage with the State or local workforce investment system.
- 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.

House project amounts in this account were funded between \$100,000 and \$2,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2022.

ETA project sponsors must provide our office with the following information:

- 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)
- Please provide the website of the entity to receive funding for this project
- Is this a request for one year of funding (Yes/No)?
- If the request does not fully fund the project, please describe the source(s) of funding necessary to complete the project
- Please indicate if you are aware of another Member making a request for this same project (Yes/No)

#### HHS - Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

The Subcommittee has historically provided community project funding only in the categories listed below. Requests that do not fit into one of these categories are unlikely to be eligible for community project funding under HRSA.

<u>Health Facilities Construction and Equipment</u>—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 or x-ray machines. 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. 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. HRSA Health Facilities grants cannot be used to acquire land or purchase existing buildings, or to pay salaries or other operating costs. They cannot be used to pay for work previously completed. Grants can be used for architectural and engineering costs associated with an eligible construction project, but cannot be used for general feasibility studies.

House project amounts in this account were funded between \$100,000 and \$2,000,000 (or up to \$4,000,000 for projects jointly submitted by multiple Members)

HRSA project sponsors must provide our office with the following information:

- 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)
- Please provide the website of the entity to receive funding for this project
- Is this a request for one year of funding (Yes/No)?
- If the request does not fully fund the project, please describe the source(s) of funding necessary to complete the project
- Please indicate if you are aware of another Member making a request for this same project (Yes/No)

#### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Community project funding through SAMHSA provides resources for substance use and/or mental health services — including prevention, harm reduction, treatment, or recovery support services. Community project funding within SAMHSA should be submitted through the Health Surveillance and Program Support account.

#### 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.

Note: This is not an exhaustive list of the types of programs and services that SAMHSA funds. A listing of SAMHSA NOFO's can be found here.

SAMHSA project sponsors must provide our office with the following information:

- 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)
- Please provide the website of the entity to receive funding for this project
- Is this a request for one year of funding (Yes/No)?
- If the request does not fully fund the project, please describe the source(s) of funding necessary to complete the project
- Please indicate if you are aware of another Member making a request for this same project (Yes/No)

#### Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

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.

ACF community project funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities.

The Committee expects to consider project amounts in this account between \$100,000 and \$2,000,000 for FY 2023.

ACF project sponsors must provide our office with the following information:

- 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)
- Please provide the website of the entity to receive funding for this project
- Is this a request for one year of funding (Yes/No)?
- If the request does not fully fund the project, please describe the source(s) of funding necessary to complete the project
- Please indicate if you are aware of another Member making a request for this same project (Yes/No)

#### DOE - Elementary and Secondary 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. Eligible grantees are state education agencies, school districts, colleges and universities, and other public and private nonprofit entities. Generally, community project funding intended for individual schools is provided to the applicable school district and not directly to the individual school.

Community project funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of school buildings, except in the case of minor remodeling required as part of technology upgrades. Daycare and childcare projects that do not include educational services are also not eligible.

House project amounts in this account were funded between \$100,000 and \$2,000,000 in FY 2022.

Elementary and Secondary Education project sponsors must provide our office with the following information:

- 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)
- Please provide the website of the entity to receive funding for this project
- Is this a request for one year of funding (Yes/No)?
- If the request does not fully fund the project, please describe the source(s) of funding necessary to complete the project
- Please indicate if you are aware of another Member making a request for this same project (Yes/No)

#### Postsecondary Education

Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) – 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.

Grantees are usually colleges and universities, but may include other public and private nonprofit organizations.

House project amounts in this account were funded between \$100,000 and \$2,000,000 in FY 2022.

Postsecondary Education project sponsors must provide our office with the following information:

- 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)
- Please provide the website of the entity to receive funding for this project
- Is this a request for one year of funding (Yes/No)?
- If the request does not fully fund the project, please describe the source(s) of funding necessary to complete the project
- Please indicate if you are aware of another Member making a request for this same project (Yes/No)

# Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related <u>Agencies</u>

#### <u>Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction – Active Components</u>

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: Army, Navy and Marine Corps, Air Force, Defense-Wide Agencies (SOCOM, DHA, etc.).

#### <u>Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction – Reserve Components</u>

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: Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve.

#### <u>Planning and Design</u>

The types of projects under this heading include improving facility resilience, study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services for the accounts listed: Army, Navy and Marine Corps, Air Force, Defense-Wide Agencies (SOCOM, DHA, etc.), Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve.

