

# Congressman Gabe Vasquez's COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING RESOURCE GUIDE



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## ***Letter to the Community from Rep. Vasquez***

Dear Friend,

I am happy to share this resource guide regarding how to properly request Community Project Funding through the annual Appropriations process. This guide will answer questions you and your organization may have to ensure you are able to put together a strong application for federal funding. As your representative in Congress, my office and I are committed to creating an equitable and transparent process to deliver federal funding for important projects and programs in New Mexico.

While New Mexico's 2nd District was unfortunately left out of the Community Project Process in previous years, I know that the Community Project Funding process can produce real results and fund impactful projects in our communities. During my time in Congress, I have delivered \$30.7 million for 30 projects across the district.

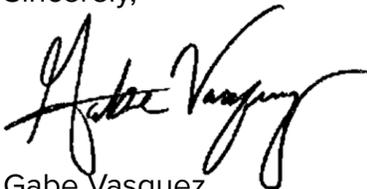
In this guide, you will find an overview of the Appropriations process, including Community Project Funding, answers to frequently asked questions, and contact information for my staff.

My team and I are looking for your recommendations on Community Project Funding requests that will benefit residents of New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District. These projects should fill a clear and present need in the community, be administered by local government or eligible nonprofit leadership, and enjoy significant support from the community.

As you prepare your requests, please keep in mind that my office will receive far more Community Project Funding requests than the fifteen projects I am able to submit to the Appropriations Committee. As a result, many deserving and qualified projects will not be provided direct federal assistance. If your organization needs federal grant funding, I encourage you to pursue other grant and federal/state/local funding opportunities, where available.

Thank you again for your interest in this year's Community Project Funding process. My staff are ready to assist you if issues arise. I look forward to working with you to bring needed federal resources to New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District.

Sincerely,



Gabe Vasquez  
Member of Congress

## ***Overview of the Appropriations Process***

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

There are three types of appropriations requests Members can submit to the House Appropriations Committee:

- **Community Project Funding (CPF) Requests:** A request to direct funds to a specific state or local government, or an eligible non-profit recipient.
- **Programmatic Requests:** A request for general support or funding for a program.
- **Language Requests:** A request to add language to the bill or report to accompany the bill, which generally does not include dollar amounts

You or your organization may submit programmatic or language requests. Programmatic requests include funding for specific federal programs that are important to you or your organization. Language requests include specific policy directives to federal agencies. These requests are separate from the Community Project Funding process.

In order to submit a programmatic or language request, please complete the form on my website at this [link](#). If you have problems or questions while completing these forms, please feel free to contact my staff. My staff is unable to forward request forms to other Congressional or Senate offices.

My team will review each request and follow up with stakeholders as needed to get additional information. Due to a high volume of requests, our office is not able to respond to every programmatic/language request that is received. The remainder of this resource guide will focus specifically on Community Project Funding requests.

## ***Frequently Asked Questions***

### **What is Community Project Funding?**

Community Project Funding (CPF) requests are requests for a Member of Congress to direct funds to a specific state or local government or eligible non-profit recipient through the annual federal appropriations bills. These bills determine the spending levels for the federal government for the next fiscal year. Since 2021, the House Appropriations Committee has allowed members to request funding for important local projects. CPFs are requested through existing federal programs, such as discretionary grant programs, and must meet the requirements of the relevant programs, including Build America Buy America requirements.

### **Who is eligible to apply for Community Project Funding?**

State, local, or Tribal governments and non-profits can apply for Community Project Funding. For-profit entities are not eligible.

### **How do I apply for Community Project Funding?**

You can apply for Community Project Funding on my website [here](#). Please review the entirety of this guidebook to ensure you have all the information needed to apply.

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

Yes, each account has restrictions on what kinds of projects are eligible. Later in this guide, there is a section on eligible accounts that can help you determine if your project is eligible for any of the accounts available.

### **How much funding can I request, and how much am I likely to receive?**

Typically, CPF requests for Democrats while in the minority have been capped at around \$2 million or below, depending on the account. Due to overwhelming interest in certain accounts, such as the HUD EDI account, the House Appropriations Committee may reduce the amount requested due to budget constraints. We recommend identifying discrete portions of your requested project that could be completed if the funding amount were reduced.

Community Project Funding is requested for projects where private or non-federal funding is not available or sufficient. Typically, Community Project Funding will only provide a partial contribution to the total cost of a project. Many funding accounts require a state, local, or private match for an entity to receive funding.

**When will I know if Rep. Vasquez chose my request?**

You can find the most accurate CPF deadline on Rep. Vasquez's website [here](#). Rep. Vasquez will then submit his requests to the relevant subcommittees based on their submission deadlines. Projects will typically then go through a two-week vetting process and technical assistance period with committee staff to ensure there are no issues. Following that vetting period, you will receive a notification whether or not your project was chosen.

**If Rep. Vasquez chooses my project, will it end up in the final legislation?**

There are multiple steps in the appropriations process, many of which are not controlled by our office. The House Appropriations Committee may choose not to include every project submitted by a member. If a project is included in the draft subcommittee bill, there is always still a possibility of projects being stripped out of the legislation, either when the bill goes before the full House or during negotiations with the Senate. We will make every possible effort to get all projects submitted by Rep. Vasquez included in the final legislation. Please note that in FY25, Congress passed a full-year continuing resolution that did not include any CPF requests.

**When will the Appropriations bills be passed through Congress?**

Under regular order, all 12 appropriations bills should be passed by both chambers and signed into law by the president by the start of the federal fiscal year on October 1. However, Congress frequently does not meet that deadline. When the deadline is not met, Congress can pass a continuing resolution (CR) to fund the government on a short-term basis while negotiations on the bills continue. CRs extend government funding for a certain amount of time at the previous fiscal year's funding levels. CRs can extend the timeline for several months, and in recent years, final appropriations bills have been passed in December or in the following year. If the Appropriations bills are not enacted and there are no CRs passed, it could lead to a government shutdown. Typically, CRs do not include CPF requests, and those requests are only included in the final appropriations laws, as was the case in FY25.

**If our project is included in legislation passed by Congress and signed into law, what is the process and timeline for receiving the funding?**

In general, Community Project Funding recipients will be contacted by the agency that oversees the account from which you received funding. The agencies cannot contact you prior to the legislation being signed into law. Once it is signed into law, the timeline varies between departments and agencies – some may start the process within a few weeks, while others may take several months after the bill's enactment into law.

Once you are contacted by the relevant agency, you will have to complete and submit a grant application outlining the project's goals, cost estimates, and other information to ensure it meets federal requirements. The process for receiving project authorization and accessing funding could take weeks to months, and in certain circumstances, can even take years. Please keep this in mind when submitting a request.

**Can I get reimbursed for project costs that were incurred prior to getting funding obligated?**

In general, you will not be able to be reimbursed for any money spent prior to receiving project authorization from the relevant agency.

**Can I request operational costs for a project?**

We recommend checking the guidance of the account to see whether operational costs are allowed under the guidance. If you are seeking operational costs that are permissible under the account's eligibility criteria, we recommend explaining how you will continue to fund operational costs after the Community Project Funds run out.

**How many projects can Rep. Vasquez request?**

Members of Congress can submit up to 15 CPF requests to the House Appropriations Committee. Because the office receives dozens of requests each year, Rep. Vasquez is only able to submit a fraction of the project requests received.

**If my project is physically located outside Rep. Vasquez's district, can I still submit it to his office for consideration?**

Rep. Vasquez can only submit projects that are located within and serve New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District. If your organization's legal address is physically outside the district but the proposed project will primarily serve constituents of the 2nd Congressional District, your project may still be considered.

**How can I make my application more competitive?**

One of the main considerations for our office is whether the project has community support. This support could be shown through:

- Letters of support from elected community leaders, community organizations, and impacted stakeholders (our office requires a minimum of 2 letters of support)
- Press articles highlighting the need for the specific project
- Resolutions passed by local/county/state/tribal governments
- Projects listed on community development plans, state intended use plans, and other publicly available planning documents

- Support from local newspaper editorial boards, etc.

**Please note that all letters of support must be addressed to Rep. Vasquez and be from the current year. If you previously applied for a CPF and are reapplying for the same project, the Committee has indicated that you MUST provide updated letters of support.**

Another major consideration is whether the project is ready to receive funding – will you be able to obligate all funding within a year? Additionally, what are the time constraints for the project? If the project must be completed within a couple of months, Community Project Funding is likely not the best avenue.

Rep. Vasquez’s office also carefully reviews the scope of a project to ensure it fits within an eligible account. We recommend you look over the guidance in the eligible project accounts to ensure the project fits within the restrictions of the account you are applying under. If after reading this guide and the respective subcommittee guidance, you are having trouble determining what account your project could fit under, you can reach out to Emily Hartshorn at [Emily.Hartshorn@mail.house.gov](mailto:Emily.Hartshorn@mail.house.gov).

Lastly, we recommend providing as much information and detail as possible, including specificity around how the project will benefit the district.

### **Are Community Project Funding requests publicly disclosed?**

Yes, all projects selected by our office for Community Project Funding must be listed on Rep. Vasquez’s website, including the name and address of the requester, the amount requested, and the justification for the use of taxpayer funds. Only projects submitted by our office to the House Appropriations Committee will be publicly listed.

### **Can I submit my request to other Congressional offices?**

Yes. We highly encourage you to submit your request to Senators Heinrich and Luján as well as any other member of the House whose district the project will impact.

### **If I received a CPF in a previous fiscal year, can I request funding for the same project again?**

The House Appropriations Committee typically discourages ongoing projects and multiyear funding requests. In previous fiscal years, some offices have requested funds for the same project two years in a row to help address cuts imposed by the

Appropriations Committee. However, we cannot guarantee that our office will be able to do this.

**Who should I list as the primary contact for my organization when submitting a CPF request?**

Please provide the contact information of individuals who are knowledgeable about the details of your request and can reply to our office via phone and email promptly. If our office reaches out to applicants for additional information, it is important to respond in a timely manner, as the deadlines set by the committee are strict.

**Can I schedule a meeting to discuss a CPF application?**

My office is happy to meet with applicants in advance of the application process to help review project ideas and provide feedback. To schedule a meeting, please reach out to Rep. Vasquez’s Senior Legislative Assistant Emily Hartshorn at [emily.hartshorn@mail.house.gov](mailto:emily.hartshorn@mail.house.gov).

**What factors does Rep. Vasquez consider in selecting projects?**

In addition to the demonstration of strong community support as described earlier in this guide, Rep. Vasquez also considers the diversity of the projects he is submitting to the Committee, including where in the district the project is located, what type of project it is, and what communities the project will serve.

**Who can I reach out to with questions as I apply?**

Later in the guide, you will find a staff contact for each CPF account who can help provide guidance on eligibility criteria for the relevant account. For general questions about the CPF process, timeline, or help identifying accounts your project may fit under, please reach out to Rep. Vasquez’s Senior Legislative Assistant Emily Hartshorn at [emily.hartshorn@mail.house.gov](mailto:emily.hartshorn@mail.house.gov).

**Required Questions for All Applicants**

Please read the eligibility criteria and selection guidance carefully before submitting a request. Submission of this information does not create a binding commitment on any party nor a guarantee that any organization or program will be awarded funding from any federal agency. Once submitted, this request may be made publicly available.

For-profit entities are not eligible to apply for Community Project Funding. Only the following entities may apply:

- State, local and Tribal governments

- Publicly owned entities (e.g. universities, utilities, etc.)
- Certain non-profit entities with a quasi-government purpose (e.g. Special Districts)
- Non-profit organizations **(not eligible for the HUD EDI account)**

Please note that each Appropriations Subcommittee has account specific questions that must accompany each request. Below is information required by our office for all requests. The list of eligible accounts later in this guide includes all of the account specific questions that you must be able to answer. If you are not able to answer the account specific questions, that may be an indicator that your project may not be a good fit for that account. For general questions about the CPF application process, please reach out to Rep. Vasquez's Senior Legislative Assistant Emily Hartshorn at [emily.hartshorn@mail.house.gov](mailto:emily.hartshorn@mail.house.gov).

