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Fiscal Year 2027 Community Project Funding Booklet

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General Information

Community Project Funding is generally defined as spending provisions in federal legislation that:

- are requested on behalf of constituents or constituent organizations by a Member of Congress;
- provide, authorize, or recommend a specific amount of funding to a specific entity for a specific purpose;
- meet applicable eligibility requirements for the program in which the request is made, including applicable underlying statutory and regulatory requirements; and
- are an appropriate use of taxpayer funds by meeting the objective of a federal program under existing law.

This booklet is intended to assist Rep. Levin's constituents in developing Community Project Funding requests. **Please submit all appropriations requests through Rep. Levin's request forms, which are due by 11:59pm ET on Friday, March 6.**

The House Appropriations Committee has only made Community Project Funding available for specific funding accounts and purposes, which are detailed in this booklet.

Due to an overall cap on the total amount for Community Project Funding in House appropriations bills, projects of a modest size are most likely to receive funding, and the Committee will determine funding caps after reviewing all requests. Keep in mind that project funding will depend on available resources, and larger requests may have to be reduced.

This booklet consists of content drawn from House Appropriations Committee Fiscal Year 2027 guidelines.

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

In addition to the general questions on Rep. Levin's Community Project Funding Requests form and the account-specific questions below, requesters should be prepared to answer the following subcommittee-wide questions.

- The website address of the proposed recipient.
- Has the recipient secured all necessary funds to complete the project, including non-federal cost share requirements?
- For Rural Development projects, is the project for an eligible purpose and does it meet all eligibility requirements under current law, with the exception of Median Household Income requirements?
- Does the entity plan to make grants to other entities from the funds provided and if so, to whom?
- Have you contacted the State Rural Development Office/State Conservation Office to discuss the project and confirm eligibility.

Department of Agriculture – Rural Development – Rural Housing Service – Community Facilities Grants

Fiscal Year 2026 enacted Community Project Funding for this account can be found on [pages 41-98 here](#). The enacted bill included projects for this account ranging from \$32,000 to \$5.55 million, with an average award of around \$1.18 million.

This account supports grants to purchase, construct, or improve essential community facilities, to purchase equipment, and pay other related project expenses. Examples of eligible projects include medical or dental clinics, health care facilities, police or fire departments, or public works vehicles. Priority will be given to essential projects, such as those focused on public health and safety. Projects such as community gardens or museums will not be considered.

Any project must serve a rural area as specified in 7 CFR 3570.53 (rural areas including cities, villages, townships, and Federally Recognized Tribal lands with no more than 20,000 residents).

Such requests are also subject to the cost share requirements specified in 7 CFR 3570.63(b). In-kind contributions and other federal formula or grant resources cannot be counted towards match requirements.

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

In addition to the general questions on Rep. Levin's Community Project Funding Requests form and the subcommittee-wide questions above, requesters should be prepared to answer the following question specific to this account.

- Provide details on all proposed uses of funds, activities that will occur, timeline, and detailed information on the complete service territory.

Department of Agriculture – Rural Development – Rural Utilities Service – ReConnect

Program

Fiscal Year 2026 enacted Community Project Funding for this account can be found on [page 106 here](#). The enacted bill only included one project for \$750,000.

ReConnect broadband pilot grants facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas. 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. Projects must follow [all policies and procedures](#), including environmental and related reviews and meet the non-federal cost share requirement of 25% of the overall project cost.

The area must be rural and lack sufficient access to broadband service. A rural area is any area which 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 greater than 90% of any rural area in which households have fixed, terrestrial broadband service delivering at least 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream. Mobile and satellite services will not be considered in making the determination of sufficient access to broadband.

Stand-alone middle-mile projects are not eligible under the ReConnect Program. However, middle-mile facilities are eligible if they are needed to bring sufficient broadband service to all premises in the area.

In addition to the general questions on Rep. Levin's Community Project Funding Requests form and the subcommittee-wide questions above, requesters should be prepared to answer the following question specific to this account.

- 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.

Department of Agriculture – Rural Development – Rural Utilities Service – Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grants

Fiscal Year 2026 enacted Community Project Funding for this account can be found on [pages 105-106 here](#). In Fiscal Year 2026, the enacted bill included projects for this account with an average award of approximately \$1.27 million, ranging from \$621,000 to \$3.678 million.

The DLT program helps rural residents better utilize the enormous potential of modern telecommunications and the internet for education and health care, two critical components of economic and community development. It helps rural communities acquire the technology and training necessary to connect educational and medical professionals with students, teachers, and patients in rural areas. The program is intended to serve rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less.

Grants may be used for audio and video equipment, broadband facilities that support distance learning or telemedicine (not actual broadband), computer hardware or network components/software, and acquisition of instructional programming. All requests are subject to all the regulations governing the program, which can be found at 7 CFR Part 1734. The program requires a 15% match that cannot come from another federal source.

In addition to the general questions on Rep. Levin's Community Project Funding Requests form and the subcommittee-wide questions above, requesters should be prepared to answer the following question specific to this account.

- Please provide as much detail as possible on how the award will be utilized, what equipment of service will be acquired, and any information on population(s) served.

Department of Agriculture – Rural Development – Rural Utilities Service – Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program

Fiscal Year 2026 enacted Community Project Funding for this account can be found on [pages 98-105 here](#). In Fiscal Year 2026, the enacted bill included projects for this account with an average award of nearly \$1.5 million, ranging from \$200,000 to \$6.2 million.

The Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program may be used to finance the acquisition, construction or improvement of drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage and disposal; sewer collection, transmission, treatment and disposal; solid waste collection, disposal and closure; and storm water collection, transmission, and closure. Eligible entities include rural areas and towns with population of 10,000 or less and Tribal lands in rural areas. Potential recipients will be required to provide a 25% non-federal cost share.

In addition to the general questions on Rep. Levin's Community Project Funding Requests form and the subcommittee-wide questions above, requesters should be prepared to answer the following question specific to this account.

- Please provide details on the number of households, farms, and businesses served and details of the exact work to be completed.

Department of Agriculture – Agricultural Research Service (ARS) – Buildings and Facilities

Fiscal Year 2026 enacted Community Project Funding for this account can be found on [pages 35-36 here](#). In Fiscal Year 2026, the enacted bill included projects for this account with an average award of \$3 million, ranging from \$1 million to \$16 million.

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 can assist in the acquisition of land, construction, repair, improvement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agricultural research programs of the Department of Agriculture. Requests must be for ARS-owned facilities or for facilities that are already partnering with ARS. Facilities that do not have an existing ARS tie will not be considered.

In addition to the general questions on Rep. Levin's Community Project Funding Requests form and the subcommittee-wide questions above, requesters should be prepared to answer the following questions specific to this account.

- Is it an existing U.S. Department of Agriculture owned and operated facility?
- What is the estimated start date of the project? How soon could the feasibility/engineering design phase commence? (Include month and year)
- Does the project have distinct and separable phases?

- What is the estimated completion date of the project? When does completion of construction occur? (Include month and year)
- Please provide as much detail on the research to be conducted, why the research is a high priority, as well as details on the modernization and why it is critical in carrying out the research.

Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – Conservation Operations

Fiscal Year 2026 enacted Community Project Funding for this account can be found on [pages 38-40 here](#). In Fiscal Year 2026, the enacted bill included projects for this account with an average award of \$1.4 million, ranging from \$300,000 to \$3.5 million.

NRCS supports private landowners, conservation districts, and other organizations to conserve, maintain, and improve the Nation’s natural resources. Examples of specific objectives include reducing soil erosion, improving soil health, enhancing water supplies, improving water quality, increasing wildlife habitat, and reducing damage caused by floods and other natural disasters.

For FY26, the Subcommittee will only consider projects for funding recipients that are State, local, and Tribal organizations, or conservation districts. Nonprofit recipients will not be considered.

In addition to the general questions on Rep. Levin’s Community Project Funding Requests form and the subcommittee-wide questions above, requesters should be prepared to answer the following question specific to this account.

- 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.
- Please provide as much detail as possible on the work to be done, including if the project will conduct surveys, investigations, or research, and if there is a plan to publish the results of any such work.
- Describe any preventative measures to be taken, such as engineering operations, methods of cultivation, or changes in use of land.

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

CJS projects must be one-year projects only, meaning each project request must be for fiscal year 2026 funds only and cannot include multi-year funding. In addition to the general questions on Rep. Levin's Community Project Funding Requests form and the account-specific questions below, requesters should be prepared to answer the following subcommittee-wide questions:

- Can this project spend a smaller amount of appropriated funds within 12 months of the enactment of the appropriations act?
 - If yes, please provide any details that may be helpful for understanding the scalability of the project.

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) – Scientific and Technical Research

Fiscal Year 2026 enacted Community Project Funding for this account can be found on [pages 74-80 here](#). The enacted FY26 bill included projects for this account ranging from \$338,000 to \$5.4 million, with an average award of around \$1.55 million.

Funding in this account must be for activities consistent with and supportive of NIST's mission and aligned with one or more of the functions and activities described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code. In the past, this account has included STEM education activities, scientific research, or other activities that support American manufacturing and industry. This account does not fund building construction or renovation.

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

Fiscal Year 2026 enacted Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 84-102 here](#). The enacted FY26 bill included projects for this account ranging from \$30,000 to \$4.2 million, with an average award of around \$873,000.

Funding must be for state, local or tribal governments to address violent crime, improve the criminal justice system, increase prosecutions, enforce laws, provide victims' services, and other related activities. Nonprofits may be eligible, so long as the purpose is to carry out work that closely aligns with the purpose of the Byrne JAG program. Community projects funded under this category must comply with the requirements cited in JAG statutes and be consistent with Justice Department guidance for the program (see the [JAG webpage here](#) and [DOJ Grants Financial Guide here](#)). Allowable costs are consistent with the principles set out in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E.

In the event of limited funding, the Committee will prioritize projects focused on improving the effectiveness of law enforcement, increasing officer safety, curbing the opioid crisis, and other strategic priorities. The Committee has also said that they will not support the use of CPF for the distribution of drug paraphernalia, initiatives that undermine the Second Amendment, initiatives that appear to be anti-law enforcement, or larger construction or renovation projects of correctional facilities. Historically, the Committee has not funded building construction or renovation under this account.

In addition to the general questions on Rep. Levin's Community Project Funding Requests form and the subcommittee-wide questions listed above, requesters should be prepared to answer the following question specific to this account:

- Is this request to fund the construction or renovation of a building?

Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) – Technology and Equipment
Fiscal Year 2026 enacted Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 102-114 here](#). The FY26 enacted bill included projects for this account ranging from \$60,000 to \$20 million, with an average award of around \$1.037 million

Funding will be provided for community project grants for State, local, and tribal law enforcement to support efforts to develop and procure the technology and equipment needed to respond more quickly and effectively, improve officer safety, increase transparency, and enhance community relations. This includes projects to develop and/or acquire technologies and equipment, such as 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.

Historically, the Committee has not funded vehicles or building construction or renovation as part of Community Project Funding under this account. Recipients of Community Project Funding under this account may not subgrant to other organizations or agencies.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) – Coastal Zone Management
Fiscal Year 2026 enacted Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 81-84 here](#). The enacted bill included projects for this account ranging from \$273,000 to \$1.9 million, with an average award of around \$1 million.

These projects support the protection, restoration, and responsible development of our nation's diverse coastal communities and resources. This funding must be aligned with NOAA's mission and one or more of the purposes of the Coastal Zone Management Act. These projects are subject to any applicable cost-share required by law under the Coastal Zone Management Program.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) – Safety, Security, and Mission Services (SSMS)

Fiscal Year 2026 enacted Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 114-86 here](#). The FY26 enacted bill included projects for this account ranging from \$300,000 to \$10 million, with an average award of around \$1.354 million.

Funding must be for activities advancing the purposes described in section 20102 of title 51, United States Code. Projects should focus on science, education, research, and technology development relevant to NASA's mission. Funding for medical research or building construction or renovation projects **will not** be considered for Community Project Funding in this account.

Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies

In addition to the general questions on Rep. Levin's Community Project Funding Requests form and the account-specific questions below, requesters should be prepared to answer the following subcommittee-wide questions.

- Is the project authorized? Is the scope of work to be funded within existing authorization?
- Provide the correct project authorization information, including the official project name and Public Law and section of the law that authorizes the project (example: P.L. 110–114, Section 1401). What is the FY 2027 capability?
- Is this project included in the FY27 budget request? If so, how much is requested?
- (For Army Corps of Engineers accounts only) What is the correct appropriations account in which to request funding?
- (For Army Corps of Engineers accounts only) Is the project a new start? The Subcommittee may provide funding for a very limited number of new starts, if any.
- (For Army Corps of Engineers accounts only) Is the request for an Environmental Infrastructure project? The Subcommittee may provide a very limited amount of funding for Environmental Infrastructure projects, if any.
- (For Army Corps of Engineers accounts only) Provide the name of the Corps District where the project is located.
- (For Reclamation accounts only) Provide the name of the Reclamation Region where the project is located.
- (For Reclamation accounts only) 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)? The Subcommittee will not accept projects that are only authorized under these sections.

If a project otherwise eligible is included at the desired amount in the President's budget request, it should be submitted as a programmatic request rather than Community Project Funding.

Army Corps of Engineers – Construction

Fiscal Year 2026 enacted Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 181-184 here](#). The enacted bill included projects for this account ranging from \$50,000 to \$461 million, with an average award of around \$18 million.

Funding is only provided to projects already authorized under this account. Requests should reflect a funding amount that can be realistically utilized in FY26.

Army Corps of Engineers – Investigations

Fiscal Year 2026 enacted Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 184-186 here](#). The enacted bill included projects for this account ranging from \$500,000 to \$5 million, with an average award of around \$1.45 million.

Funding is only provided to projects already authorized under this account. Requests should reflect a funding amount that can be realistically utilized in FY26.

Army Corps of Engineers – Mississippi River and Tributaries

Fiscal Year 2026 enacted Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 186 here](#). The enacted bill included projects for this account that average \$137.5 million.

Funding is only provided to projects already authorized under this account. Requests should reflect a funding amount that can be realistically utilized in FY26.

Army Corps of Engineers – Operation and Maintenance

Fiscal Year 2026 enacted Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 186-188 here](#). The enacted bill included projects for this account ranging from \$900,000 to \$90 million, with an average award of around \$26.67 million.

Funding is only provided to projects already authorized under this account. Requests should reflect a funding amount that can be realistically utilized in FY26.

Bureau of Reclamation – Water and Related Resources

Fiscal Year 2026 enacted Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 188 here](#). The enacted bill included projects for this account ranging from \$3.27 million to \$14 million, with an average award of around \$6.57 million.

Funding is only provided to projects already authorized under this account. Requests should reflect a funding amount that can be realistically utilized in FY26.

Homeland Security

Please note: The FY26 Homeland Bill has not been signed into law, which means the FY26 Homeland CPFs are still not law. Given the extreme divide between Republicans and Democrats on the Homeland bill, we encourage all potential CPF applicants to reconsider using a Homeland CPF in case the FY27 bill also fails to be signed into law.

In addition to the general questions on Rep. Levin's Community Project Funding Requests form and the account-specific questions below, requesters should be prepared to answer the following subcommittee-wide questions.

- Is the requesting jurisdiction a state, Indian tribal government, local government, or territory as defined by section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122)?
- Can the requesting jurisdiction provide the required 25% non-federal cost share (10% for small, impoverished communities)?
- If less than the requested amount were provided as the federal share, would additional state, local, or other eligible funding sources be available to support the project?
- What is the minimum amount of federal funding required for the project to move forward?
- Have you consulted with state/county/local emergency management officials or FEMA about the proposed project? If so, please provide name, agency, and contact information.

Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grants

House Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding for this account can be found on [pages 114 – 120](#). The FY26 House bill included projects for this account ranging from \$117,000 – \$8.6 million, with an average award of \$1.75 million.

This program assists 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.

Funding will only be available for projects that meet the requirements detailed in the most recent [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (NOFO) for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program, including the cost-share requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements, as applicable. All project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the respective state or territorial agency, or Tribal government, affirming that it believes the project is eligible and is willing and able to serve as the grant recipient.

In addition to the general questions on Rep. Levin's Community Project Funding Requests form and the subcommittee-wide questions above, requesters should be prepared to answer the following questions specific to this account:

- Has the appropriate State or Territorial Administrative Agency, or Tribal government, confirmed project eligibility and their willingness to administer the grant?
- 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, 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?
- 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 Pre-Disaster 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 in which grant program and fiscal application submitted, selected, or awarded funding?

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grants

House Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding for this account can be found on [pages 114 – 120](#). The FY26 House bill included projects for this account ranging from \$130,000 – \$2.6 million, with an average award of \$1.25 million.

FEMA’s EOC grants improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure, strategically located, and fully interoperable EOCs with a focus on addressing identified deficiencies and needs. An EOC is 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 will only be available for projects that meet the requirements detailed in the most recent [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (NOFO) for the Emergency Operations Center Grant Program, including the cost-share requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements, as applicable. Unallowable activities for EOC grants include personnel costs; replacement radios

for police, fire, and other response personnel; generators for emergency shelters; and any equipment that is portable and does not directly support the functional and operational capabilities of an EOC. For EOC projects that involve construction or upgrading of multipurpose facilities, such as public safety facilities, police stations, and fire stations, EOC grants may only be used for those parts of the facility that are directly associated with the EOC.

All project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the respective state or territorial agency, or Tribal government, affirming that it believes the project is eligible and is willing and able to serve as the grant recipient. All EOC projects designated for funding must also submit an application to FEMA and serve as the administrative agent for the grant on behalf of grant subrecipients.

In addition to the general questions on Rep. Levin's Community Project Funding Requests form and the subcommittee-wide questions above, requesters should be prepared to answer the following questions specific to this account:

- Has the appropriate State or Territorial Administrative Agency, or Tribal government, confirmed project eligibility and their willingness to administer the grant?
- 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, does the requested federal funding amount reflect the proportionate facility
- 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?
- 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 a public safety building or police/fire station, 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?

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Environmental Protection Agency – State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG)

Fiscal Year 2026 enacted Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 80-114 here](#). In Fiscal Year 2026, the enacted bill included projects for this account ranging mostly from \$400,000 to \$15 million, with an average funding amount of \$1 million. The Committee may consider higher project amounts for FY27 and will determine any caps after reviewing all requests.

This account funds local wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects. This includes construction of and modifications to municipal sewage treatment plants and drinking water treatment plants. Dams and reservoir projects are not eligible under this account. STAG infrastructure grants are only available to projects that are publicly-owned or owned by a nonprofit entity and that are otherwise eligible for the funding from that state's Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRF) loan programs. Privately-owned projects are NOT eligible for infrastructure grants, even if they are otherwise eligible for assistance under a SRF program.

Additional guidance includes:

- The Subcommittee will not fund projects for resorts, golf courses, athletic fields, gardens, or similar projects.
- Public entities should be considered as the primary grantees to oversee the completion of the project. The Committee will look favorably upon requests for projects that are listed on a state's most recent Intended Use Plan.
- Nonprofit grantees will be considered on a limited basis at the discretion of the Subcommittee should the nonprofit act with an inherently governmental function and if requesting nonprofit organization provides evidence that the organization is a nonprofit as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- Project funds can only be requested for one-year, FY25 funding.

There is a minimum 20% cost share requirement for any portion of a project funded through a STAG infrastructure grant. Ability to fund the 20% cost share is required before EPA can award a STAG grant. This does not mean that matching funds must be in-hand prior to requesting a project, but that local officials must have a plan to meet such requirements in order for such a project to be viable. 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.

In addition to the general questions on Rep. Levin's Community Project Funding Requests form, requesters should be prepared to answer the following questions specific to this account:

- Please indicate whether this is a Clean Water SRF project or a Drinking Water SRF project.
- Does the project have (or expects to have within 12 months) its 20% local cost-share requirement?
- Is the project on your state's most recently finalized Clean Water/Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan (IUP)?
- Has the project received Federal funds previously? If so, please describe.
- Given the Federal nexus requirement, does the project help meet or maintain Clean

Water Act/Safe Drinking Water Act standards, under Title VI of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.) and Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-12), respectively? If so, please describe.

- For additional eligibility information, please consult: [EPA's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Eligibility Handbook](#)
- [EPA's Overview of Clean Water State Revolving Fund Eligibilities](#)

Military Construction

Fiscal Year 2026 enacted Community Project Funding for these accounts can be found [on pages 33-41 here](#). The FY26 enacted bill included projects for this account ranging from \$2.2 million to \$50 million, with an average award of around \$23 million. This year, the Committee is encouraging offices to submit requests below \$50 million, and any requests above that level will be difficult to fund.

Construction projects must have at least 35% of design complete; otherwise, planning and design funding can be requested. Projects must also be able to be obligated in FY2027 and included in one of the following lists:

- Future Year Defense Program (FYDP), which is a projection of the forces, resources, and programs needed to support Department of Defense (DOD) operations over a five-year span. The FYDP is released simultaneously with the President's budget request and will be accessible through the [Under Secretary of Defense \(Comptroller\) website](#).
- Unfunded Requirements/Unfunded Priorities Lists (UFRs/UPLs), which are lists that the Services and Combatant Commanders provide to Congress that identify priority projects which were not included in the President's budget request. UFRs/UPLs typically become available to Congress within 10 days of the President's full budget release.

The Committee will also consider Community Project Funding projects included in the FY25 House bill even if they are not included in the FY26 FYDP or UFR/UPL.

If individual projects have not been previously authorized, requests must also be submitted for inclusion in the fiscal year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). This also includes any FY25 CPFs being resubmitted.