The eligible lists of community projects are those that are submitted to Congress by the Secretary of Defense or his/her designee. Projects that only appear on a list or FYDP provided by a base commander will not be accepted. Such lists include:

<u>Future Year Defense Program (FYDP)</u> – FYDP is a projection of the forces, resources, and programs needed to support Department of Defense (DOD) operations over a five-year span. The FYDP is released simultaneously with the President's budget request. The updated document listing projects eligible for FY2022 will be obtainable after the FY2022 full budget rollout, through the

Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) website: <a href="https://comptroller.defense.gov/Budget-Materials/">https://comptroller.defense.gov/Budget-Materials/</a>

- Unfunded Requirements/Unfunded Priorities Lists (UFRs/UPLs) UFRs/UPLs are
  lists that each Service provides to Congress that identify priority projects which
  were not included in the President's budget request. These lists must be
  approved by the Secretary of Defense. UFRs/UPLs become available to
  Congress on the date of the President's full budget release (not skinny budget)
  and can be found by contacting the Congressional Liaison Offices of the Armed
  Services.
- <u>Cost-to-completes (CTCs)</u> CTCs are projects that have previously received an appropriation but require additional funding for completion. These lists represent the requirements identified by each Service for the additional funding necessary to complete a project. The lists are approved by each Service Secretary and can be obtained by contacting the Congressional Liaison Offices of the Armed Services.

These lists include projects, ongoing and upcoming, that ensure long-term viability, better readiness, increased resiliency, improved living and working conditions for service members and their families, and significant cost savings in perpetuity. As indicated above, some Reserve Component projects will additionally require a corresponding State funding match. Please verify said funding before submission. The Appropriations Committee will <u>not</u> waive match requirements.

<u>Please Note:</u> Each project request must be for Fiscal Year 2022 funds only and cannot include a request for multi year funding. In addition, to be eligible, requested projects must be shovel ready in Fiscal Year 2022 with 35 percent design complete and must be positioned to have contracts awarded in Fiscal Year 2022.

Project sponsors must also provide our office with the following information:

- Which Service is the project for?
- Installation Name
- Project Name and Amount
- Planning and Design
- Is the funding requested for planning and design costs?
- Is the project for unspecified minor construction?
- Is the project on the FY 2022-2026 FYDP?
- Is the project on a Service unfunded requirement (UFR) or unfunded priority list
- (UPL)?
- Is the project a cost-to-complete from a prior year? If so, what year?

# <u>Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and</u> <u>Related Agencies</u>

#### <u>Department of Transportation - Airport Improvement Program (AIP)</u>

AIP community project funding requests shall be used for enhancing airport safety, capacity, and security, and mitigating environmental concerns. All projects must be:

- AIP eligible in accordance with sections <u>47101 to 47175 of title 49</u>, <u>United States Code</u>, and FAA policy and guidance.
- Supported broadly by local stakeholders, including residents, businesses, and elected officials.
- Administered by an airport and/or airport sponsor.

The average award in this account for FY22 was \$4 million. Note that the Committee may consider project amounts of up to \$7 million for FY23, but any caps will be determined by the Chairman after reviewing the full universe of requests.

AIP project sponsors must provide our office with the following information:

- Project Name
- General description of the project and why it is needed
- What are the benefits of this project and why is it a priority?
- Amount requested for the community project for FY23 and the total project cost
- Can the project obligate all appropriated funds within 12 months after enactment?
- Estimated start and completion dates.
- Has the request been submitted to another Subcommittee or Committee this fiscal year? If yes, which one(s)?
- Does the project have other public (federal, state, local) and/or private funds for the required cost-share and committed for the forecasted operations and maintenance costs? If so, what is the source and amount of those funds?
- Does the project require an environmental review? If so, what is the status and/or outcome of the environmental review and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) category of action (if applicable)?
- How will the project contribute to the airport's <u>disadvantaged business</u> enterprise goals?
- Has the project received previous Federal funding? If so, how much and which public law (e.g., appropriations act or authorization act) provided it?
- Is the project <u>AIP-eligible</u>?
- Has the airport submitted a grant application for this same project to the FAA? If so, when?
- Would the project increase or decrease air traffic?

- Would the project increase or decrease aviation safety?
- Would the project increase or decrease environmental risks?
- Does the airport and airport sponsor support the project?
- Are there any stakeholders such as residents that live near the airport, state or local officials, state department of transportation officials - that oppose the project?

#### <u>Department of Transportation – Highway Infrastructure Projects</u>

Highway capital projects eligible under title 23 of the United States Code. Eligible projects are described under <u>Section 133(b)</u> of title 23, <u>United States Code</u>. This includes construction for highways, bridges, tunnels, and local access roads. Tribal and territorial capital projects authorized under Chapter 2 of title 23, United States Code, are also eligible. All projects must be:

- Capital projects or project-specific planning/design for a capital project.
- Supported by the state or Tribal government that would administer the project. Inclusion on a Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) would satisfy this requirement.
- Administered by public entities or Tribal entities.
- Meet the <u>cost-share requirements</u> as defined in statute.

The Subcommittee will not fund activities that are administrative in nature even if they are eligible expenses under the statutory citation.