All applications must include the following information, submitted via the form our website once the application process opens:

1. Local Contact - This should be an individual best suited to answer questions related to this application and to receive updates on the status of the application.
  - a. Local Contact Name
  - b. Local Contact Email
  - c. Local Contact Phone Number
2. Organization Name
3. Organization Address - This should be the best mailing address for your organization.
4. Project Address - This should be where the project is located and where the money will be spent.
5. Which county is this project located in?
6. Taxpayer Identification Number
7. Unique Entity Identifier - If you do not have one, you can register for one [here](#).
8. Are you located in or affiliated with New Mexico's Second Congressional District?
9. Are you a for-profit entity?
  - a. As a reminder, for-profit entities are *not* eligible for Community Project Funding ever.
10. Has your entity previously received federal funding?
  - a. Please give a detailed description on if you have received CPF, CDS, or any type of federal funding. If you have received state, local, or grant funding, please also notate that here.
11. Name of the project to be funded.

12. The next 5 questions will be used to determine which account your project best qualifies for.
  - a. Does this project involve construction or construction planning of any kind?
  - b. Does the construction involve any of the following water infrastructure: drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and/or water quality protection?
  - c. Does the construction involve any of the following transportation infrastructure: roads or highways, bridges, rail, airport or air traffic control?
  - d. Will this project occur in or primarily support rural communities, defined as less than 20,000 residents?
  - e. Will this project occur in or primarily benefit a low- and moderate-income community, defined as at or below 120% of the Area Median Income?
13. Detailed summary of the project - please make sure to include a budget breakdown if you have one.
14. Amount requested from Community Project Funding
15. What is the anticipated total cost to complete the entire project?
  - a. This might be the same answer as #14 or it could be larger. We just want to know how much your project will cost overall.
16. If matching funds are required in order to secure the Community Project Funding, do you have or can you get matching funds?
17. Please provide information on the scalability of this project.
18. Are you making this request to other offices in the House or Senate? (Note: We strongly encourage you to submit your request to both senators' offices.)
19. Do you have three letters of support for the project from community members?
20. ONLY ANSWER THIS QUESTION IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING MORE THAN ONE REQUEST: Please rank your projects in priority order.

***Community Project Funding Eligible Accounts***  
***Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Subcommittee***

You can view the FY27 Committee Guidance for the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Subcommittee [here](#) or read a detailed summary below.

**Community Facilities Grants**

- **Department:** Department of Agriculture
- **Agency:** Rural Development
- **Description:** Community Facilities Grants can be used to purchase, construct, or improve essential community facilities in rural areas, including purchasing equipment and paying for other related project expenses.
- **Eligible Projects:** Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to: medical or dental clinics, healthcare facilities, police or fire departments, and public works vehicles (like firetrucks). Click [here](#) to see projects that Rep. Vasquez has funded through this account in past years.
- **Details and Requirements:**
  - All projects 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). Project requests for non-essential facilities such as community gardens or museums will not be considered.
  - Priority will be given to essential projects, such as those focused on public health and safety.
  - There is a matching funds requirement that is calculated on a graduated scale, with smaller communities with the lowest median household incomes being eligible for projects with a higher proportion of grant funds. You can find the cost share requirement for your community by looking [here](#).
    - In-kind contributions and other Federal formula or grant resources cannot be counted towards match requirements.
  - Community Facilities grants 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.

- Please contact the State Rural Development Office to discuss the project and confirm eligibility.
- **Cost Guidelines:** The average Community Facilities CPF award was about \$1.2 million. The funding level included within the bill for this account can range from \$20,000 to \$6,000,000. Most projects were included within the \$250,000-\$2,000,000 range. The Committee may consider different funding caps this year.
- **Resources:** The State Rural Development Office is a valuable resource to answer program questions. You can find contact information for the New Mexico state office [here](#). If you are not receiving a response or if they are unable to answer specific questions, please contact our office.
- **Required Supplemental Questions:** The following questions are required by the Appropriations Committee for every project submitted under this account, in addition to the questions required by our office detailed on page 9.
  - Please provide the website address of the proposed recipient.
  - Does the entity plan to make grants to other entities from the funds provided and, if so, to whom?
  - Why is the project a priority for the district? Briefly explain the community benefits.
  - Have you contacted the State Rural Development Office/State Conservation Office to discuss the project and confirm eligibility? (If not, it is required to ensure project eligibility.)

### **ReConnect Program**

- **Department:** Department of Agriculture
- **Agency:** Rural Development
- **Description:** ReConnect broadband pilot grants fund projects to increase broadband access in rural areas.
- **Eligible Projects:** Grant 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 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream.
- **Details and Requirements:**
  - The area must be rural and lack sufficient access to broadband service. A rural area is any area that is not located within a city, town, or incorporated area that has a population of greater than 20,000 inhabitants. Sufficient access to broadband is defined as areas where more than 90% of households have fixed, terrestrial broadband service delivering at least 25

Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream. Mobile and satellite services are not considered in 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. There is a cost share requirement of 25% of the overall project cost.
- You are strongly encouraged to include detailed information in your requests, including the number of households, businesses, or farms served, the level of service that will be offered, and whether healthcare or educational facilities will be served.
- You can view all required ReConnect policies and regulations, including environmental and related reviews, [here](#), or view more information about the program [here](#).
- Please contact the State Rural Development Office to discuss the project and confirm eligibility.
- **Cost Guidelines:** The average ReConnect CPF award was nearly \$1.2 million. The funding level included within the bill for this account typically ranges from \$150,000 to \$4,224,000. Only one project was included above \$1,000,000. The Committee may consider different funding caps each year.
- **Resources:** The State Rural Development Office is a valuable resource to answer program questions. You can find contact information for the New Mexico state office [here](#). If you are not receiving a response or if they are unable to answer specific questions, please contact our office.
- **Required Supplemental Questions:** The following questions are required by the Appropriations Committee for every project submitted under this account, in addition to the questions required by our office detailed on page 9.
  - Please provide the website address of the proposed recipient.
  - Is the project for an eligible purpose and does it meet all eligibility requirements, with the exception of any Median Household Income requirements, under current law?
  - Does the entity plan to make grants to other entities from the funds provided and, if so, to whom?
  - Why is the project a priority for the district? Briefly explain the community benefits.
  - Has the project received Federal funding before and if so, how much, when, and from which agency or agencies and program(s)?

- Have you contacted the State Rural Development Office/State Conservation Office to discuss the project and confirm eligibility? (If not, it is required to ensure project eligibility.)
- Please provide relevant information, such as the number of households, businesses, or farms that would be served, what the performance of the service to be offered will be, and whether healthcare or educational facilities will be served.

### **Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grants**

- **Department:** Department of Agriculture
- **Agency:** Rural Development
- **Description:** 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. Eligible Projects: Eligible uses include audio and video equipment, broadband facilities that support distance learning or telemedicine (not actual broadband), computer hardware, network components, software or acquisition of instructional programming.
- **Details and Requirements:**
  - The program is intended to serve rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less.
  - The program requires a 15% cost sharing match that cannot come from another federal source.
  - You are strongly encouraged to provide as much detail as possible on how the award will be utilized, what equipment or service will be acquired and information on the population(s) served.
  - You can view the regulations for this account [here](#).
  - Please contact the State Rural Development Office to discuss the project and confirm eligibility. Contact information is included in resources below.
- **Cost Guidelines:** The average DLT CPF award is \$600,000. The funding level included within the bill for this account ranged from \$127,000 to \$1,750,000. Only one project was included above \$1,000,000. The Committee may consider different funding caps this year.
- **Resources:** The State Rural Development Office is a valuable resource to answer program questions. You can find contact information for the New Mexico state

office [here](#). If you are not receiving a response or if they are unable to answer specific questions, please contact our office.

- **Required Supplemental Questions:** The following questions are required by the Appropriations Committee for every project submitted under this account, in addition to the questions required by our office detailed on page 9.
  - Please provide the website address of the proposed recipient.
  - Is the project for an eligible purpose and does it meet all eligibility requirements, with the exception of any Median Household Income requirements, under current law?
  - Does the entity plan to make grants to other entities from the funds provided and, if so, to whom?
  - Why is the project a priority for the district? Briefly explain the community benefits.
  - Has the project received Federal funding before, and if so, how much, when, and from which agency or agencies and program(s)?
  - Have you contacted the State Rural Development Office/State Conservation Office to discuss the project and confirm eligibility? (If not, it is required to ensure project eligibility.)

### **Water and Waste Disposal Grants**

- **Department:** Department of Agriculture
- **Agency:** Rural Development
- **Description:** This account will fund water and waste disposal projects.
- **Eligible Projects:** Funding can be used to finance:
  - Acquisition, construction, or improvement of drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage, and disposal
  - Sewer collection, transmission, treatment, and disposal
  - Solid waste collection, disposal, and closure
  - Stormwater collection, transmission, and closure
- **Details and Requirements:**
  - Projects must serve rural areas and towns with a population of 10,000 or less, or Tribal lands in rural areas.
  - Projects require a 25% non-federal cost share.
  - Please provide information on the number of households and businesses served and details about the exact work that will be completed.
  - Please contact the State Rural Development Office to discuss the project and confirm eligibility.

- **Cost Guidelines:** The average Water and Waste CPF award was nearly \$1.5 million. The funding level included within the bills for this account ranged from \$72,000 to \$5,000,000. Most projects were included at levels between \$250,000 and \$3,000,000. The Committee may consider different funding caps this year.
- **Resources:** The State Rural Development Office is a valuable resource to answer program questions. You can find contact information for the New Mexico state office [here](#). If you are not receiving a response or they are unable to answer specific questions, please contact our office.
- **Required Supplemental Questions:** The following questions are required by the Appropriations Committee for every project submitted under this account, in addition to the questions required by our office detailed on page 9.
  - Please provide the website address of the proposed recipient.
  - Is the project for an eligible purpose and does it meet all eligibility requirements, with the exception of any Median Household Income requirements, under current law?
  - Does the entity plan to make grants to other entities from the funds provided and, if so, to whom?
  - Why is the project a priority for the district? Briefly explain the community benefits.
  - Has the project received Federal funding before and if so, how much, when, and from which agency or agencies and program(s)?
  - Have you contacted the State Rural Development Office/State Conservation Office to discuss the project and confirm eligibility? (If not, it is required to ensure project eligibility.)
  - Provide relevant information, such as the number of households, businesses, or farms that would be served.

### **Agricultural Research Service Buildings and Facilities**

- **Department:** Department of Agriculture
- **Agency:** Agricultural Research Service (ARS)
- **Description:** 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. Requests must be for ARS-owned facilities or facilities that will enhance ongoing ARS research.
- **Eligible Projects:** Eligible uses include the acquisition of land, construction, repairs, improvements, extensions, alterations, and purchases of fixed equipment

or facilities as necessary to carry out the agricultural research programs of the Department of Agriculture.

- **Details and Requirements:**

- Facility requests must be for ARS-owned facilities or for facilities that are already partnering with ARS. Universities seeking new agricultural and/or veterinary facilities or labs are not eligible.
- Requested funding for new facilities that do not have an existing ARS tie will not be considered.
- You are strongly encouraged to provide details on the research that would be conducted, why the research is a high priority, how the funding would modernize and improve the research conducted and why it is critical in carrying out ARS research.

- **Cost Guidelines:** The funding level included within the bills for this account ranged from \$500,000 to \$25,000,000. The Committee may consider different funding caps this year.

- **Resources:** Reach out to the relevant ARS facility for more information and to see whether your facility request would be eligible. If the ARS facility is unable to answer any specific questions, please contact our office.

- **Required Supplemental Questions:** The following questions are required by the Appropriations Committee for every project submitted under this account, in addition to the questions required by our office detailed on page 9.

- Please provide the website address of the proposed recipient.
- Does the entity plan to make grants to other entities from the funds provided and, if so, to whom?
- Why is the project a priority for the district? Briefly explain the community benefits.
- Has the project received Federal funding before and, if so, how much, when, and from which agency or agencies and program(s)?
- Have you contacted the State Rural Development Office/State Conservation Office to discuss the project and confirm eligibility? (If not, it is required to ensure project eligibility.)
- 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]
- Have you verified that this facility is an existing USDA-owned and operated facility? (It must be, in order to be eligible.)

## **NRCS Conservation Operations**

- **Department:** Department of Agriculture
- **Agency:** Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- **Description:** NRCS supports private landowners, conservation districts, and other organizations to conserve, maintain, and improve the Nation's natural resources.
- **Eligible Projects:** Eligible uses include projects that will 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.
- **Details and Requirements:**
  - You are strongly encouraged to provide details on the work to be done, including whether the project will conduct surveys, investigations, or research, and if there is a plan to publish the results of any such work. You should also describe any preventive measures to be taken, such as engineering operations, methods of cultivation, or changes in the use of land.
  - The Subcommittee will only consider State, local, or Tribal governments and public conservation districts as recipients. Non-profit recipients will not be considered.
- **Cost Guidelines:** The average CPF in the account averaged about \$1.3 million. The funding level included within the bill for this account ranged from \$500,000 to \$3,000,000.
- **Resources:** The New Mexico Natural Resources Conservation Service is a valuable resource to answer program questions. You can find contact information for the New Mexico office [here](#). If you are not receiving a response or they are unable to answer specific questions, please contact our office.
- **Required Supplemental Questions:** The following questions are required by the Appropriations Committee for every project submitted under this account, in addition to the questions required by our office, detailed on page 9.
  - Please provide the website address of the proposed recipient.
  - Does the entity plan to make grants to other entities from the funds provided and, if so, to whom?
  - Why is the project a priority for the district? Briefly explain the community benefits.
  - Briefly describe how the project will reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, or other objectives that will help conserve, maintain, and improve natural resources.



## ***Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Subcommittee***

You can view the FY27 Committee Guidance for the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Subcommittee [here](#) or read a detailed summary below.

### **NIST Scientific and Technical Research and Services**

- **Department:** Department of Commerce
- **Agency:** National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
- **Description:** Projects will support standards-related research and technology development.
- **Eligible Projects:** Funding must be used for activities consistent with and supportive of NIST's mission and within its authorities as defined here.
- **Details and Requirements:**
  - This account does not fund building construction or renovation.
  - Projects with non-profit recipients, such as universities, are eligible recipients.
- **Cost Guidelines:** The funding level included within the bills for this account ranged from \$250,000 to \$4,500,000. The Committee may consider different funding caps this year.
- **Resources:** Please reach out to our office if you have any questions about this account.
- **Required Supplemental Questions:** The following questions are required by the Appropriations Committee for every project submitted under this account, in addition to the questions required by our office detailed on page 9.
  - Is the recipient entity a non-profit organization as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986? [yes/no]
  - Can this project spend a smaller amount of appropriated funds within 12 months of the enactment of the appropriations act? [yes/no] If yes, please provide any details that may be helpful for understanding the scalability of the project.
  - Please provide the location of this project, in the format 'City (or County), State'. This location will be printed in the public disclosure table. Examples include: 'Hazard, KY' or if the project is not located within a city, but rather a county: 'Perry County, KY'.

### **State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance - Byrne Justice Assistance Grant**

- **Department:** Department of Justice
- **Agency:** Bureau of Justice Assistance

- **Description:** Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) projects assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement efforts to enforce laws, address violent crime, increase prosecutions, improve the criminal justice system (including the correctional system), provide victims' services, and other related activities.
- **Eligible Projects:** Funding must be for activities consistent with, and supportive of, the Office of Justice Programs' mission and aligned with one or more of the purposes described in the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152). In general, JAG funds may be used to provide additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice or civil proceedings, including for one or more of the following categories:
  - Law enforcement programs
  - Prosecution and court programs
  - Prevention and education programs
  - Corrections and community corrections programs
  - Drug treatment and enforcement programs
  - Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs
  - Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation)
  - Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams
  - Implementation of state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs, including but not limited to mental health courts, drug courts, veterans courts, and extreme risk protection order programs
  - You can go [here](#) for more information about eligible uses.
- **Details and Requirements:**
  - The Committee will not accept requests for:
    - Any security enhancements or any equipment to any nongovernmental entity that is not engaged in criminal justice or public safety
    - Vehicles
    - Luxury items
    - Real estate
    - Construction projects other than penal or correctional institutions; only smaller penal and correctional institution construction requests that are within the capability of single-year funding will be allowable
    - Initiatives that involve the distribution of drug paraphernalia

- Initiatives that undermine the 2nd Amendment or infringe upon rights guaranteed by the Constitution without due process of law
  - Initiatives that appear to be anti-law enforcement or unrelated to criminal justice
- The Committee will prioritize projects focused on improving the effectiveness of law enforcement, increasing officer safety, curbing the opioid crisis and other strategic priorities.
- You can view an [overview of the JAG program](#) or a list of Frequently Asked Questions for more information.
- Projects with non-profit recipients may be eligible, so long as the purpose is to carry out work that closely aligns with the purposes of the Byrne Justice Grants program. Such projects will be closely examined.
- Awarded grants will be subject to the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#).
- Below are the links to the Department’s guidance and frequently asked questions regarding the Byrne Justice Grants program, which may help guide you in gauging the eligibility of a proposed Byrne Justice Grants project:
  - <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/overview>
  - <https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/jag-fags.pdf>
- Allowable costs are those costs consistent with the principles set out in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E, and those permitted by the grant program’s authorizing legislation.
- **Cost Guidelines:** The funding level included within the bills for this account ranged from \$10,000 to \$4,500,000. Most projects included between \$150,000 and \$2,000,000. The Committee may consider different funding caps this year.
- **Resources:** Please reach out to our office if you have any questions about this account.
- **Required Supplemental Questions:** The following questions are required by the Appropriations Committee for every project submitted under this account, in addition to the questions required by our office detailed on page 9.
  - Is the recipient entity a non-profit organization as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986? [yes/no]
  - Can this project spend a smaller amount of appropriated funds within 12 months of the enactment of the appropriations act? [yes/no] If yes, please provide any details that may be helpful for understanding the scalability of the project.

- Is the purpose of this request the construction or renovation of a building? [yes/no]
- Please provide the location of this project, in the format 'City (or County), State'. This location will be printed in the public disclosure table. Examples include: 'Hazard, KY', or if the project is not located within a city, but rather a county: 'Perry County, KY'.

### **Community Oriented Policing Services - Technology and Equipment**

- **Department:** Department of Justice
- **Agency:** Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
- **Description:** COPS Technology and Equipment (COPS Tech) grants assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement in developing and procuring the technology and equipment needed to respond more quickly and effectively, improve officer safety, increase transparency, and enhance community relations.
- **Eligible Projects:** Funding must be aligned with the purposes of section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)). As such, the Chair will consider projects to develop and/or acquire technologies and equipment, including interoperable communications technologies, modernized criminal record technology, and forensic technology, to assist State, Tribal, and local law enforcement agencies, including by reorienting the emphasis of their activities from reacting to crime to preventing crime and training law enforcement officers to use such technologies.
- **Details and Requirements:**
  - Eligible recipients include State, Tribal, and local law enforcement agencies.
  - The Committee will not fund building construction or renovation under this account.
- **Cost Guidelines:** The funding level included within the bill for this account ranged from \$38,000 to \$4,500,000. The Committee may consider different funding caps this year.
- **Resources:** Please reach out to our office if you have any questions about this account.
- **Required Supplemental Questions:** The following questions are required by the Appropriations Committee for every project submitted under this account, in addition to the questions required by our office detailed on page 9.
  - Is the recipient entity a State, Tribal, or local law enforcement agency? [yes/no]
  - Can this project spend a smaller amount of appropriated funds within 12 months of the enactment of the appropriations act? [yes/no] If yes, please

provide any details that may be helpful for understanding the scalability of the project.

- Is the purpose of this request the construction or renovation of a building? [yes/no]
- Please provide the location of this project, in the format 'City (or County), State'. This location will be printed in the public disclosure table. Examples include: 'Hazard, KY', or if the project is not located within a city, but rather a county: 'Perry County, KY'.

### **NASA Safety, Security, and Mission Services**

- **Department:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- **Description:** This account supports science education, research, and technology development related to NASA's mission.
- **Eligible Projects:** Projects should focus on science, education, research, and technology development and advance one of the purposes described here.
- **Details and Requirements:**
  - Funding for building construction, renovation projects and medical research will not be considered for community project funding.
- **Cost Guidelines:** The funding level included within the bills for this account ranged from \$225,000 to \$9,953,000. Only two projects were included at levels above \$2,400,000. The Committee may consider different funding caps this year.
- **Resources:** Please reach out to our office if you have any questions about this account.
- **Required Supplemental Questions:** The following questions are required by the Appropriations Committee for every project submitted under this account, in addition to the questions required by our office detailed on page 9.
  - Is the recipient entity a non-profit organization as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986? [yes/no]
  - Can this project spend a smaller amount of appropriated funds within 12 months of the enactment of the appropriations act? [yes/no] If yes, please provide any details that may be helpful for understanding the scalability of the project.
  - Is the purpose of this request the construction or renovation of a building? [yes/no]
  - Please provide the location of this project, in the format 'City (or County), State'. This location will be printed in the public disclosure table. Examples include: 'Hazard, KY', or if the project is not located within a city, but rather a county: 'Perry County, KY'.

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

You can view the FY27 Committee Guidance for the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Subcommittee [here](#) or read a detailed summary below.

### **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

- **Department:** Department of Defense/U.S. Army
- **Agency:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- **Description:** This account will fund authorized Army Corps of Engineers projects. All funding will go to the Corps to undertake the project.
- **Eligible Projects:** The subcommittee will only consider community project funding requests in the following Army Corps accounts:
  - Investigations
  - Construction
  - Mississippi River and Tributaries
  - Operation and Maintenance
- **Details and Requirements:**
  - Only authorized Army Corps projects where the scope of work is included within existing authorization are eligible for funding. Please include the statutory citation when submitting the project.
  - If the project is authorized in a manner other than an individual project authorization or under the Corps of Engineers Continuing Authorities Program, please contact our office for help determining whether the project is eligible.
  - All Army Corps requests should reflect a funding amount that can be realistically utilized in Fiscal Year 2027.
  - The Subcommittee may need to focus Fiscal Year 2027 resources on making progress on ongoing projects, in order to maximize federal benefits. If so, new starts may be very limited, if included at all. While new start requests will be accepted, entities should consider this limitation when making requests.
  - The Subcommittee may need to focus Fiscal Year 2027 resources on projects in the main mission areas of the Corps (navigation, flood and storm damage reduction, environmental restoration), in order to maximize federal benefits. If so, EI projects may be very limited, if included at all. While EI requests will be accepted, entities should consider this limitation when making requests.
  - Please contact the Army Corps to discuss the project and confirm eligibility. Contact information is included in resources below. You must ask if the

work is authorized, what the statutory citation is, and what the FY2027 above-budget capability for that work is.

- For Fiscal Year 2027, the Corps will express capability by providing a range that represents a project's minimum and maximum possible capability.
- If the Corps provides a capability range prior to the release of the Fiscal Year 2027 President's budget request, any funding recommended in the budget request should be deducted from both numbers.
- **Cost Guidelines:** The funding level included within the bill for this account ranged from \$100,000 to \$425,000,000. Most projects were included between \$500,000 and \$7,000,000. Only six projects were included at \$100,000,000 or more. The Committee may consider different funding caps this year.
- **Resources:** If you need help determining whether a project is authorized or have any questions, contact the [Army Corps Albuquerque District](#). If you are not receiving a response or they are unable to answer specific questions, please contact our office.
- **Required Supplemental Questions:** The below questions are required by the Appropriations Committee for every project submitted under this account, in addition to the questions required by our office detailed on page 9.
  - What is the official project name?
  - Is the project authorized? Is the scope of work to be funded within existing authorization?
  - What is the statutory citation?
  - Is the project authorized as an individual project authorization or under the Corps of Engineers Continuing Authorities Program?
  - What is the Fiscal Year 2027 capability? This amount is the maximum funding level the Subcommittee will consider for inclusion in the appropriations bill. The existence of a capability amount does not guarantee that funding level – or any funding – will be able to be accommodated in the appropriations bill; it simply indicates the maximum amount that can be considered for inclusion.
  - What is the correct appropriations account in which to request funding?
  - Is this project a new start? The subcommittee may need to focus Fiscal Year 2027 resources on making progress on ongoing projects, in order to maximize federal benefits. If so, new starts may be very limited, if included at all. While new start requests will be accepted, you should consider this limitation when making requests.
  - Is this project an environmental infrastructure (EI) project? The subcommittee may need to focus Fiscal Year 2027 resources on projects in

the main mission areas of the Corps (navigation, flood and storm damage reduction, environmental restoration), in order to maximize federal benefits. If so, EI projects may be very limited, if included at all. While EI requests will be accepted, you should consider this limitation when making requests.

## **U.S. Bureau of Reclamation**

- **Department:** Department of Interior
- **Agency:** U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- **Description:** This account will fund authorized Bureau of Reclamation projects. All funding will go to Reclamation to undertake the project.
- **Eligible Projects:** The subcommittee will only consider Water and Related Resources projects.
- **Details and Requirements:**
  - Only authorized Reclamation projects where the scope of work is included within existing authorization are eligible for funding. Please include the statutory citation when submitting the project.
  - If the project is authorized in a manner other than an individual project authorization, please contact our office for help determining whether the project is eligible.
  - All Reclamation requests should reflect a funding amount that can be realistically utilized in Fiscal Year 2027.
  - Projects only authorized under sections 4007, 4009(a), and 4009(c) of the Water Infrastructure Improvements Act for the Nation (WIIN) Act of 2016 will not be accepted. These sections are related to water storage and desalination projects, as well as planning, design and construction for projects that have been studied in nonfederal feasibility studies; you can find more information about these sections here.
  - Please contact the Bureau of Reclamation to discuss the project and confirm eligibility. Contact information is included in resources below.
- **Cost Guidelines:** The funding level included within the bill for this account ranged from \$4,098,000 to \$5,500,000. The Committee may consider different funding caps this year.
- **Resources:** If you need help determining whether a project is authorized or have any questions, contact the [Bureau of Reclamation's Albuquerque Area Office](#). If you are not receiving a response or they are unable to answer specific questions, please contact our office.

- **Required Supplemental Questions:** The below questions are required by the Appropriations Committee for every project submitted under this account, in addition to the questions required by our office detailed on page 9.
  - What is the official project name?
  - Is the project authorized?
  - Is the scope of work to be funded within existing authorization?
  - What is the statutory citation?
  - What is the Fiscal Year 2027 capability? This amount is the maximum funding level the Subcommittee will consider for inclusion in the appropriations bill. The existence of a capability amount does not guarantee that funding level – or any funding – will be able to be accommodated in the appropriations bill; it simply indicates the maximum amount that can be considered for inclusion.
  - For a Bureau of Reclamation project, is this project authorized only under section 4007, 4009(a), or 4009(c) of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–322)? If YES, the project is not eligible as a Community Project Funding request in the Energy and Water Development appropriations bill.

## *Homeland Security Subcommittee*

You can view the FY27 Committee Guidance for the Homeland Security Subcommittee [here](#) or read a detailed summary below.

### **Pre-Disaster Mitigation Projects**

- **Department:** Department of Homeland Security
- **Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency
- **Description:** This account will fund projects that assist state, local, Tribal, and territorial governments with planning and implementing sustainable, cost-effective measures to provide long-term, permanent risk reduction to individuals and property from future natural hazards, such as floods and wildfires, while reducing reliance on federal funding for future disasters.
- **Eligible Projects:** Eligible projects must meet all project requirements detailed in the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program.
- **Details and Requirements:**
  - You cannot use grant funding for dredging waterways or the purchase of emergency vehicles and equipment.
  - You must provide a letter from New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management confirming project eligibility and their willingness to administer the grant.
  - New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management or the Tribal government requesting the funds must submit an application to FEMA and serve as the administrative agent for the grant on behalf of the entities responsible for the project (grant subrecipients).
  - Funding can only cover 75 percent of the total cost of the project – the remaining 25 percent of costs must come from non-federal sources. Small, impoverished communities may be eligible for up to a 90 percent federal cost-share for their mitigation planning and project sub-applications. The non-federal cost-share contribution is based on the total cost of the proposed activity.
  - Please provide a detailed description of the project.
  - You will need to provide a Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) or other documentation that validates cost-effectiveness, which is defined by FEMA as having a BCA of 1.0 or greater. A non-FEMA BCA methodology may only be used if pre-approved by FEMA in writing.
  - Please share the minimum amount of federal funding needed for the project to advance if it is not feasible to fund the full amount requested.

- **Cost Guidelines:** The funding level included within the bill for this account ranged between \$75,000 and \$10,000,000 for individual PDM grants. The Committee may consider different funding caps this year.
- **Resources:** You can reach out to New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for more information. If you are not receiving a response or they are unable to answer specific questions, please contact our office.
- **Required Supplemental Questions:** The below questions are required by the Appropriations Committee for every project submitted under this account, in addition to the questions required by our office detailed on page 9.
  - Please upload a letter from the appropriate State or Territorial Administrative Agency, or Tribal government, confirming project eligibility and their willingness to administer the grant.
  - Please upload letters of support from local government entities demonstrating community support for the project(s).
  - Is the proposed project eligible under the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the PDM grant program?
  - Can the requesting jurisdiction provide the required non-federal cost share (25% of total eligible activity costs, or 10% for small, impoverished communities), as detailed in the NOFO?
  - If less than the requested amount is 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 Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) or other documentation that validates cost-effectiveness, which is defined by FEMA as having a BCA of 1.0 or greater? A non-FEMA BCA methodology may only be used if preapproved by FEMA in writing.
  - Consistent with the NOFO for PDM grants, is the proposed activity consistent with the goals and objectives in both the state or tribal hazard mitigation plan (44 CFR Part 201) and the local hazard mitigation plan of the jurisdiction in which the project is located?
  - If so, what is the FEMA approval date and when will the plan expire?
  - Have you office confirmed the funding request does not include unallowable activities for PDM grants (e.g., dredging waterways; the purchase of emergency vehicles and equipment)?
  - Describe how the proposed activity expands mitigation capacity rather than repair and maintenance of existing capacity.

- How will the project provide long-term, permanent risk-reduction, as opposed to simply supporting short-term, temporary emergency protective measures?
- Can the recipient describe how the activity supports the needs of people disproportionately at risk of harmful impacts of natural disasters?
- 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 natural hazards after project implementation (i.e., residual risk)?
- How does the activity reduce the risk to individuals and property for future natural hazards, while reducing reliance on federal funding for future disasters?
- Has the project been submitted, selected, or awarded funding in current or previous PreDisaster Mitigation (PDM), Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), or Hazard Mitigation Grant Program fiscal year grant cycles?
- If so, what is the subgrant ID, or which grant program and fiscal year was the application submitted, selected, or awarded funding?
- Have you consulted with state, county, or local emergency management officials, or with FEMA about the proposed project? If so, please provide the name of the official, the agency they represent, and their contact information.

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

- **Department:** Department of Homeland Security
- **Agency:** Federal Emergency Management Agency
- **Description:** This account will fund projects that improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure, strategically located, and fully interoperable Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) with a focus on addressing identified deficiencies and needs.
- **Eligible Projects:** Eligible projects must meet all project requirements detailed in the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Emergency Operations Center Grant Program. Funding can be used to equip, upgrade and/or construct EOCs to provide fully capable facilities to ensure continuity of operations and continuity of government in major disasters or emergencies.

- **Details and Requirements:**
  - EOC is defined as a “facility or capability from which direction and control is exercised in an emergency. This type of center or capability is designated to ensure that the capacity exists for leadership to direct and control operations from a centralized facility or capability in the event of an emergency.”
  - Funding cannot be used for personnel costs, replacement radios for police, fire and other response personnel, generators for emergency shelters or any equipment that is portable and does not directly support the functional and operational capabilities of an EOC.
  - You must provide a letter from New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management confirming project eligibility and their willingness to administer the grant.
  - If the EOC request involves construction of a multipurpose facility, such as a public safety building or police/fire station, the CPF request must limit costs to only the square footage directly associated with the EOC and not the entire facility.
  - New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management or the Tribal government requesting the funds must submit an application to FEMA and serve as the administrative agent for the grant on behalf of the entities responsible for the project (grant subrecipients).
  - Funding can only cover 75 percent of the total cost of the project – the remaining 25 percent of costs must come from non-federal sources.
  - Please provide a detailed description of the project.
- **Cost Guidelines:** The funding level included within the bill for this account ranged between \$89,000 and \$3,000,000 for individual EOC grants. The Committee may consider different funding caps this year.
- **Resources:** You can reach out to New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for more information. If you are not receiving a response or they are unable to answer specific questions, please contact our office.
- **Required Supplemental Questions:** The below questions are required by the Appropriations Committee for every project submitted under this account, in addition to the questions required by our office detailed on page 9.
  - Please upload a letter from the appropriate State or Territorial Administrative Agency, or Tribal government, confirming project eligibility and their willingness to administer the grant.

- Please upload letters of support from local government entities demonstrating community support for the project(s).
- Is the proposed project eligible under the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program?
- Is the requested federal funding amount limited to a maximum of 75% of the total project cost?
- Can the requesting jurisdiction provide the required 25% non-federal cost share?
- If less than the requested amount is provided as the federal share, would additional state, local, or other eligible funding sources be available to support the project?
- Have you reviewed the funding restrictions and allowable costs section of the NOFO for EOC grants?
- Have you confirmed the funding request does not include unallowable activities for EOC grants (e.g., personnel costs; replacement radios for police, fire, and other response personnel; generators for emergency shelters; any equipment that is portable and does not directly support the functional and operational capabilities of an EOC)?
- Is the proposed project related to a structure or facility that meets the definition of an EOC, to include supporting incident management (on-scene) operations across multiple functional disciplines and/or jurisdictions?
- For EOC projects that involve construction or upgrading of multipurpose facilities, such as public safety facilities, police/fire stations, etc., EOC grants may only be used for those parts of the facility that are directly associated with the EOC. Does the requested federal funding amount reflect the proportionate facility construction cost, which is generally based on the square footage (floor space) of the EOC compared to the square footage of the entire facility?
- Have you consulted with state, county, or local emergency management officials, or with FEMA about the proposed project?
- If so, please provide the name of the official, the agency they represent, and their contact information.

## ***Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Subcommittee***

You can view the FY27 Committee Guidance for the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Subcommittee [here](#) or read a detailed summary below.

### **State and Tribal Assistance Grants – Clean Water State Revolving Fund**

- **Department:** Environmental Protection Agency
- **Description:** State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) fund local clean water/wastewater infrastructure projects.
- **Eligible Projects:** These grants fund construction of and modifications to municipal sewage treatment plants and associated infrastructure. Please review the EPA's [Overview of Clean Water State Revolving Fund Eligibilities](#) guidelines. Projects that are generally eligible for Clean Water/Wastewater STAG grants include:
  - Wastewater treatment plants, including sludge handling facilities - Upgraded (increase in treatment level) or expanded (increase in treatment capacity) facilities, including biological facilities, mechanical, a lagoon system, a land treatment system, or individual on-site systems.
  - Collector Sewers - Small sewers that convey wastewater from residences, commercial establishments, and industrial sites to larger interceptor sewers.
  - Interceptor Sewers - Large sewers that convey wastewater from collector sewers directly to a wastewater treatment facility.
  - Sewer Pipes - Rehabilitation is eligible only if pipes are publicly owned.
  - Outfall Sewer - A sewer that conveys treated wastewater from a wastewater treatment facility to the receiving waters (i.e., a river, stream, lake, ocean, etc.).
  - Stormwater Management - Measures to manage, reduce, treat, or recapture stormwater or subsurface drainage water (i.e. storm sewers, green infrastructure, etc.).
  - Combined sewer overflow (CSO) control and sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) control - Combined sewers are sewers that convey both wastewater and storm water and may overflow during periods of heavy rain. The costs to correct CSO and SSO overflow problems are eligible.
  - Infiltration/Inflow Correction - Construction activities that prevent surface water or groundwater from entering the sewer system.
  - Water Security - These projects include installation or upgrade of physical security infrastructure such as lighting, fencing, monitoring and access

control. Also, cybersecurity measures, installation of safer treatment technologies, and more secure storage of on-site treatment.

