



MEMORANDUM ON COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING **OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN TONY CÁRDENAS**

In addition to programmatic and language-based appropriations requests this year, the House Appropriations Committee has announced that it will also accept requests for Community Project Funding in Fiscal Year 2025. This process is a way for Members of Congress to bring direct support to their district by requesting funding that goes directly to their state or local government, or eligible non-profit recipients. These projects will be funded on a limited basis, and each Member of Congress will be able to submit 15 requests. This means that my office can only select the most competitive requests for funding that meet all guidelines. The general requirements and accounts available for requests are described below. All requests are due by **SUNDAY, APRIL 28 AT 9:00PM PST**. An application form can be filled out on my website: <https://cardenas.house.gov/>.

What is the difference between Programmatic and Language requests and Community Project Funding Requests?

- *Programmatic* – general support or funding for a program.
- *Language* – a request to add language to the bill or report to accompany the bill which generally does not include dollar amounts.
- *Community Project Funding* – directs funds to a specific state or local government or eligible non-profit recipient.

Programmatic and Language requests are covered by the traditional appropriations process, and can be submitted here:

<https://cardenas.house.gov/appropriations-requests>

This memo will only cover Community Project Funding, which must be submitted to our office through the form available on my website.

What criteria will be used to evaluate Community Project Funding requests?

- **Cap on Overall Funding:** The total amount for Community Project Funding in House appropriations bills will not exceed one half of one percent of discretionary spending.
- **Federal Nexus Requirement:** In order to ensure a federal nexus exists for each funded project, the Committee will only fund projects that are tied to a federal authorization law. Members must include a written statement describing the federal nexus for each Community Project Funding request. Subcommittee guidance will include example language Members can use to make the required statement.
- **No Memorials, Museums, or Commemoratives:** Memorials, museums, and commemoratives (i.e., projects named for an individual or entity) are not eligible for Community Project Funding. Many are eligible for competitive grants, and Members can request higher program funding levels.
- **Stewardship Requirements:** Funded projects will follow applicable requirements in the authorized programs that support good stewardship of taxpayer dollars. For example, programs may require a non-federal cost-share and participation in program audits.
- **Ban on For-Profit Recipients:** Project funding may not be directed to for-profit recipients. Members may request funding for State, local, or tribal governmental grantees and certain eligible non-profits, as allowed under federal law and subcommittee guidance.
 - **Exclusive to HUD Economic Development Initiative ("EDI"):** In FY 2025, only governmental entities and public institutions of higher education will be eligible for EDI projects.
- **No Financial Interest:** Members must publicly certify that they and their immediate family have no financial interest in the projects they request. "Immediate family" for this purpose includes a father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, husband, wife, father-in-law, or mother-in-law
- **Demonstrations of Project Merit and Support:** Members must provide evidence of the project's merit and community support.
 - Examples include:
 - 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.
- **Audits and Oversight:** The Government Accountability Office (GAO) will conduct an independent audit of a sample of enacted projects and report its findings to Congress.

What projects are eligible?

Only certain accounts will be available for Community Project Funding in each subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee. For FY25, CPF was available for 34 accounts. A summary of the available subcommittees is listed below.

For detailed information about which factors the Appropriations Committee will consider, please review the Committee's guidelines [here](#). If you require any additional assistance, please contact Marcos Sanchez at marcos.sanchez@mail.house.gov or Brian Gavidia at brian.gavidia@mail.house.gov, or call my office at (202) 225-6131.

FY25 Accounts:

Only certain accounts are available for Community Project Funding in each subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee. The available accounts are as below:

[Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies](#)

Department of Agriculture—Farm Production and Conservation Programs

- Natural Resources Conservation Service (Conservation Operations)

Department of Agriculture—Research, Education, and Economics

- Agricultural Research Service (Buildings and Facilities)

Department of Agriculture—Rural Development

- Rural Housing Service (Community Facilities)
- Rural Utilities Service (ReConnect Program)
- Rural Utilities Service (Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants)
- Rural Utilities Service (Rural Water and Waste Disposal Grants)

[Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies](#)

Department of Commerce

- NIST—Scientific and Technical Research
- NOAA—Coastal Zone Management

Department of Justice

- COPS Technology and Equipment
- Byrne Justice

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

- Safety, Security, and Mission Services

[Energy and Water Development](#)

Army Corps of Engineers (Civil Works)

- Investigations
- Construction
- Mississippi River and Tributaries
- Operation and Maintenance

Department of the Interior/Bureau of Reclamation

- Water and Related Resources

[Homeland Security](#)

Federal Emergency Management Agency

- Federal Assistance—Emergency Ops. Centers
- Federal Assistance—Pre-Disaster Mitigation

[Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies](#)

Environmental Protection Agency

- STAG—Clean Water State Revolving Fund
- STAG—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

Army
Army National Guard
Army Reserve
Navy & Marine Corps
Navy Reserve
Air Force and Space Force
Air National Guard
Air Force Reserve
DoD, Defense-Wide

Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

Department of Housing and Urban Development

- [CDBG – Economic Development Initiatives](#)

Department of Transportation

- [Airport Improvement Program](#)
- [Highway Infrastructure Projects](#)
- [Transit Infrastructure Projects](#)
- [Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements](#)
- [Port Infrastructure Development Program](#)