Highway Infrastructure project sponsors must provide our office with the following information:

- Project Name
- General description of the project and why it is needed
- What are the benefits of this project and why is it a priority?
- Amount requested for the community project for FY23 and the total project cost
- Can the project obligate all appropriated funds within 12 months after enactment?
- Estimated start and completion dates.
- Does the project have other public (federal, state, local) and/or private funds committed to meet match or cost-share requirements for costs related to construction, operations, and maintenance? If so, what is the source and amount of those funds?
- Does the project require an environmental review? If so, what is the status and/or outcome of the environmental review and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) category of action (if applicable)?
- Type of project eligible under 23 USC 133(b): Highway, Bridge, EV Charging Infrastructure, Wildlife Crossing, Bike/Pedestrian, and Other (please specify).

- Where is the project in the construction process?
- Was the project on a State, Tribal or territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or a transportation improvement plan (TIP) as of 12/31/2021? If yes, please provide a link to the plan.
- The STIP or TIP ID Number and specify which plan (ex. North Carolina STIP, New York Metropolitan Transportation Council TIP) the ID Number comes from.
- A history of federal funding for the project, if any. Include both formula funds and any discretionary grants.
- If the request does not fully fund the project, describe where the remaining funding comes from to complete the project.

#### <u>Department of Transportation – Transit Infrastructure Projects</u>

Transit capital projects eligible under <u>Chapter 53 of title 49</u> of the United States Code. All projects must be:

- Transit capital projects or project-specific planning/design for a transit capital project.
- Supported by the state, local governmental authority, or Tribal government that would administer the project. Inclusion on a Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) would satisfy this requirement.
- Administered by public entities or Tribal entities.

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.

The Subcommittee will not fund activities that are administrative in nature even if they are eligible expenses under the statutory citation. The Subcommittee will continue to treat the Capital Investment Grants (CIG) program as programmatic requests and will not fund CIG projects under Transit Infrastructure Projects, consistent with the fiscal year 2022 process.

Transit Infrastructure project sponsors must provide our office with the following information:

- Project Name
- General description of the project and why it is needed
- What are the benefits of this project and why is it a priority?

- Amount requested for the community project for FY23 and the total project cost
- Can the project obligate all appropriated funds within 12 months after enactment?
- Estimated start and completion dates.
- Does the project have other public (federal, state, local) and/or private funds committed to meet match or cost-share requirements for costs related to construction, operations, and maintenance? If so, what is the source and amount of those funds?
- Does the project require an environmental review? If so, what is the status and/or outcome of the environmental review and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) category of action (if applicable)?
- Where is the project in the construction process?
- Was the project on a State, Tribal or territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or a transportation improvement plan (TIP) as of 12/31/2021? If yes, please provide a link to the plan.
- The STIP or TIP ID Number and specify which plan (ex. North Carolina STIP, New York Metropolitan Transportation Council TIP) the ID Number comes from.
- A history of federal funding for the project, if any. Include both formula funds and any discretionary grants.
- If the request does not fully fund the project, describe where the remaining funding comes from to complete the project.

#### <u>Department of Housing and Urban Development - Economic Development Initiative</u>

EDI community project requests 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 the underlying authorization for the Community Development Block Grant program within HUD. EDI community project requests are not eligible for the reimbursement of expenses for activities already undertaken (including debt service or debt retirement). Capital and operating expenses for fire and police stations are not eligible for EDI community project funding. All projects must be:

- Supported broadly by local stakeholders, including residents, businesses, and elected Officials.
- Administered by governmental or non-profit entities, including public housing agencies, as well as tribes and tribally designated housing entities.

The average award in this account for fiscal year 2022 was \$1.5 million. Note that the Committee may consider project amounts of up to \$4 million for FY23, but any caps will be determined by the Chairman after reviewing the full universe of requests.

#### Who Can I Contact to Learn More?

Interested CPF project sponsors must contact their county's district representative in Congressman Golden's office to discuss their projects and resolve any questions they have. We strongly encourage sponsors not to begin the application process until they have all necessary materials and supporting documentation. See below for your district representative point of contact.

Aroostook, Penobscot, Hancock, Washington, and Waldo counties:

Barb Hayslett

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Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties:

Kathy Drummond

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179 Lisbon Street
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Kennebec (2nd District Towns), Piscataquis, and Somerset counties:

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## How Do I Apply?

#### **Community Project Funding Applications**

Please see below for links to each of the Appropriations subcommittee applications. These final applications must be completed and submitted with all supporting materials no later than <u>April 14th</u>, <u>2022</u>.

Before proceeding, please ensure that you are completing the correct application based on the federal program under which your project would be funded.

Supplemental and supporting materials can be submitted to our office by emailing us at <u>GoldenCPF@mail.house.gov</u>.

- 1. Agriculture, FDA, and Related Agencies
- 2. Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
- 3. Defense
- 4. Energy & Water Development and Related Agencies
- 5. Financial Services and General Government
- 6. Homeland Security
- 7. Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
- 8. Labor, Health & Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies
- 9. Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
- 10. Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies