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Fiscal Year 2023 Community Project Funding Guidance

General Information

- Community Project Funding (CPF), formerly known as earmarks, is a way for Members of Congress to submit specific local projects to be included in the annual appropriations bill for funding.
- Each Member of Congress may request up to 15 total CPF's across all 12 appropriations bills. (up from 10 last year)
- Only non-profits and government entities are eligible for funding.
- All projects submitted by the Member will be posted publicly on both the Appropriations Committee and Member's websites.
  - The website must contain the proposed recipient and address of the recipient, the amount of the request, and an explanation of the request, including the purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds. Our FY22 webpage can be found [here](#) and all Congressional Member submissions can be found [here](#).
- Projects should be able to show broad community support. This could include but not limited to letters of support from local legislatures, resolutions from local governments or city councils, press articles highlighting the need for the project, and local transportation or infrastructure plans.
- Each appropriations account has specific guidelines and requirements, so please refer to the application for more information.
  - Please note that some accounts have been added or removed for FY23. An updated list is below.
- Predicted timeline:
  - Applications are due **April 15th**, but please submit as soon as possible for consideration.
  - The Congresswoman will review all the applications and select the projects by the end of April to submit to the Appropriations Committee.
  - The Committee will approve the bills in May or June and have the House vote on the bills in July.
  - The fiscal year ends on September 30, 2022, so the House and Senate will either negotiate a final appropriations bills by that date or pass a Continuing Resolution to keep current federal funding until an agreement is made.
    - Please note that for FY22, the final appropriations bill was not agreed upon until five months after the end of the fiscal year.
  - Once bills are approved and signed by the President, organizations will work with the appropriate federal agency to submit the necessary paperwork in order to receive funding.

Accounts and Examples of Projects

Labor, Health, and Human Services
- Department of Labor—Employment and Training Administration—Training and Employment Services
  - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs
    - Project Example: City of Charleston, WV for a workforce development initiative including equipment and curriculum development.
- Department of Health and Human Services—Health Resources and Services Administration—Program Management
  - Health Facilities Construction and Equipment—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.
    - Project Example: Caridad Center Inc. in Boynton Beach, FL for facility upgrades and equipment purchase.
- Department of Health and Human Services—Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration—Health Surveillance and Program Support
  - Mental Health—grants to support programs that promote the prevention or treatment of mental health disorders, including rehabilitation, outreach, and other support services.
    - Project Example: Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, Inc., New York, NY for mental health counseling and substance use treatment services
  - Substance Abuse Treatment—grants to support programs that improve access, reduce barriers, and promote high quality, effective treatment and recovery services.
    - Project Example: AdventHealth, Sanford, FL for substance use treatment and support services
  - Substance Abuse Prevention—grants to support programs to prevent the onset of illegal drug use, prescription drug misuse and abuse, alcohol misuse and abuse, and underage alcohol and tobacco use.
    - Project Example: Franklin County Opioid Task Force, Greenfield, MA to support individuals in recovery from alcohol and other substance use disorder to re-enter the workforce.
- <mark>*NEW for FY23*</mark> Department of Health and Human Services--Administration for Children and Families (ACF)
  - 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.
- <mark>*NEW for FY23*</mark> Department of Health and Human Services--Administration for Community Living (ACL)
  - 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.
- o ACL 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. Any caps will be determined by the Chair after reviewing the full universe of requests.
- Department of Education—Innovation and Improvement
  - o 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.
    - ▪ Project Example: Best Buddies International, Inc., DE, for the Delaware Best Buddies Inclusion Project for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Department of Education—Higher Education-- Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE).
  - o 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.
  - o 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.
    - ▪ Project Example: Palm Beach State College, respiratory clinic laboratory creation and equipment

Energy and Water
- Corps of Engineers—Investigations, Construction, Mississippi River and Tributaries, Operation and Maintenance
  - o Only authorized projects may receive funding.
  - o There will be funding for a very limited number of new start projects, if any, in the Investigations, Construction, and Mississippi River and Tributaries accounts.
    - ▪ Project Example: Florida Keys Water Quality Improvement Project, FL; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Department of Energy---Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
  - o Eligible projects include: energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainable transportation, cybersecurity, energy security, emergency response, electricity, energy storage, nuclear energy, fossil energy, carbon management, critical minerals
    - ▪ Project Example: Chicago Clean Energy Retrofits Program; City of Chicago
- Bureau of Reclamation—Water and Related Resources
  - ▪ Project Example: Eastern New Mexico Water Supply—Ute Reservoir

Commerce, Justice, Science
- Byrne Justice Assistance Grants
  - o 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.
- Project Example: Raleigh/Wake City-County Bureau of Identification DNA Testing Equipment

- 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).
    - Project Example: Napa County Public Safety Radio and Communication Upgrade Project
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration—Operations, Research, and Facilities
  - 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.
    - Project Example: Greater Biscayne Bay Harmful Algae Bloom Monitoring Program
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration—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.
    - Project Example: STEM Learning Center Installation
- *NEW for FY23* NIST Scientific and Technical Research and Services (STRS)
  - 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.

