Congressman Pete Aguilar

Community Project Funding
Resource Guide

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Overview of the Community Project Funding (CPF) Process

The U.S. House of Representatives will consider Community Project Funding (CPF) requests in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 appropriations process. Rep. Pete Aguilar has submitted funding requests for important community projects in California's 33rd Congressional District to the House Appropriations Committee. You can view Rep. Aguilar's previous submissions [here](#).

Each Representative may request funding for up to 15 projects in their community for Fiscal Year 2026 – although only a handful may actually be funded. Projects are restricted to a limited number of federal funding streams, and only state and local governments and eligible non-profit entities are permitted to receive funding. The funding a project receives can only be used during one fiscal year (October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026).

The project will also be required to submit evidence of community support, which can include:

- 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, etc.

Additional information on the reforms made to the Community Project Funding process are available [here](#).

The form for requesting FY26 CPF project funding is available [here](#) and the deadline is Wednesday, April 16 at 11:59 p.m. PT. After submitting the CPF form, please email RepAguilar.Appropriations@mail.house.gov the supplementary questions for the account you submitted your project under.

Please note that this form is **NOT** for programmatic requests. If you have any questions, please reach out to RepAguilar.Appropriations@mail.house.gov.

List of Accounts for Community Project Funding (CPF) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026

Below is a list of accounts for the FY26 CPF process. Guidance from the Appropriations Committee is linked below. Additionally, the following pages include the linked guidance from the Appropriations Committee. Please note this material was drafted by the relevant subcommittee professional staff.

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

[Click here for FY26 Appropriations Committee guidance](#)
- Department of Agriculture
    - Rural Development, Community Facilities Grants
    - Rural Development, ReConnect Program
    - Rural Development, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants
    - Rural Development, Water and Waste Disposal Grants
    - Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities
    - Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS)

[Click here for FY26 Appropriations Committee guidance](#)
- Department of Commerce
    - National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) – Scientific and Technical Research
    - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) – Coastal Zone Management
- Department of Justice
    - Office of Justice Programs – Byrne Justice Assistance Grants
    - Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) – Technology and Equipment
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
    - Safety, Security & Mission Services

Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies

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- Army Corps of Engineers (Civil Works)
    - Investigations
    - Construction
    - Mississippi River and Tributaries
    - Operation and Maintenance
- Bureau of Reclamation

- Water and Related Resources

Homeland Security

[Click here for FY26 Appropriations Committee guidance](#)
- Department of Homeland Security
  - FEMA, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Projects
  - FEMA, Emergency Operations Center Grants

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

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

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

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- Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction – Active Components
  - Army
  - Navy and Marine Corps
  - Air Force
  - Space Force
  - Defense-Wide Agencies (Special Operations Command (SOCOM), Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), etc.)
- Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction – Reserve Components
  - Army National Guard
  - Air National Guard
  - Army Reserve
  - Navy Reserve
  - Air Force Reserve

Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (THUD)

- Department of Transportation
  - Airport Improvement Program (AIP) ([Guidance](#))
  - Highway Infrastructure Projects ([Guidance](#))
  - Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Projects ([Guidance](#))
  - Transit Infrastructure Projects ([Guidance](#))
  - Port Infrastructure Development Program Projects ([Guidance](#))
- Department of Housing and Urban Development: Economic Development Initiative (EDI) ([Guidance](#))

Rep. Aguilar Community Project Funding Form Questions

Deadline: Wednesday, April 16 at 11:59 p.m. PT

Congressman Pete Aguilar's Community Project Funding form can be accessed [here](#). Below is a copy of the questions from the form. You must enter all information into the form at one time, so please utilize this template as you prepare your request. Please also note all information submitted in this form may be posted publicly.

Community Project Funding (CPF) is limited to select accounts for Fiscal Year 2026. The House Appropriations Committee publicly posted information regarding the specific accounts and parameters for Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations requests [here](#).

Before submitting the information below, please review the committee's Dear Colleague letters and specific technical guidance from the subcommittee relevant to your request to ensure your project meets the requirements.

For any questions, please contact RepAguilar.Appropriations@mail.house.gov.