If a project is included in the President's budget request, it should be submitted as a programmatic request rather than Community Project Funding. Please submit it through Rep. Levin's Programmatic and Language Appropriations Requests form, which staff can provide if needed.

In addition to the general questions on Rep. Levin's Community Project Funding Requests form, requesters should be prepared to answer the following questions specific to these accounts:

- Which service is the project for?
- What is the installation name?
- Is the project for construction, unspecified minor construction, or planning and design?
- Is the project on the FY27-31 FYDP? If so, for what fiscal year?
- Is the project on a FY27 Service or Combatant Command unfunded requirements (UFR) or unfunded priorities list (UPL)?
- Is the project a cost-to-complete from a prior year? If so, what year? Can funds be obligated in FY27?
- Provide the project's corresponding DD Form 1391, which is used by DoD to submit requirements and justifications in support of funding requests for military construction to Congress.

- (For Reserve Component projects) Does it require a state funding match, and has the match been met?
- (For construction projects) Is the project at or above 35% design complete?
- Was the project previously authorized in the NDAA? If so, which fiscal year?

Military Construction – Construction – Active Components

An unspecified minor military construction project is a project that has an approved cost equal to or less than \$9 million. The types of projects under this heading include construction for active components in the accounts listed below:

- Army
- Navy and Marine Corps
- Air Force and Space Force
- Defense-Wide Agencies (Special Operations Command, Defense Logistics Agency, etc.)

Military Construction – Construction – Reserve Components

Some Reserve Component projects require a state funding match, which must be met before the request can be considered. The types of projects under this heading include construction for Reserve Components in the accounts listed below:

- Army National Guard
- Air National Guard
- Army Reserve
- Navy Reserve
- Air Force Reserve

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

In addition to the general questions on Rep. Levin's Community Project Funding Requests form and the below account-specific questions, requesters should be prepared to answer the following subcommittee-wide questions:

- What are the benefits of this project and why is it a priority? (Benefits could include safety, environmental, economic, equity, mobility, etc.)
- Does the project require an environmental review? If so, what is the status and/or outcome of the environmental review and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) category of action?
- (For Department of Transportation projects) 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?

Department of Transportation - Airport Improvement Program (AIP)

Fiscal Year 2026 enacted Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 66 - 71 here](#). The FY26 enacted bill included projects for this account ranging from \$250,000 to \$17 million, with an average award of around \$3 million.

AIP community project requests may be used for enhancing airport safety, capacity, and security, and mitigating environmental concerns. In order to be eligible for funding under this account, the project must be:

- AIP eligible in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 47100 et seq. and [FAA policy and guidance](#).
- Included in the FAA's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).
- Supported broadly by local stakeholders, including residents, businesses, and elected officials.
- Administered by an airport and/or airport sponsor.

Projects will be subject to various Federal requirements such as Buy America and the National Environmental Policy Act. For large and medium primary hub airports, the grant covers 75% of eligible costs (or 80% for noise program implementation). For small primary, reliever, and general aviation airports, the grant covers a range of 90-95% of eligible costs, based on statutory requirements.

In addition to the general questions on Rep. Levin's Community Project Funding Requests form and the subcommittee-wide questions above, requesters should be prepared to answer the following question specific to this account:

- Has the airport submitted a grant application for this same project to FAA?
- 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.

Department of Transportation – Highway Infrastructure Projects

Fiscal Year 2026 enacted Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 71-94 here](#). The FY26 enacted bill included projects for this account ranging from \$150,000 to

\$59 million, with an average award of around \$2 million.

This account is for highway capital projects eligible under title 23 of the United States Code. Eligible projects are described under Section 133(b) of title 23, United States Code, as amended by title III of division A of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Tribal and territorial capital projects authorized under Chapters 1 and 2 of title 23, United States Code, are also eligible.

All projects must be:

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

The Subcommittee will not fund activities that are administrative in nature even if they are eligible expenses under the statutory citation. These include general operating expenses, and activities required under sections 134 and 135 of title 23, United States Code.

Applicants should be aware that Highway Infrastructure Projects have a non-Federal cost share calculated on a sliding scale. The [cost-share requirements](#) are defined in statute and vary based on activity, location, and other factors.