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development
- *NEW for FY23* Department of Transportation— Highway Infrastructure Projects
  - Highway Infrastructure Projects are 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, as amended by title III of division A of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. 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.
- *NEW for FY23* Department of Transportation— Transit Infrastructure Projects

- Transit Infrastructure Projects are public transportation capital projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code. Eligible capital projects are described under Section 5302(4) of title 49, United States Code, and Section 5339(b)(1) and (c)(1)(B) of title 49, 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.
- Department of Transportation—Airport Improvement Program (AIP)
  - AIP community project requests may be used for enhancing airport safety, capacity, and security, and mitigating environmental concerns. (Does not include Contract Towers)
  - Administered by an airport and/or airport sponsor
    - Project Example: Rehabilitation of the Runway 9–26 at the Tallahassee International Airport (TLH)
- Department of Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiative (EDI)
  - 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.
  - Administered by governmental or non-profit entities, including public housing agencies, as well as tribes and tribally designated housing entities
    - Project Example: Everglades City Wastewater Treatment Plant

Financial Services and General Government
- 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.
  - Project recipients must be other units of government or nonprofit organizations to be considered eligible.
    - Project Example: Entrepreneurship Incubation Hub: Teaching & Commercial Kitchen for Refugee & Immigrant Community
- *NEW for FY23* 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
- *NEW for FY23* 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

Defense
- Funding is mostly connected with college and university research projects that are connected to current Department of Defense research.
- Average awards were previously in the $1-2 million
- Only a small portion of these accounts will be CPF's
  - Accounts Include:
    - 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
  - Project Example: Texas A&M University—Central Texas, Killeen, TX Development of Cybersecurity Methodologies

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs
- Military Construction and planning and design accounts under the Department of Defense including , Army, Navy and Marine Corps, Air Force, Defense-Wide, 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
  - Eligible lists include:
    - Future Year Defense Program (FYDP)
    - Unfunded Requirements/Unfunded Priorities Lists (UFRs/UPLs)
    - Cost-to-completes (CTCs)
  - Project Example: Navy Florida Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island Lighterage and Small Craft Facility: Planning and Design
- Department of Veterans Affairs—Construction Programs
  - 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 Departmentwide Priority List for 2023 Construction Projects (2023 Construction SCIP List). This list will be included in the FY 2023 President's Budget submission.

Homeland Security
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants
  - Grants for property protection, storm water mitigation, and other projects to mitigate the effects of disasters.

- 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.
    - Project Example: Flood Mitigation Project City of Mansfield
- Emergency Operations Center Grants
    - New construction or renovations for state or local emergency operation centers
    - 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.
        - Project Example: Franklin County Emergency Operations Center

Interior
- Federal land acquisitions through the Land and Water Conservation Fund
    - Funds only available for federal properties.
        - Project Example: Historic Pullman Foundation for Market
        - Hall, Pullman National Monument, National Register of Historic Places, Rehabilitation and Revitalization, Save America's Treasures
- Environmental Protection Agency State and Tribal Assistance Grants for certain water infrastructure projects.
    - 20% matching requirement and funding can't be released until a match is in place
    - Grants were previously $50,000-$500,000
        - Project Example: City of Sunrise for Storm Water Pump Station Replacement
- Certain State and Private Forestry projects within the U.S. Forest Service.
        - Project Example: Colorado State Forest Service for Colorado Wildfire Risk Reduction and Resilient Forests Project
- <mark>*NEW for FY23*</mark> Save America's Treasures (SAT) through 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).

Agriculture
- Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Buildings and Facilities
    - 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 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, defined as 10 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream.
- ==*NEW for FY23*== Department of Agriculture Community Facilities 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. Members should ensure that their request provides the fullest description of the project as possible. 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.
- ==*NEW for FY23*== 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 programing.
- ==*NEW for FY23*== Department of Agriculture 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.

State and Foreign Operations
- No accounts available for CPF

Legislative Branch
- No accounts available for CPF