Information
1. Legal Name of Requesting Local Entity
2. Type of Entity [Drop down: State or local government, Non-profit, University, Other]
3. Tax identification number for non-profits
4. Address of Requesting Local Entity
5. Phone Number of Requesting Local Entity
6. Website of Requesting Local Entity
7. Name of Point of Contact at Requesting Local Entity
8. Phone Number of Point of Contact at Requesting Local Entity
9. Email Address of Point of Contact at Requesting Local Entity

Project Overview
1. Title of Request
2. Appropriations Subcommittee (for a list of all subcommittee bills, please click [here](#))
3. Department (i.e. Department of Homeland Security)
4. Agency (i.e. FEMA)
5. Account (i.e. Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants)
6. Will this project be submitted to an additional subcommittee? If yes, provide the subcommittee below.
7. Short Summary of Request (one sentence)
8. Is this project located in CA-33? If not, what district is it located in?

9. Why is this project a good use of taxpayer dollars?
10. Priority Ranking of Request (if there is more than one request per entity)
11. Will this project be submitted to an additional Member of Congress? If yes, please list below.
12. Was this request submitted to our office during a previous CPF cycle (FY22, FY23, FY24, or FY25)?

Project and Funding Details
1. Please provide a short summary of the project (approximately 250 words)
    a. Please utilize this space to provide additional information regarding this project
2. Please provide an explanation for why this project is a good use of taxpayer funds.
3. Please explain how this project will benefit California's 33rd Congressional District.
4. What is the estimated start date of the project?
    a. What is the estimated end date of the project?
    b. What is the status of the project if it is already in progress?
5. Is the project authorized in federal law? If yes, please provide a citation.
6. Please provide evidence of community support for this project. Community support can take the form of letters of support from cities, residents, businesses, elected officials or community groups, as well as resolutions in support of the project, news article or other online sources. [You may upload up to 10 documents on the form. Please contact our office if you have additional items to submit for support.]
7. What is the requested funding for this project?
8. What is the total cost to complete the project?
9. Has this project received federal dollars in the past, either through grant funding or previously directed funding? If yes, please provide specific dollar amounts and the years in which they were provided.
10. How will the entity obligate all funding by the end of FY25 (September 30, 2026)?
11. Have you emailed the supplementary questions to RepAguilar.Appropriations@mail.house.gov? See the supplementary questions further below.

Additional questions may be requested as the office reviews and considers your request.

Supplementary Questions for CPF Accounts

After submitting Congressman Pete Aguilar's [Community Project Funding form](#), please email RepAguilar.Appropriations@mail.house.gov the supplementary questions for the account you submitted your project under. Below is a copy of the supplementary questions.

In your email, please include the following:

- The subject of your email should be "Supplementary - [name of Appropriations bill] - [Project Name]" (ex: "Supplementary - THUD - [Project Name]").
- The name of the project, the requesting agency, the Appropriations bill and the Appropriations account at the top of the email.
- The list of questions, including the answers below the questions.

The House Appropriations Committee has publicly posted information regarding the specific accounts and parameters of all appropriations requests [here](#).

For any questions, please contact RepAguilar.Appropriations@mail.house.gov.

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Supplementary Questions
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For the following accounts:
- Department of Agriculture, Community Facilities Grants
- Department of Agriculture, ReConnect Program
- Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants
- Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Waste Disposal Grants
- Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities
- Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations

Questions to email RepAguilar.Appropriations@mail.house.gov:
1. The website address of the proposed recipient.
2. Has the recipient secured non-federal funds to meet the cost share requirements, if applicable?
3. For Rural Development projects, 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?
4. Does the entity plan to make grants to other entities from the funds provided and, if so, to whom?

5. Why is the project a priority for the district? Briefly explain the community benefits.
6. Has any funding for the project been included in any presidential budget and, if so, how much, in which fiscal year, and in which agency or agencies and program(s)?
7. Has the project received federal funding before and, if so, how much, when, and from which agency or agencies and program(s)?
8. 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.)
9. For ARS B&F only, is it an existing USDA owned and operated facility? (It must be, in order to be eligible.)
10. For ARS B&F only, what is the estimated start date of the project? How soon could the feasibility/engineering design phase commence? [mm/yy]
11. For ARS B&F only, does the project have distinct and separable phases?
12. For ARS B&F only, what is the estimated completion date of the project? When does completion of construction occur? [mm/yy]
13. For ReConnect requests only, 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.
14. For Conservation Operations requests only, 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.
15. For water and waste requests only, provide relevant information, such as the number of households, businesses, or farms that would be served.

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS)
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For the following accounts:
- National Institute of Standards and Technology – Scientific and Technical Research
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – Coastal Zone Management
- Department of Justice – Byrne Justice
- Department of Justice – Community Oriented Policing (COPS) Technology and Equipment
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration – Safety, Security & Mission Services

Questions to email RepAguilar.Appropriations@mail.house.gov:
1. Is the recipient entity a non-profit organization as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986? [yes/no]

2. 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.
3. 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
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For the following accounts:
- Army Corps of Engineers (Civil Works):
  - Investigations
  - Construction
  - Mississippi River and Tributaries
  - Operation and Maintenance
- Department of the Interior – Bureau of Reclamation:
  - Water and Related Resources

Questions to email RepAguilar.Appropriations@mail.house.gov:
1. Is the project authorized? Is the scope of work to be funded within existing authorization?
   a. If Yes, What is the statutory citation?
2. What is the official project name?
3. What is the Fiscal Year 2026 capability?
4. For a Corps of Engineers project, what is the correct appropriations account in which to request funding?
5. For a Corps of Engineers project, is this project a new start?
6. For a Corps of Engineers project, is this project an environmental infrastructure (EI) project?
7. 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)?

Homeland Security
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For the following accounts:
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation Projects
- Emergency Operations Center Grants

Questions to email RepAguilar.Appropriations@mail.house.gov:
Pre-Disaster Mitigation Projects:

1. Did your office upload a letter from the appropriate State or Territorial Administrative Agency, or Tribal government, confirming project eligibility and their willingness to administer the grant?
2. Did your office upload letters of support from local government entities demonstrating community support for the project(s)?
3. Is the proposed project eligible under the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the PDM grant program?
4. 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?
5. 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?
6. 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.
7. 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?
8. If so, what is the FEMA approval date and when will the plan expire?
9. Has your office confirmed the funding request does not include prohibited activities for PDM grants (e.g., dredging waterways; the purchase of emergency vehicles and equipment)?
10. Describe how the proposed activity expands mitigation capacity rather than repair and maintenance of existing capacity.
11. How will the project provide long-term, permanent risk reduction, as opposed to simply supporting short-term, temporary emergency protective measures?
12. Can the recipient describe how the activity supports the needs of people disproportionally at risk of the harmful impacts of natural disasters?
13. Does the recipient specifically encourage adoption and enforcement of the latest disaster resistant building codes?
14. Provide a clear and detailed description of the proposed mitigation activity.
15. How will the mitigation activity be implemented?
16. Who will manage and complete the mitigation activity?
17. What risks will remain from natural hazards after project implementation (i.e., residual risk)?
18. How does the activity reduce the risk to individuals and property for future natural hazards, while reducing reliance on federal funding for future disasters?
19. 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?

20. If so, what is the subgrant ID, or in which grant program and fiscal year was the application submitted, selected, or awarded funding?
21. Has your office or the community consulted with state, county, or local emergency management officials, or with FEMA about the proposed project?
22. If so, please provide the name of the official, the agency they represent, and their contact information.

Emergency Operations Center Grant Program
1. Did your office upload a letter from the appropriate State or Territorial Administrative Agency, or Tribal government, confirming project eligibility and their willingness to administer the grant?
2. Did your office upload letters of support from local government entities demonstrating community support for the project(s)?
3. Is the proposed project eligible under the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program?
4. Is the requested federal funding amount limited to a maximum of 75% of the total project cost?
5. Can the requesting jurisdiction provide the required 25% non-federal cost-share?
6. 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?
7. Has your office reviewed the funding restrictions and allowable costs section of the NOFO for EOC grants?
8. Has your office 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)?
9. 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?
10. 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?
11. Has your office or the community consulted with state, county, or local emergency management officials, or with FEMA about the proposed project?
12. If so, please provide the name of the official, the agency they represent, and their contact information.

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
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For the following accounts:
- Environmental Protection Agency, State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG)

Questions to email RepAguilar.Appropriations@mail.house.gov:
1. Is this a Clean Water SRF project or a Drinking Water SRF project?
2. Is the project on your State's most recently finalized Clean Water/Drinking Water SRF Intended Use Plan (IUP)?
3. Has the project received Federal funds previously? If so, please describe.
4. Does the project have (or expects to have within 12 months) its 20% cost share requirement?
5. Given the Federal nexus requirement, does the project help meet or maintain Clean Water Act/Safe Drinking Water Act standards? If so, please describe.

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
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For the following accounts:
- Department of Defense
  - Military Construction Accounts
- Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction – Active Components
  - Army
  - Navy and Marine Corps
  - Air Force and Space Force
  - Defense-Wide Agencies (Special Operations Command (SOCOM), Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), etc.)
- Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction – Reserve Components
  - Army National Guard
  - Air National Guard
  - Army Reserve
  - Navy Reserve
  - Air Force Reserve

Questions to email RepAguilar.Appropriations@mail.house.gov:
1. Which Service is the project for?
2. Project Title.
3. Amount Requested for FY26.
4. Program (Is the funding request for construction, unspecified minor construction, or planning and design?).
5. Project Location (state/territory title).
6. Installation Name (location title).
7. Is the project on the FY26-FY30 FYDP? If so, which fiscal year?
8. Is the project on a FY26 Service or Combatant Command unfunded requirements/unfunded priorities list (UFRs/UPLs)?