- Septic Tanks - Remediation, rehabilitation, removal and replacement of failing tanks are eligible, as well as installation of new tanks where none had previously existed.
- Land - The leasing and fee-simple purchase of land, including surface and subsurface easements, needed to locate eligible municipal or tribal projects, and land integral to the treatment process (e.g., land for effluent application or recharge basins), and a place to store equipment and material during POTW construction. Municipal purchase of land and/or conservation easements for source water protection are also eligible.
- Water Reuse - Projects involving the municipal reuse or recycling of wastewater, stormwater, or subsurface drainage water. This includes but is not limited to the purchase and installation of treatment equipment sufficient to meet reuse standards, distribution systems to support effluent reuse, recharge transmission lines, injection wells, and equipment to reuse effluent (e.g., gray water, condensate, and wastewater effluent reuse systems).
- Capital Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects – e.g., river or streambank restoration, agricultural best management practices (i.e., buffer strips, manure containment structures), wetlands restoration, etc.
- **Details and Requirements:**
  - Projects must be otherwise eligible for New Mexico’s Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan program.
  - Projects that are generally NOT eligible for Clean Water/Wastewater STAG grants include:
    - Land, except for projects described in the eligibility section above
    - Operations and maintenance costs
    - Non-municipal point source control
    - Acid rain drainage correction
    - Ambient water quality monitoring
    - Flood control projects, unless the project is otherwise managing, reducing, treating, or recapturing stormwater
    - Privately owned sewer pipes
  - Projects solely for flood control, including construction or rehabilitation of dams, are not eligible. It is possible for an eligible project to have a flood control benefit, but the project must achieve a water quality benefit, which must be specified in the Member office submission. For example, a

stormwater pump to direct water to a stormwater treatment plant is eligible, but a stormwater pump to move water to another location without treatment is not eligible.

- Projects for the sole purpose of irrigation are only eligible if the project uses reclaimed water from wastewater, stormwater, or subsurface drainage water.
- Projects for the sole purpose of fire protection or suppression are not eligible. It is possible for an eligible project to have a fire suppression benefit, as water systems are typically designed to accommodate fire flow demands, but the primary purpose of the project must be for the provision of safe drinking water.
- The cost of road repairs is eligible in limited circumstances to the extent that such repairs are required to undertake the CPF water quality improvement project. Road construction for transportation improvements or flood mitigation (such as redirecting drainage or channeling flows) is not eligible.
- **There is a minimum 20% non-federal cost share requirement for any portion of a project funded through a STAG infrastructure grant.** In almost all cases, other Federal funds cannot be used to meet this 20% cost share. However, assistance provided by a SRF does count towards the project's matching requirement.
- The Committee will look favorably upon requests for projects that are listed on a state's most recent Intended Use Plans for their Clean Water SRFs.
- Privately-owned projects are NOT eligible for infrastructure grants, even if they are otherwise eligible for assistance under a SRF program.
- Ongoing operations and maintenance is not an eligible CPF expense and should not be included in the requested project amount.
- The Committee will not fund projects or the portion of a project, for the direct benefit of resorts, golf courses, athletic fields, park amenities, gardens, or similar projects.
- Non-profits will be considered on a limited basis at the discretion of the Chairman. Many water projects often partner with non-profit entities to complete projects. Therefore, the Chairman will consider, on a limited basis, projects that are directed to non-profits with an inherently governmental function
- Each project request must be for FY 2027 funds only and cannot include a request for multiyear funding.

- **Cost Guidelines:** The funding level included within the bill for this account ranged from \$100,000 - \$5,000,000. The Committee may consider different funding caps this year.
- **Resources:** Please reach out to our office if you have any questions about this account.
- **Required Supplemental Questions:** The below questions are required by the Appropriations Committee for every project submitted under this account, in addition to the questions required by our office detailed on page 9.
  - Is this a Clean Water SRF project or a Drinking Water SRF project?
  - Is the project on your State's most recently finalized Clean Water/Drinking Water SRF Intended Use Plan (IUP)?
  - Has the project received Federal funds previously? If so, please describe.
  - Does the project have (or expects to have within 12 months) its 20% cost share requirement?
  - Given the Federal nexus requirement, does the project help meet or maintain Clean Water Act/Safe Drinking Water Act standards? If so, please describe.

#### **State and Tribal Assistance Grants – Drinking Water State Revolving Fund**

- **Department:** Environmental Protection Agency
- **Description:** State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) fund local drinking water infrastructure projects.
- **Eligible Projects:** These grants fund construction of and modifications to drinking water treatment plants and associated infrastructure. Projects that are generally eligible for Drinking Water STAG grants include:
  - Facilitate compliance with national primary drinking water regulations or address serious risks to public health including non-regulated contaminants (i.e. PFAS).
  - Rehabilitate or develop water sources (excluding reservoirs, dams, dam rehabilitation and water rights) to replace contaminated sources.
  - Install or upgrade treatment facilities.
  - Install or upgrade storage facilities, including finished water reservoirs, to prevent microbiological contaminants from entering the water system.
  - Install or replace transmission and distribution pipes to prevent contamination caused by leaks or breaks in the pipe, or improve water pressure to safe levels.
  - Projects to consolidate water supplies – for example, when individual homes or other public water supplies have a water supply that is

contaminated, or the system is unable to maintain compliance for financial or managerial reasons – are eligible for DWSRF assistance.

- Land is eligible only if it is integral to a project that is needed to meet or maintain compliance and further public health protection.
- Project planning, design and other related costs.

- **Details and Requirements:**

- Projects must be otherwise eligible for New Mexico's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan programs.
- Projects that are generally NOT eligible for Drinking Water STAG grants include:
  - Dams or rehabilitation of dams
  - Operations and maintenance costs
  - Water rights, except if the water rights are owned by a system that is being purchased through consolidation as part of a capacity development strategy or if the water rights purchase is covered by EPA's DWSRF Class Deviation for Water Rights 2019
  - Reservoirs, except for finished water reservoirs and those reservoirs that are part of the treatment process and are located on the property where the treatment facility is located
  - Laboratory fees for monitoring
  - Projects needed mainly for fire protection
  - Projects for systems that lack adequate technical, managerial, and financial capability, unless assistance will ensure compliance
  - Projects for systems in significant noncompliance, unless funding will ensure compliance
  - Projects primarily intended to serve future growth
- Projects solely for flood control, including construction or rehabilitation of dams, are not eligible. It is possible for an eligible project to have a flood control benefit, but the project must achieve a water quality benefit, which must be specified in the Member office submission. For example, a stormwater pump to direct water to a stormwater treatment plant is eligible, but a stormwater pump to move water to another location without treatment is not eligible.
- Projects for the sole purpose of irrigation are only eligible if the project uses reclaimed water from wastewater, stormwater, or subsurface drainage water.
- Projects for the sole purpose of fire protection or suppression are not eligible. It is possible for an eligible project to have a fire suppression

benefit, as water systems are typically designed to accommodate fire flow demands, but the primary purpose of the project must be for the provision of safe drinking water.

- The cost of road repairs is eligible in limited circumstances to the extent that such repairs are required to undertake the CPF water quality improvement project. Road construction for transportation improvements or flood mitigation (such as redirecting drainage or channeling flows) is not eligible.
  - Drinking water infrastructure projects must serve the public health needs of the existing population. A project may be sized for a reasonable amount of population growth over the useful life of the project. However, a drinking water project may not be for the purpose of anticipating or attracting future growth or development. Clean water infrastructure projects do not have this restriction.
  - Ongoing operations and maintenance is not an eligible CPF expense and should not be included in the requested project amount.
  - **There is a minimum 20% non-federal cost share requirement for any portion of a project funded through a STAG infrastructure grant.** In almost all cases, other Federal funds cannot be used to meet this 20% cost share. However, assistance provided by a SRF does count towards the project's matching requirement.
  - The Committee will look favorably upon requests for projects that are listed on a state's most recent Intended Use Plans for their Drinking Water SRFs.
  - Privately-owned projects are NOT eligible for infrastructure grants, even if they are otherwise eligible for assistance under a SRF program.
  - The Committee will not fund projects or the portion of a project, for the direct benefit of resorts, golf courses, athletic fields, park amenities, gardens, or similar projects.
  - Non-profits will be considered on a limited basis at the discretion of the Chairman. Many water projects often partner with non-profit entities to complete projects. Therefore, the Chairman will consider, on a limited basis, projects that are directed to non-profits with an inherently governmental function.
  - Each project request must be for FY 2027 funds only and cannot include a request for multiyear funding.
- **Cost Guidelines:** The funding level included within the bill for this account ranged from \$100,000 - \$5,000,000. The Committee may consider different funding caps this year.

- **Resources:** Please reach out to our office if you have any questions about this account.
- **Required Supplemental Questions:** The below questions are required by the Appropriations Committee for every project submitted under this account, in addition to the questions required by our office detailed on page 9.
  - Is this a Clean Water SRF project or a Drinking Water SRF project?
  - Is the project on your State's most recently finalized Clean Water/Drinking Water SRF Intended Use Plan (IUP)?
  - Has the project received Federal funds previously? If so, please describe.
  - Does the project have (or expects to have within 12 months) its 20% cost share requirement?
  - Given the Federal nexus requirement, does the project help meet or maintain Clean Water Act/Safe Drinking Water Act standards? If so, please describe.

## ***Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee***

You can view the FY27 Committee Guidance for the Labor, Health And Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee [here](#) or read a detailed summary below.

### **Health Resources and Services Administration**

- **Department:** Health Resources and Services Administration
- **Description:** HRSA funds the construction of health facilities or the purchase of health equipment.
- **Eligible Projects:** These grants fund health-related activities, including training and information technology and the construction and renovation (including equipment) of health care and other facilities.
  - Purchase and equip an ambulance.
  - Replace patient beds.
  - Purchase MRI and CT equipment.
  - Build out a behavioral health wing.
- **Details and Requirements:**
  - CPF requests must include a basic budget that clearly describes how the funds will be used for specific purposes to achieve the project's goals.
  - HRSA CPF recipients may not sub-grant to other organizations or agencies.
  - Eligible entities include:
    - State, local, and Tribal governments.
    - Non-profit entities that are: (1) certified rural health clinics, (2) Federally Qualified Health Centers, (3) designated Critical Access Hospitals; or (4) hospitals located in areas that meet HRSA's definition of rural:  
<https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/about-us/definition/index.html>.
  - The following entities are NOT eligible, according to House Republican rules:
    - Entities that perform or promote abortions, including providing referrals, counseling, lobbying, and training related to abortions; furnish or develop any item intended to procure abortions; or provide financial support for such entities. The exceptions described in section 507(a) of division B of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (P.L. 119–75) shall apply.
    - Entities that conduct research using embryonic stem cells (if such tissue is obtained pursuant to an induced abortion) or human germline gene modification.

- Entities that facilitate, promote access to, or refer for psychological, behavioral, or medical interventions performed for the purposes of intentionally changing the body of an individual (including by disrupting the body's development, inhibiting its natural functions, or modifying its appearance) to no longer correspond to the individual's biological sex.
- 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, if 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, software licenses or operating fees are NOT eligible.
  - The costs of expendable supplies such as pharmaceuticals, lab chemicals, or office paper are NOT eligible.
- HRSA Health Facilities funding CANNOT be used to acquire land or purchase existing buildings, or to pay salaries or other operating costs. Funding cannot be used to pay for work previously completed. CPF requests can be used for architectural and engineering costs associated with an eligible construction project but cannot be used for general feasibility studies.
- If the CPF recipient's construction project is expected to begin imminently, please note that CPF construction projects must adhere to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) / National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requirements prior to initiating any physical preparation, demolition, alteration and renovation, or construction related to the project. CPF recipients should be sure they are accounting for time for application submission and review, award issuance, and resolution of conditions on the award, including NEPA/NHPA requirements, prior to starting the project.
- Each project request must be for FY2027 funds only and cannot include a request for multiyear funding.
- **Cost Guidelines:** This is a new account, so there is no funding history for the account.
- **Resources:** Please reach out to our office if you have any questions about this account.