Additionally, most projects will be subject to various Federal requirements such as competition in contracting, Buy America, and the National Environmental Policy Act. The Committee strongly encourages Members' offices and potential funding recipients to reach out to their state departments of transportation to determine the eligibility and viability of projects. In addition to the general questions on Rep. Levin's Community Project Funding Requests form and the subcommittee-wide questions above, requesters should be prepared to answer the following questions specific to this account:

- Type of project eligible under 23 USC 133(b) (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).
- 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 Federal Highway Administration and received assurances that the project is eligible under applicable statutes?
- Please provide a history of any federal funding already received or approved for the project. Include both formula funds and any discretionary grants.
- Has the request been submitted to a federal agency for non-earmarked funds, or to another Subcommittee or Committee this fiscal year? If yes, which one(s)?
- Is the project on a STIP or a TIP? If yes, please provide a link to the plan.
- Please provide the STIP or TIP ID Number and specify which plan the ID number comes from.

Department of Transportation – Transit Infrastructure Projects

Fiscal Year 2026 enacted Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 95-100 here](#). The FY26 enacted bill included projects for this account ranging from \$250,000 to \$6.4 million, with an average award of around \$1.14 million

This account is for public transportation capital projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code. Public transportation or transit is defined in section 5302(15) and (22) of title 49, United States Code, as regular, continuing shared-ride surface transportation that is open to the general public or open to a segment of the general public defined by age, disability, or low income, and does not include intercity passenger rail transportation, intercity bus service, charter bus service, school bus service, sightseeing service, courtesy shuttle service for patrons of one or more specific establishments, or intra-terminal or intra-facility shuttle services.

All projects must be:

- Transit capital projects or project-specific planning/design for a transit capital project.
- Supported by the state or local government that would administer the project. Inclusion on a Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) would satisfy this requirement.
- Sponsored by designated or direct recipients, States (including territories and the District of Columbia), local, or tribal governmental authorities.

The Subcommittee will not fund activities that are administrative in nature even if they are eligible expenses under the statutory citation. These include general operating expenses, and activities required under sections 5303, 5304, and 5305 of title 49, United States Code. The Subcommittee will not fund Capital Investment Grants (CIG) projects under Transit Infrastructure Projects.

Additionally, most projects will be subject to various Federal requirements such as Buy America and the National Environmental Policy Act. The cost-share requirements are defined in statute. In general, transit capital projects typically require 20% local share.

In addition to the general questions on Rep. Levin's Community Project Funding Requests form and the subcommittee-wide questions above, requesters should be prepared to answer the following questions specific to this account:

- 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.
- Does the project intend to apply for any DOT discretionary programs before proceeding? If yes, will the project sponsor still proceed if not selected?
- Provide a history of federal funding for the project, if any. Include formula funds and any discretionary grants.
- 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.

- Was the project on a State, tribal or territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or a metropolitan transportation improvement plan (MTIP) as of 12/31/2023? If yes, please provide a link to the plan.
- Provide the STIP or TIP ID Number and specify which plan the ID Number comes from.

Department of Transportation – Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program

Fiscal Year 2026 enacted Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on page 94 - 95 here](#). The enacted bill included projects for this account ranging from \$250,000 to \$8 million, with an average award of around \$1.62 million.

Rail infrastructure projects are capital projects eligible under the CRISI program authorized in section 22907 of title 49, United States Code. CRISI provides grants to assist in financing the cost of improving passenger and freight rail transportation systems. In order to be eligible for funding under this account, the project must be:

- Rail capital projects, systems planning for a rail capital project, or project development for a rail capital project (e.g., NEPA and preliminary engineering);
- Supported by the state, local governmental authority, or Tribal government that would administer the project; and
- Sponsored by public entities or Tribal entities.

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

Projects will be subject to various Federal requirements such as Buy America and the National Environmental Policy Act. Rail capital projects under the CRISI program require a minimum 20% non-federal share.

In addition to the general questions on Rep. Levin’s Community Project Funding Requests form and the subcommittee-wide questions above, requesters should be prepared to answer the following questions specific to this account:

- Eligible project type that best describes 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.
- Where is the project in the construction process?
 - Options include: Planning and Environmental Review, Final Design, Right of Way, Contract Awarded, Capital Purchase or Lease, Construction, and Other (please specify).
- Estimated start and completion dates.
- Is the project on a state rail plan 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.

Department of Transportation – Port Infrastructure Development Program

(PIDP) Fiscal Year 2026 enacted Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on page 100 - 101 here](#). The enacted bill included projects for this account ranging from \$250,000 to \$5 million, with an average award of around \$2.38 million

PIDP 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.

This program has a statutory non-Federal matching requirement, with potential exceptions for small and rural area ports (see 46 USC sections 54301(a)(8) and 54301(b) for more information on these cost-share requirements).

