# <u>Community Project Funding: Frequently Asked Questions</u>

**Who is eligible to request and receive Community Project Funding (CPF)?**
Only public entities, such as state and local governments, and certain 501(c)(3) nonprofits are eligible Community Project Funding recipients. For-profit entities are not eligible for CPF funding.

**How do I request Community Project Funding?**
If you would like to submit a Community Project Funding request, please complete the relevant portion of our FY22 Community Project Funding Request form and submit the form (along with any required documents) via e-mail to MD08.Appropriations@mail.house.gov by April 2, 2021.

**If I submit a CPF request to your office for federal funding, does that guarantee that I will receive the requested funds?**
No. CPF requests must meet all of the eligibility criteria set by the House Appropriations Committee (available here) and the specific requirements identified for each account. Additionally, <u>each Member of Congress may only submit 10 requests total</u> for Fiscal Year 2022, and the final decision as to whether your project will receive funding will be made by the House Appropriations Committee. Unfortunately, that means that many eligible and deserving projects will not receive Community Project Funding in the FY22 appropriations cycle.

**Is any project eligible for federal funding?**
No. CPF requests are limited to approximately 30 eligible programs identified by the House Appropriations. You can see a full list of the CPF-eligible accounts and their corresponding requirements in our FY22 Community Project Funding Request form. CPF requests must demonstrate that there is community support for the project; explain why the project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds; and be located in or have some connection to Maryland's 8th District. Members of Congress must certify that neither they nor their family have a financial interest in the project. Additionally, CPF requests must be for FY22 funds only and cannot include requests for multiyear funding. If a State or local funding match is required for your project, you must provide evidence of your ability to meet these requirements.

**I'm not sure if my project is located within Maryland's 8th Congressional District. How do I check?**
An interactive map of Maryland's 8th Congressional District is available here. You can also determine your congressional district by entering your zip code here.

**Do I need to request a specific dollar amount of federal funding?**
Yes, you will need to include the amount of federal funding you are requesting for this project, as well as the source(s) of funding for the full cost of the project beyond the amount requested (if applicable).

Additionally, many of the federal programs eligible for Community Project Funding requests require a state or local match for projects either by statute or according to longstanding policy. <u>You must demonstrate the ability to meet these matching requirements in your request. The House Appropriations Committee will not waive matching requirements for any Community Project Funding request.</u>

**Can I request funding for multiple fiscal years?** No. CPF requests must be for FY22 funds only and cannot include requests for multiyear funding.

**Do I need to tell you how I plan to use the federal funding?**
Yes. You will need to provide detailed information about the project and how funding will be used. You may be asked to provide a detailed budget that explains specifically how the requested federal funding will be used (amounts for salaries, equipment, travel, etc.).

**How do I demonstrate "community support" for my project?**
You will be required to submit evidence of community support with your CPF request, including (but not limited to):
- Letters of support from elected community leaders
- Press articles highlighting the need for the specific project
- Resolutions passed by local/county/state governments
- Projects listed on community development plans, state intended use plans, and other publicly available planning documents
- Support from local newspaper editorial boards

**Will my CPF request be made public?**
Yes. The House of Representatives requires that Members of Congress post, on their official websites, certain information about every CPF request that they submit for consideration by the House Appropriations Committee. You can learn more here.

**Can I still submit traditional (programmatic, language) appropriations requests for FY22?**
Yes. The House Appropriations Committee will continue to accept traditional appropriations requests (program funding, bill language and report language) and the process remains the same as in previous years. Programmatic requests seek to fund a specific federal program at a specific dollar amount. Language requests seek to provide specific policy directives to federal agencies.

If you would like to submit programmatic or language requests to our office for FY22, please do so using our **FY22 Appropriations Form** by April 2. If you have multiple requests, please submit them separately using this form.

# Accounts Eligible for Community Project Funding in FY22

To determine whether or not your project may qualify for federal funding, please refer to our FY22 Community Project Funding Request form, which provides detailed information about each account and its specific request requirement you will need to meet.

## Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies
- Agriculture Community Facilities Grants
- Agriculture ReConnect Program
- Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities

## Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
- Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)
- Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology & Equipment
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Operations, Research, and Facilities
- NASA Safety, Security, and Mission Services

## Defense
- Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Army
- Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Navy
- Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Air Force
- Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Space Force
- Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Defense-Wide

## Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies
Corps of Engineers:
- Investigations
- Construction
- Mississippi River and Tributaries
- Operation and Maintenance

Bureau of Reclamation:
- Water and Related Resources

## Financial Services and General Government and Related Agencies
- Small Business Administration – Small Business Initiatives

## Homeland Security and Related Agencies
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants
- Nonprofit Security Grants
- Emergency Operations Center Grants

## Interior, Environment and Related Agencies
- Land Acquisition Through the Land and Water Conservation Fund
- State and Tribal Assistance Grants
- State and Private Forestry

## Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies
- Department of Labor—Employment and Training Administration—Training and Employment Services
- Department of Health and Human Services—Health Resources and Services Administration—Program Management
- Department of Health and Human Services—Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration—Health Surveillance and Program Support
- Department of Education—Innovation and Improvement
- Department of Education—Higher Education

## Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction– Active Components
- Army
- Navy and Marine Corps
- Air Force
- Defense-Wide Agencies (SOCOM, DHA, etc.)

Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction– Reserve Components
- Army National Guard
- Air National Guard
- Army Reserve
- Navy Reserve
- Air Force Reserve

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

## Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies
- Local Transportation Priorities – DOT
- Airport Improvement Program – DOT
- Economic Development Initiative – HUD