- **Required Supplemental Questions:** The below questions are required by the Appropriations Committee for every project submitted under this account, in addition to the questions required by our office detailed on page 9.
  - Do you affirm that the intended recipient of community project funding is an eligible recipient under LHHS CPF guidelines?
  - Why is the project a priority for the district? Briefly explain the community benefits.
  - Has the project received federal funding before and, if so, how much, when and from which agencies and program(s)?
  - What is the Employer Identification Number (EIN) for the recipient organization?
  - Please provide a budget breakdown of this project – maximum of 10 budget categories (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.
  - If the request does not fully fund the project, 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.

## ***Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Subcommittee***

You can view the FY27 Committee Guidance for the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Subcommittee [here](#) or read a detailed summary below.

### **Military Construction Accounts**

- **Department:** Department of Defense
- **Description:** This account provides funding for construction of military projects.
- **Eligible Projects:** Projects must be included under one of the following categories:
  - **Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction – Active Components:** Eligible community project requests include minor military construction projects that have an approved cost equal to or less than \$9,000,000 under any of the following accounts:
    - Army
    - Navy and Marine Corps
    - Air Force
    - Space Force
    - Defense-Wide Agencies (Special Operations Command (SOCOM), Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), etc.)
  - **Construction – Reserve Components:** Eligible Community Project Funding requests include construction for Reserve Components in the accounts listed below. Note: 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 matching funds. The Committee will not waive match requirements.
    - Army National Guard
    - Air National Guard
    - Army Reserve
    - Navy Reserve
    - Air Force Reserve
  - **Planning and Design:** Planning and design funding can be requested for specific projects when they are not yet at 35 percent design and therefore ineligible for construction funding. The types of projects under this heading include improving facility resilience, study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services for the accounts listed below:
    - Army
    - Navy and Marine Corps
    - Air Force
    - Space Force

- Defense-Wide Agencies (SOCOM, DHA, etc.)
  - Army National Guard
  - Air National Guard
  - Army Reserve
  - Navy Reserve
  - Air Force Reserve
- **Details and Requirements:**
  - Eligible Community Project Funding requests are those that are submitted to Congress by DoD, the Services, and Combatant Commanders. Sources include:
    - Unfunded Requirements/Unfunded Priorities Lists (UFR/UPL) – UFRs/UPLs are lists that the Services and Combatant Commanders provide to Congress identifying priority projects that were not included in the President’s budget request. UFRs/UPLs are available to Congress within ten days of the release of the President’s budget and can be found by contacting the Armed Services’ Congressional Liaison Offices.
    - Future Year Defense Program (FYDP) – The FYDP is a projection of the forces, resources, and programs needed to support DoD operations over a five-year period. The FYDP is released simultaneously with the President’s budget request. The FY26-30 FYDP listing the military construction projects that may be eligible for Community Project Funding in FY27 can be obtained through the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) website: <https://comptroller.defense.gov/Budget-Materials/>. Projects suggested by an installation or unit commander that are not included on one of the lists above will not be accepted.
  - Some Reserve Component projects will 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 committee cannot waive match requirements.
  - If the project is included in the President’s budget request, it should not be submitted as Community Project Funding.
  - To be eligible for the construction accounts, requested projects must have at least 35 percent of its design completed and be able to obligate funds in Fiscal Year 2027. Projects cannot be for multiyear funding.

- If projects have not been previously authorized, requests must also be submitted to the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2027 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Previous authorizations expire after three fiscal years.
- All projects must have a corresponding DD Form 1391, which is used by DoD to submit requirements and justifications in support of funding requests for military construction to Congress. Our office can help you acquire this document.
- The Committee will note given anticipated demand and already oversubscription for Community Project Funding we encourage offices to submit, and the subcommittee intends to prioritize Community Project Funding requests below \$50,000,000. Requests above that threshold will be difficult to fund as there are several variables affecting the Committee's ability to fund large projects.
- **Cost Guidelines:** The funding level included within the bill for this account ranged from \$600,000 to \$109,000,000. Most projects were included at levels under \$10,000,000; only two projects were included at amounts greater than \$36,000,000. The Committee may consider different funding caps this year.
- **Resources:** Please reach out to our office if you have any questions about this account.
- **Required Supplemental Questions:** The below questions are required by the Appropriations Committee for every project submitted under this account, in addition to the questions required by our office detailed on page 9.
  - Which Service is the project for?
  - Project Title.
  - Amount Requested for FY27.
  - Program (Is the funding request for construction, unspecified minor construction, or planning and design?)
  - Project Location (State/Territory Title)
  - Installation Name (Location Title)
  - Is the project on the FY26-FY30 FYDP? If so, which fiscal year?
  - Is the project on a FY27 Service or Combatant Command unfunded requirements/unfunded priorities list (UFRs/UPLs)?
  - Does the project have a DD Form 1391?
  - If a Reserve Component project, does it require a State funding match?
  - Is this project at or above 35% design complete?
  - Can the project funds be obligated in FY27?

- Has a corresponding request been submitted to HASC for inclusion in the FY27 NDAA? If a project was previously authorized in a NDAA, please provide the fiscal year.

## ***Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee***

You can view the FY27 Committee Guidance for the Transportation, House and Urban Development and Related Agencies Subcommittee [here](#) or read a detailed summary below.

### **Airport Improvement Program**

- **Department:** Department of Transportation
- **Agency:** Federal Aviation Administration
- **Description:** AIP community project funding requests are intended to enhance airport safety, capacity, and security, and address environmental issues.
- **Eligible Projects:** Eligible projects include those improvements related to enhancing airport safety, capacity, security, and environmental concerns. In general, sponsors can get AIP funds for most airfield capital improvements or rehabilitation projects and in some specific situations, for terminals, hangars, and nonaviation development. Certain professional services that are necessary for eligible projects (such as planning, surveying, and design) can also be eligible.

Examples of eligible projects include:

- Runway, taxiway or apron construction/rehabilitation
- Airfield lighting or signage
- Airfield drainage
- Land acquisition
- Weather observation stations (AWOS)
- NAVAIDs such as REILs and PAPIs
- Planning or environmental studies
- Safety area improvements
- Airport layout plans (ALPs)
- Access roads located entirely on airport property
- Removing, lowering, moving, marking and lighting hazards
- Glycol Recovery Trucks/Glycol Vacuum Trucks, if owned and operated by the airport and bought under Buy American Preference requirements
- **Details and Requirements:**
  - Ineligible projects include:
    - Operational costs, such as salaries, equipment, and supplies
    - Maintenance equipment and vehicles
    - Office and office equipment
    - Fuel farms, except certain projects at some non-primary airports
    - Landscaping
    - Artworks

- Aircraft hangars, except certain projects at some non-primary airports
  - Industrial park development
  - Marketing plans
  - Training
  - Improvements for commercial enterprises
  - Maintenance or repairs of buildings
- AIP grants have cost share requirements:
  - For large and medium primary hub airports, the grant covers 75 percent of eligible costs (or 80 percent for noise program implementation)
  - For small primary, reliever, and general aviation airports, the grant covers a range of 90-95 percent of eligible costs, based on statutory requirements.
  - Specific cost share requirements should be understood by the grantee, and verified by the FAA Regional District Office, along with other requirements to receive FAA funding.
- The project must meet federal requirements, including Buy America and the National Environmental Policy Act.
- You can read more about AIP requirements here.
- Please reach out to the local FAA office to ensure project eligibility.
- **Cost Guidelines:** The funding level included within the bill for this account ranged from \$300,000 to \$36,457,732. Most projects were included at levels between \$500,000 and \$7,000,000. Only two projects were included at levels greater than \$9,000,000. The Committee may consider different funding caps this year.
- **Resources:** FAA's [Southwest Regional Airports Division](#) is a valuable resource to answer program questions. If you are not receiving a response or they are unable to answer specific questions, please contact our office.
- **Required Supplemental Questions:** The below questions are required by the Appropriations Committee for every project submitted under this account, in addition to the questions required by our office detailed on page 9.
  - Airport Recipient and Project Name.
    - EXAMPLE: Rehabilitate runway. Airport Name (3 letter or number airport code), City, State (2 letter postal code). NOTE: This description may be used to list the project in the House report and should be as accurate as possible to ensure that the funding is provided to the correct project and location.
  - General description of the project and why it is needed.

- Has the airport sponsor provided assurances that the project is eligible under AIP statutes? Airport sponsors should engage with their Federal Aviation Administration Airport District Offices to ensure eligibility under statutory requirements.
- What are the benefits of this project and why is it a priority?
- Amount requested for the Community Project Funding for Fiscal Year 2027, and the total project cost.
- 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? What is the source and amount of those funds?
- Has the airport submitted a grant application for this same project to FAA?

### **Highway Infrastructure Projects**

- **Department:** Department of Transportation
- **Agency:** Federal Highway Administration
- **Description:** This account will fund projects eligible under the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, as amended by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
- **Eligible Projects:** Eligible projects include:
  - Construction of highways, bridges, tunnels, ferry boats and terminals
  - Transit capital projects
  - Infrastructure-based intelligent transportation systems capital improvements, including the installation of vehicle-to-infrastructure communication equipment
  - Truck parking facilities
  - Border infrastructure projects
  - Wildlife crossing structures
  - Operational improvements and capital and operating costs for traffic monitoring, management, and control facilities and programs
  - Highway and transit safety infrastructure improvements and programs
  - Recreational trails projects including maintenance and restoration of existing recreational trails, pedestrian and bicycle projects, and modifications to comply with accessibility requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act
  - Several other eligible projects as detailed in section E of this FHWA memorandum
- **Details and Requirements:**

- All projects must be capital projects or project-specific planning/design for a capital project.
- All projects must be supported by the state or Tribal government that would administer the project. Inclusion in a Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) would satisfy this requirement.
- Only state, local, or Tribal entities are eligible to request funding under this account.
- Highway Infrastructure Projects have a non-Federal cost share requirement calculated on a sliding scale. The standard federal share is 90% for a project on the Interstate system and 80% for any other project, but there are a number of exceptions and adjustments to the standard federal share that can be found here.
- The project must meet federal requirements, including Buy America and the National Environmental Policy Act.
- The subcommittee will not fund activities that are administrative in nature even if they are eligible expenses under the statutory citation, including general operating expenses. These include general operating expenses and planning activities required under sections 134 and 135 of title 23, United States Code.
- Please reach out to the New Mexico State Department of Transportation to ensure your project meets eligibility requirements.
- **Cost Guidelines:** The funding level included within the bill for this account ranged from \$145,335 to \$42,000,000. Most projects ranged from \$500,000 to \$5,000,000. Only four projects were included at levels greater than \$15,000,000. The Committee may consider different funding caps this year.
- **Resources:** Please reach out to the New Mexico State Department of Transportation (NMDOT) if you have any questions about this account. If you are not receiving a response or they are unable to answer specific questions, please contact our office.
- **Required Supplemental Questions:** The below questions are required by the Appropriations Committee for every project submitted under this account, in addition to the questions required by our office detailed on page 9.
  - Description and benefits of the project and why it is needed
  - Type of project eligible under 23 USC 133 (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program); 23 USC 201 (Federal Lands and Tribal Transportation Programs); 23 USC 202 (Tribal Transportation Program); or 23 USC 165 (Territorial and Puerto Rico Highway Program).

- NOTE: Choose from subsections 1-24 of 23 USC 133; or 23 USC 201, 23 USC 202, or 23 USC 165.
- If the request is for a phase of a larger project, describe all other phases and how this request relates to the entire project.
- Please provide a history of federal funding for the project, if any. Include both formula funds and any discretionary grants.
  - EXAMPLE: FY20 TIGER/BUILD Grant: \$10 million; FHWA Formula Funds: \$5 million.
- Does the project have other public (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?
- Is the project on a STIP or a TIP? If yes, please provide a link to the plan.