The Subcommittee will only fund projects that meet eligibility criteria and will be administered by eligible applicants, as described by statute. As a reminder, funding may not be directed to for-profit recipients.

Additionally, these projects may be subject to various Federal requirements such as Buy America and the National Environmental Policy Act. Applicants should reach out to their local port authorities and the Maritime Administration’s [Gateway Offices](#) to help determine the eligibility and viability of projects.

In addition to the general questions on Rep. Levin’s Community Project Funding Requests form and the subcommittee-wide questions above, requesters should be prepared to answer the following questions specific to this account:

- 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 local port authority and received assurances that the project is eligible under applicable statutes?
- 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 any federal funding already received or approved for the project.
- If the request does not fully fund the project, describe where the remaining funding comes from to complete the project.

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) - Economic Development Initiative (EDI)

Fiscal Year 2026 enacted Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 101-207 here](#). The FY26 enacted bill included projects for this account ranging from \$150,000 to \$20 million, with an average award of around \$1.4 million.

Please note: the House Committee on Appropriations has announced that 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, which do not include nonprofit entities:

- 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

Community Project Funding within the Community Development Fund account of the HUD title is intended for economic and community development activities, consistent with statutory and additional Committee requirements.

Project requests for the FY26 Economic Development Initiative program must be consistent with the goals of one or more of the following eligible uses of the Community Development Fund (CDF): 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4), and 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(5). These statutory eligibilities focus on land or site acquisition, demolition, or rehabilitation; blight removal; and construction and capital improvements of public facilities, except for “buildings used for the general conduct of government.” Similar to FY 2025, programmatic and operational expenses are not eligible.

5305(a)(1) – the acquisition of real property (including air rights, water rights, and other interests therein) which is (A) blighted, deteriorated, deteriorating, undeveloped, or inappropriately developed from the standpoint of sound community development and growth; (B) appropriate for rehabilitation or conservation activities; (C) appropriate for the preservation or restoration of historic sites, the beautification of urban land, the conservation of open spaces, natural resources, and scenic areas, the provision of recreational opportunities, or the guidance of urban development; (D) to be used for the provision of public works, facilities, and improvements eligible for assistance under this chapter; or (E) to be used for other public purposes;

5305(a)(2) – the 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 (except for buildings for the general conduct of government), and site or other improvements;

5305(a)(4) – 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);

5305(a)(5) – special projects directed to the removal of material and architectural barriers which restrict the mobility and accessibility of elderly and handicapped persons;

Given that projects must be consistent with authorized purposes, the Committee expects to prioritize funding for the following types of projects:

- Water or sewer infrastructure projects, which are not otherwise eligible to be funded as CPFs in EPA STAG (Interior bill) or Rural Water and Waste Disposal (Agriculture bill);
- Local road infrastructure, which is not otherwise eligible as a CPF in Highways (inthis bill);
- 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; and
- Projects that meet a compelling local need consistent with statutory purposes. For example, food banks in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods, youth and senior centers, and multipurpose community centers would be strong submissions.

The following types of projects are not eligible for CPF funding:

- Museums, commemoratives, and memorials;
- Swimming pools, water parks, ski slopes, and golf courses;
- Healthcare facilities
- Venues strictly for entertainment purposes – e.g., theaters, amphitheaters, fairgrounds, and performing arts centers;
- Strictly research, operational, or planning activities; and
- Buildings for the general conduct of government (courthouses, post office, city halls), which are not allowed under the statute.

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” (BAP), 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 are produced in the United States. Effective February 22, 2024, BAP applies to iron and steel for all EDI grantees, and effective August 23, 2024, this will extend to construction and manufacturing materials as well.

In addition to meeting the above eligibility criteria, all projects must meet these Committee requirements:

- Members are advised that projects submitted under 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1)(C) will be disfavored if the only or primary purpose of the project is “beautification” or historic preservation, without evidence of other community development or economic development benefits.
- Requesting offices are required to 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 your office.

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.

In addition to the general questions on Rep. Levin's Community Project Funding Requests form and the subcommittee-wide questions above, requesters should be prepared to answer the following questions specific to this account:

- Is the project on a state or local jurisdiction's consolidated plan with HUD? If yes, please link and provide the page number where it can be found. If not, please explain how the project is consistent with CDF statute.
- Who are the community partners participating in this project? Have local community development organizations with prior experience with HUD programs been consulted?
- 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 this 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?



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