### **Transit Infrastructure Projects**

- **Department:** Department of Transportation
- **Agency:** Federal Transit Administration
- **Description:** This account funds transit capital projects or project-specific planning for a transit capital project.
- **Eligible Projects:** Transit Infrastructure Projects are public transportation capital projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code:
  - Replacing, rehabilitating, purchasing, or leasing buses or related equipment
  - Rehabilitating, purchasing, constructing, or leasing bus-related facilities
  - Acquiring or leasing low or no emission vehicles
  - Constructing, rehabilitating or leasing facilities and related equipment to accommodate low or no emission vehicles
  - Acquiring, constructing, supervising, or inspecting equipment or a facility for use in public transportation
  - Expenses incidental to the acquisition or construction (including designing, engineering, location surveying, mapping, and acquiring rights-of-way)
  - Transit-related intelligent transportation systems
  - Relocation assistance, acquiring replacement housing sites, and acquiring, constructing, relocating and rehabilitating replacement housing
  - Rehabilitating or remanufacturing a bus
  - Overhauling rail rolling stock
  - Preventative maintenance
  - Leasing equipment or a facility for use in public transportation, in certain circumstances

- Certain public transportation improvements, including commercial and residential development, pedestrian and bicycle access to a public transportation facility, construction, renovation, and improvement of intercity bus and intercity rail stations and terminals, and the renovation and improvement of historic transportation facilities
- **Details and Requirements:**
  - Public transportation or transit is defined 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, including general operating expenses. These include but are not limited to general operating expenses, joint development projects, and planning activities authorized under sections 5303, 5304, and 5305 of title 49, United States Code.
  - For capital projects, eligible planning expenses are limited to pre-construction activities such as final design, engineering, location surveying, mapping, and acquiring right of way (ROWs).
  - The project must meet federal requirements, including Buy America and the National Environmental Policy Act.
  - In general, transit capital projects typically require a 20 percent non-federal share. This may vary depending on the project.
  - Projects must be supported by the state, local governmental authority, or Tribal government that would administer the project. Inclusion in a Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) would satisfy this requirement.
  - Projects must be sponsored by designated or direct recipients, States (including territories and the District of Columbia), local, or tribal governmental authorities.
  - 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. Any projects for which the sponsor is seeking or will seek a CIG grant will not be considered.

- **Cost Guidelines:** The funding level included within the bill for this account ranged from \$320,000 to \$4,880,000. The Committee may consider different funding caps this year.
- **Resources:** Please reach out to our office if you have any questions about this account.
- **Required Supplemental Questions:** The following questions are required by the Appropriations Committee for every project submitted under this account, in addition to the questions required by our office detailed on page 9.
  - Project Name. Provide a short name by which the project may be identified, including a very brief description of what the funds will be used for and the project's location. The project name and location will be used to list the project in the House Report and must be accurate to ensure funds are provided to the correct project and location. Any changes after enactment will require additional legislative action. EXAMPLE: West Elm Paratransit Fleet Replacement, City, State, Congressional District.
  - Project Recipient. EXAMPLE: West Elm Public Transportation Authority
  - General description and scope of project, including benefits and explanation for why project is a priority. EXAMPLE: The West Elm Paratransit Fleet Replacement will replace 12 gasoline powered cutaway paratransit vehicles with 12 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) paratransit vehicles in the city of Green Bay to accommodate the most vulnerable population. The gasoline buses are at or beyond their useful life. The funding will also be used to install a CNG fueling station located at the West Elm's maintenance facility. The new CNG paratransit vehicles will require training current employees on this new technology in order to assist with operations and maintenance of the fleet. Safety is the primary benefit of the project as it provides ADA accessible vehicles for older adults and people with disabilities. A safe, reliable, and comfortable transportation is critical for this population. These vehicles will carry multiple passengers to employment, education, healthcare, and recreational locations. It is a priority for the West Elm Public Transportation Authority given the limited resources they have to fully fund the paratransit procurement.
  - Total project cost. Provide the total estimated cost of the project. If outlined in the STIP or TIP, provide that amount unless estimated project costs have increased. If project costs have increased, provide a justification.
  - Has the project completed the required review(s) under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA)? If yes, what is the status and/or outcome of the NEPA review?

- Does the project have other public (federal, state, local) and/or private funds committed to meet match or cost-share requirements for capital projects? The cost-share requirements are defined in statute. In general, transit capital projects typically require 20 percent non-federal share. EXAMPLE: Local sales taxes are committed for 25 percent of the project.
- If the project receives less than requested for the transit infrastructure projects, are there additional sources of Federal or non-Federal funding available to deliver the full scope presented in the submitted application? If not, and the full scope cannot be completed with that reduced award, please describe the revised version of the project with a reduced scope, including revised costs. EXAMPLE: Yes, however, the project will not be able to proceed immediately without the total amount. The West Elm Public Transportation Authority anticipates using FY24 formula funds to make up the shortfall if there are no other federal grant opportunities available.
- Does the project intend to apply for any DOT discretionary programs before proceeding? If yes, will the project sponsor still proceed if not selected? EXAMPLE: Yes, the transit agency anticipates submitting an application for the FY23 Low or No Emission Grant Program before the April NOFO deadline. If they are not selected as a grant awardee for the Low or No Emission Grant Program, the West Elm Public Transportation Authority will still proceed using their formula funds.
- Provide a history of federal funding for the project, if any. Include formula funds and any discretionary grants. EXAMPLE: FY22 FTA Buses and Bus Facilities Discretionary Grant: \$100,000; FY23 FTA Formula Funds: \$25,000.
- Where is the project in the construction process? Options include Planning and Environmental Review, Final Design, RFP/IFB Issued, Contract Awarded, Capital Purchase or Lease, Construction, and Other (please specify).
- Estimated start and completion dates.
- Is the project on a state, tribal or territorial transportation improvement plan (STIP) or a transportation improvement plan (TIP) as of 12/31/2023? If yes, provide a link to the plan.
- Provide the STIP or TIP ID Number and specify which plan the ID Number comes from. EXAMPLE: North Carolina STIP, ID Number R-5809 H141741.

## **Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements**

- **Department:** Department of Transportation

- **Agency:** Federal Railroad Administration
- **Description:** This account funds rail capital projects, systems planning for a rail capital project, or project development for a rail capital project (e.g., NEPA and preliminary engineering);
- **Eligible Projects:** Projects must be eligible under THE CRISI program authorized in section 22907 of title 49, United States Code:
  - Deployment of railroad safety technology, including positive train control and rail integrity inspection systems
  - Acquisition, construction, improvements, or inspections of equipment, track and track structures, or a facility for use in or for the primary benefit of intercity passenger rail service or expenses incidental to the acquisition or construction (including designing, engineering, location surveying, mapping, environmental studies, and acquiring rights-of-way)
  - Improvements to short-line or regional railroad infrastructure
  - Communication and signalization improvements
  - Relocation assistance, acquiring replacement housing sites, and acquiring, constructing, relocating, and rehabilitating replacement housing
  - Rehabilitation, remanufacturing or overhaul rail rolling stock and facilities used primarily in intercity passenger rail service
  - Highway-rail grade crossing improvement projects
  - Rail line relocation or improvement projects
  - Preparation of regional rail and corridor service development plans and corresponding environmental analyses
  - Measures to prevent trespassing and reduce associated injuries and fatalities
  - Rehabilitation, remanufacturing, procurement, or overhauls of locomotives, provided that such activities result in a significant reduction of emissions
  - Deployment of Magnetic Levitation Transportation projects
  - Other eligible projects as defined here
- **Details and Requirements:**
  - Projects must be sponsored by public entities or Tribal entities.
  - Projects must be supported by the state, local governmental authority, or Tribal government that would administer the project.
  - The subcommittee will not fund activities that are administrative in nature even if they are eligible expenses under the statutory citation, including general operating expenses, rail-related research and workforce activities. These include but are not limited to general operating expenses, rail-related research, and workforce activities.

- Please note that while planning projects are eligible, projects that are solely planning in nature will be highly scrutinized.
- The project must meet federal requirements, including Buy America, contracting competition requirements and the National Environmental Policy Act. For more on 49 U.S.C. 22905(c) Rail Improvement Grant Conditions, see FAQ here.
- Rail capital projects under the CRISI program require a minimum 20 percent non-federal share.
- Please provide documentation demonstrating the support of appropriate railroad, such as BNSF.
- **Cost Guidelines:** The funding level included within the bill for this account ranged from \$334,439 to \$7,320,000. Only one project was included at levels higher than \$3,500,000. The Committee may consider different funding caps this year.
- **Resources:** Please reach out to our office if you have any questions about this account.
- **Required Supplemental Questions:** The below questions are required by the Appropriations Committee for every project submitted under this account, in addition to the questions required by our office detailed on page 9.
  - Project Name. A short name by which the project may be identified, including a very brief description of what the funds will be used for and the project's location. This description may be used in the House report and must be accurate to ensure funds are provided to the correct project and location. EXAMPLE: West Elm Track and Railroad Bridge Improvements, City, State, Congressional District.
  - Project Recipient. As a reminder, for-profit entities are not eligible for CPF funding. The recipient must be a public entity that is eligible under the CRISI Program such as a state department of transportation, political subdivision of a state, public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more states, or not-for-profit rail carrier that provides intercity rail passenger transportation.
  - Please select the eligible project type that best describes the project: Please note that CRISI projects are required to primarily benefit intercity passenger rail or freight rail service.
    - Deployment of railroad safety technology, including positive train control and rail integrity inspection systems.
    - A capital project as defined in section 22901(2), except that a project shall not be required to be in a State rail plan developed under chapter 227.

- A capital project necessary to address congestion or safety challenges affecting rail service.
  - A capital project necessary to reduce congestion and facilitate ridership growth in intercity passenger rail transportation along heavily traveled rail corridors.
  - A highway-rail grade crossing improvement project, including installation, repair, or improvement of grade separations, railroad crossing signals, gates, and related technologies, highway traffic signalization, highway lighting and crossing approach signage, roadway improvements such as medians or other barriers, railroad crossing panels and surfaces, and safety engineering improvements to reduce risk in quiet zones or potential quiet zones.
  - A rail line relocation or improvement project.
  - A capital project to improve short-line or regional railroad infrastructure.
  - The preparation of regional rail and corridor service development plans and corresponding environmental analyses.
  - Any project necessary to enhance multimodal connections or facilitate service integration between rail service and other modes, including between intercity rail passenger transportation and intercity bus service or commercial air service.
  - The development and implementation of measures to prevent trespassing and reduce associated injuries and fatalities (e.g., trespass-related Capital Projects such as physical barriers, fencing, or equipment; trespassing enforcement activities; and outreach campaigns resulting in trespasser deterrence and prevention).
  - Rehabilitating, remanufacturing, procuring, or overhauling locomotives, provided that such activities result in a significant reduction of emissions.
- General description and scope of project, including benefits and explanation for why project is a priority. If the CPF is requested to cover only one phase or segment of a larger project, be clear about how the CPF funds will be used. EXAMPLE: The West Elm Track and Railroad Bridge Improvements Project will replace an aging railroad bridge and rehabilitate 11 sidings and wye tracks that can handle increased traffic along the main rail route between the cities of Green Bay and Pembine. The improvements will increase the efficiency of the route by eliminating slow-orders along 32 miles of track and help mitigate congestion along the track to increase

safety. It is a priority for both cities given the limited resources they have to fully fund the project.

- Total project cost. Provide the total estimated cost of the project. The estimated total cost must be based on the best available information, including engineering studies, studies of economic feasibility, and environmental analyses. See FRA's cost estimate guidance. Please note the amount requested should not exceed 80 percent of the total project costs. Rail capital projects under the CRISI program require a minimum 20 percent non-federal share
- Does the project have other public (federal, state, local) and/or private funds committed to meet match or cost-share requirements? If so, what is the source and amount of those funds? The minimum 20 percent non-Federal share may be comprised of public sector funding (e.g., State or local) or private sector funding. FRA will not consider any Federal financial assistance or any non-Federal funds already expended (or otherwise encumbered) toward the matching requirement, unless compliant with 2 CFR part 200. EXAMPLE: Local sales taxes are committed for 20 percent of the project.
- If the project receives less than requested, will the project still proceed without waiting for additional funding sources?
- Provide a history of federal funding for the project, if any. Include prior CRISI or other DOT grant program applications, formula funds and any awarded discretionary grants. EXAMPLE: FY20 BUILD Discretionary Grant of \$7.5 million.
- Where is the project in the construction? Options include: Systems Planning, Project Planning, Project Development, Final Design, or Construction. Please note that funding for Operations is not eligible.
- Estimated start and completion dates. Project sponsors may view the FRA recorded webinar “From Selection to Award—The Post-Selection Process for FRA Grants” for a better understanding of the requirements for funding to be obligated.
- Is the project on a state rail plan and specify page number as of 12/31/2024? If yes, provide a link to the plan and specify page number.
- Is the project included in a grade crossing action plan? If yes, provide a link to the plan and specify page number.

### **Port Infrastructure Development Program**

- **Department:** Department of Transportation

- **Agency:** Maritime Administration (MARAD)
- **Description:** This account funds port infrastructure development projects that improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of the movement of goods through ports and intermodal connections to ports.
- **Eligible Projects:** Port Infrastructure Development Program projects are projects eligible under Section 54301 of title 46, United States Code, as amended by title XXXV of division C of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025. Projects must be eligible under PIDP, including capital projects that will improve the safety, efficiency or reliability of:
  - The loading and unloading of good at the port, such as for marine terminal equipment
  - The movement of goods into, out of, around, or within a port, such as for highway or rail infrastructure, intermodal facilities, freight intelligent transportation systems and digital infrastructure systems
  - Operational improvements, including projects to improve port resilience
  - Environmental and emissions mitigation measures including projects for:
    - port electrification or electrification master planning
    - harbor craft or equipment replacements or retrofits
    - development of port or terminal microgrids
    - providing idling reduction infrastructure
    - purchase of cargo handling equipment and related infrastructure
    - worker training to support electrification technology
    - installation of port bunkering facilities from oceangoing vessels for fuels
    - electric vehicle charge or hydrogen refueling infrastructure for drayage and medium or heavy duty trucks and locomotives that service the port and related grid upgrades; or
    - other related port activities, including charging infrastructure, electric rubber-tired gantry cranes, and anti-idling technologies.
- **Details and Requirements:**
  - The project must meet federal requirements, including Buy America requirements and the National Environmental Policy Act.
  - Recipients are also required to comply with reviews and audits from the Department of Transportation
  - The Federal share of the total costs of an eligible PIDP projects generally may not exceed 80 percent with potential exceptions for small and rural area ports. Applicants should review 46 USC sections 54301(a)(8) and 54301(b) for more information on these cost-share requirements before

submitting requests for funding. Note that recipients are also required to comply with reviews and audits from the Department of Transportation.

- Please reach out to the Pacific Northwest MARAD office to determine project eligibility.
- **Cost Guidelines:** The funding level included within the bill for this account ranged from \$800,000 to \$10,000,000. Only three projects were included at levels greater than \$5,000,000. The Committee may consider different funding caps this year.
- **Resources:** If you are not receiving a response or they are unable to answer specific questions, please contact our office.
- **Required Supplemental Questions:** The below questions are required by the Appropriations Committee for every project submitted under this account, in addition to the questions required by our office detailed on page 9.
  - General description and benefits of the project and why it is needed.
  - Is the project at a small port, as described under 46 USC 54301(b)?
  - Is the project in a rural area, as described under 46 USC 54301(a)(12) – an area that is outside of a Census-designated urbanized area?
  - If the request is for a phase of a larger project, describe all other phases and how this request relates to the entire project.
  - Has the recipient engaged in discussions with the Maritime Administration and received assurances that the project is eligible under applicable statutes?
  - Please provide a history of federal funding already received or approved for the project.
  - Does the project have other public (state, local) and/or private funds committed to meet match or cost-share requirements? If so, what is the source and amount of those funds?

### **Economic Development Initiative (EDI)**

- **Department:** Department of Housing and Urban Development
- **Description:** EDI projects may be used for economic and community development activities.
- **Eligible Entities:** In a change from FY24, the only eligible recipients for Community Project Funding in the Economic Development Initiatives account are the following types of governmental entities and public institutions of higher education:
  - States and the District of Columbia
  - Territories

- Tribal governments
- Counties
- Cities, towns, parishes, or other local government entities
- Public colleges and universities, including community colleges, all Historically Black Colleges and Universities defined as a “part B institution” in section 322 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061), and all Tribal Colleges and Universities as defined in section 316 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059c)
- **Eligible Projects:** The Committee expects to fund the following types of projects and other similar projects:
  - Water or sewer infrastructure projects which are not otherwise eligible to be funded under EPA STAG (Interior) or Rural Water and Waste (Agriculture)
  - Local road infrastructure that is not otherwise eligible under Highway Infrastructure Projects
  - Streetscape improvements
  - Housing rehabilitation or construction, residential conversions, and neighborhood revitalization projects, which would increase housing supply and/or improve housing affordability in the local community;
  - Projects with a clear economic development benefit for a community or region, such as workforce training centers
  - Projects that meet a compelling local need consistent with the statutory purposes. For example, food banks in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods, youth and senior centers, and multipurpose community centers
- **Details and Requirements:**
  - Project uses are limited to:
    - Acquisition of real property (including air rights, water rights and other interests) which is:
      - Blighted, deteriorated, deteriorating, undeveloped or inappropriately development for community development and growth
      - Appropriate for rehabilitation or conservation activities
      - Appropriate for the preservation or restoration of historic sites, the beautification of urban land, conservation of open spaces, natural resources and scenic areas, provision of recreational opportunities or the guidance of urban development

- Used for public works, facilities improves or other public purposes
  - Acquisition, construction, reconstruction or installation (including design features and improvements with respect to such construction, reconstruction, or installation that promote energy efficiency) of public works, facilities and site or other improvements, including features that promote energy efficiency
  - Clearance, demolition, removal, reconstruction and rehabilitation (including rehabilitation which promotes energy efficiency) of buildings and improvements (including interim assistance, and financing public or private acquisition for reconstruction or rehabilitation, and reconstruction or rehabilitation, of privately owned properties, and including the renovation of closed school buildings)
  - Special projects directed to the removal of material and architectural barriers which restrict the mobility and accessibility of elderly and handicapped people
- Generally, the following types of activities are ineligible:
  - Buildings for the general conduct of government (courthouses, post office, city halls), which are not allowed under the statute.
  - Museums, commemoratives, memorials
  - Swimming pools, water parks, ski slopes, and golf courses
  - Healthcare facilities
  - Strictly research or planning activities;
  - Venues strictly for entertainment purposes – e.g., theaters, amphitheaters, fairgrounds and performing arts centers
- Projects must otherwise meet eligibility requirements under Community Development Block Grants
- Projects whose sole or primary purpose is for beautification or historic preservation will be disfavored without any evidence of other community development or economic development benefits
- EDI projects, like all projects funded by HUD, are subject to requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), HUD's NEPA-implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 50 or 24 CFR Part 58, and all applicable federal environmental and historic preservation laws, regulations, and Executive Orders. An environmental review must be completed before HUD funds and new commitments of non-HUD funds can be used on a project (24 CFR 58.22).

- The “Buy America Preference” in the Build America Buy America (BABA) Act within the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117-58), requires that all iron and steel, construction materials, and manufactured products used in federally funded infrastructure projects be produced in the United States. If the project will be under construction (or complete) at the time of enactment, the recipient will not likely be able to meet the BABA requirements.
- Applicants must provide a valid Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) and/or Employer Identification Number (EIN) for each potential EDI recipient, as well as the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), which is an entity’s official identifier for conducting business with the federal government. If an entity does not presently have a UEI, they can register for one at SAM.gov. Applicants should have this information readily available to provide to our office.
  - NOTE: Political subdivisions and school districts/boards may not have their own unique TIN or UEI. In this case, we recommend naming the recipient as the legal entity under which they are formed and naming the political subdivision in the project description (e.g., “City of Alexandria/For the Department of Public Works’ roadway improvements”).
- Soft costs (planning, administrative) for EDI projects can be incurred after the date of final enactment. However, if the recipient incurs soft costs after enactment, but before the grant agreement is executed, they do so at their own risk. If the project is found to be ineligible by HUD or the grant agreement is never signed, HUD cannot reimburse for those soft costs. Hard costs (construction activities) can only be incurred after the successful completion of the required environmental review.
- **Cost Guidelines:** The funding level included within the bill for this account ranged from \$45,000 to \$20,000,000. Most projects were included at levels between \$500,000 and \$3,000,000; only two projects were included at levels greater than \$10,000,000. The Committee may consider different funding caps this year.
- **Resources:** Please reach out to our office if you have any questions about this account.
- **Required Supplemental Questions:** The following questions are required by the Appropriations Committee for every project submitted under this account, in addition to the questions required by our office detailed on page 9.
  - Project Name. A short name by which the project may be identified.  
EXAMPLE: Sturgis Downtown Revitalization.

- General description of the project and why it is needed. EXAMPLE: This project will provide infrastructure needed to support downtown expansion, including housing developments in downtown Sturgis. Core components include parking lot reconstruction, alleyway accessibility/beautification upgrades (including a trailhead for a future non-motorized trail), storm sewer improvements, and electrical utility work (moving electrical lines underground). The project is located in a Qualified Census Tract, traditional downtown, and will lessen financial burden on downtown property owners hit hard by economic circumstances that would otherwise have to cover higher project costs for parking lot work by way of a special assessment. The project is aligned to the city's recent placemaking efforts (added downtown firepit, public art, plaza/streetscape walkway, etc.). The City of Sturgis is confident the project is shovel ready and could be completed within the identified project period.
- What are the benefits of this project and why is it a priority? EXAMPLE: Downtown Sturgis is at a critical tipping point. Despite the challenges over the past two years related to the pandemic, the downtown is seeing an uptick in potential development projects, including a large-scale housing development. These projects will create an increased demand for parking and public amenities to make downtown Sturgis a destination of choice. The city is seeking to capitalize on this momentum to not only address needed infrastructure but also to create a vibrant central business district with the inclusion of a food truck court and trailhead.
- Amount requested for the Community Project Funding and the total project cost.
- Are there community partners participating in this project?
- Does the grantee have experience executing a federal grant?
- Has the request been submitted to another Subcommittee or Committee this fiscal year? If yes, which one(s)?
- Is the project consistent with the primary objective of the community development program? Please describe who the project is intended to benefit.
- What is the entity's TIN/EIN?
- What is the entity's UEI?
- What is the ZIP code of the project location? If the project spans multiple ZIP codes, provide the ZIP code where most of the appropriation would be spent.

- Does the grantee have a Community Project Funding (CPF)/Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) project that has not yet secured a signed grant agreement with HUD? This should include projects for which appropriations were made since FY2022. If yes, please provide:
  - The title of the project;
  - The fiscal year the CPF/CDS was enacted;
  - The awarding Member(s) and/or Senator(s);
  - The grant number as provided by HUD; and
  - The grant's status ("No Materials Submitted" or "Grant Review in Progress").
- Has the project received Federal funding before and, if so, how much, when, and from which agency or agencies and program(s)?

## ***Other Federal Funding Resources***

Community Project Funding is very competitive and funding limitations or project eligibility may prevent many worthy projects from receiving funding. However, the federal government has many other discretionary funding sources available through competitive grants, loans, and other opportunities. Most CPF eligible accounts are associated with existing federal grant or loan programs that your project may also be eligible for.

Below are several resources that can be used to explore other federal funding opportunities:

- [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)
  - Resource to search and apply for competitive grants from 26 federal agencies. Grants can be searched by agency, type of applicants, intended purpose and more.
- [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov)
  - Resource for people who make, receive and manage federal awards.
- [GovLoans.gov](https://www.govloans.gov)
  - Resource to find what loans or benefits you might be eligible for.
- [Benefits.gov](https://www.benefits.gov)
  - Resource to help you determine what government benefits you might be eligible for and how to apply.
- [USA.gov](https://www.usa.gov)
  - Resource for U.S. government information and services.

If you are looking for more information or have questions, please reach out to the New Mexico Delegation Grants Coordinator at [Heinrich\\_Grants@mail.senate.gov](mailto:Heinrich_Grants@mail.senate.gov).