9. Does the project have a DD Form 1391, have you included it in the submission?
10. If a Reserve Component project, does it require a state funding match?
11. Is this project at or above 35 percent design complete?
12. Can the project funds be obligated in FY26?
13. Has a corresponding request been submitted to HASC for inclusion in the FY26 NDAA? If a project was previously authorized in a NDAA, please provide the fiscal year.
14. Who is the point of contact in the requesting office?

Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (THUD)

For the following accounts:
- Department of Transportation
    - Airport Improvement Program (AIP) ([Guidance](#))
    - Highway Infrastructure Projects ([Guidance](#))
    - Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Projects ([Guidance](#))
    - Transit Infrastructure Projects ([Guidance](#))
    - Port Infrastructure Development Program Projects ([Guidance](#))
- Department of Housing and Urban Development: Economic Development Initiative (EDI) ([Guidance](#))

Questions to email RepAguilar.Appropriations@mail.house.gov:

Airport Improvement Program (AIP)
1. Airport Recipient and Project Name.
    a. EXAMPLE: Rehabilitate runway. Airport Name (Include three letter or number airport code).
    b. 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.
2. General description of the project and why it is needed.
3. Was this project funded within this account in the FY25 House Transportation-HUD bill? (Y/N) **(new question)**
    a. If yes, please provide the title of the project, and the page number it appeared on, as it shows in the table in the back of House Report 118–584. **(new question)**
4. 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.
5. What are the benefits of this project and why is it a priority?

6. Amount requested for the community project for Fiscal Year 2026, and the total project cost.
7. 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?
8. Has the airport submitted a grant application for this same project to FAA?

Highway Infrastructure Projects
1. Description and benefits of the project and why it is needed.
2. Was this project funded within this account in the FY25 House Transportation-HUD bill? (Y/N) **(new question)**
    a. If yes, please provide the title of the project, and the page number it appeared on, as it shows in the table in the back of House Report 118–584. **(new question)**
    b. NOTE: If you submitted this project in a different account in the THUD bill or another bill in FY25 – and it later appeared in the THUD bill – please conform your request to match the bill and account where the project ended up. For example, if you submitted a roadway project under the Highway Infrastructure Programs (HIP) account, and after technical review it was funded in the Economic Development Initiatives (EDI) account, please submit it through EDI this year.
3. 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)
    a. NOTE: Choose from 23 USC 133, 23 USC 201, 23 USC 202, or 23 USC 165.
4. If the request is for a phase of a larger project, describe all other phases and how this request relates to the entire project.
5. Please provide a history of any federal funding already received or approved for the project. Include both formula funds and any discretionary grants.
    a. EXAMPLE: FY20 TIGER/BUILD Grant: $10 million; FHWA Formula Funds: $5 million.
6. 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?
7. Is the project on a STIP or a TIP? If yes, please provide a link to the plan.

Transit Infrastructure Projects
1. Project Name.
2. Project Recipient.
3. General description and scope of project, including benefits and explanation for why project is a priority.

4. Was this project funded within this account in the FY25 House Transportation-HUD bill? (Y/N) **(new question)**
   a. If yes, please provide the title of the project, and the page number it appeared on, as it shows in the table in the back of House Report 118–584.
   b. NOTE: If you submitted this project in a different account in the THUD bill or another bill in FY25—and it later appeared in the THUD bill—please conform your request to match the bill and account where the project ended up. For example, if you submitted a project under the Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) account, and after technical review it was funded in the Transit Infrastructure Program (TIP) account, please submit it through TIP this year. This will save staff time when revetting these projects.
5. Total project cost.
6. Has the project completed the required review(s) under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA)? **(new question)**
   a. If yes, what is the status and/or outcome of the NEPA review? **(new question)**
7. Does the project have other public (federal, state, local) and/or private funds committed to meet match or cost-share requirements for capital projects?
8. If the project receives less than requested for the transit infrastructure grants, 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.
9. Does the project intend to apply for any DOT discretionary programs before proceeding? If yes, will the project sponsor still proceed if not selected?
10. Provide a history of federal funding for the project, if any. Include formula funds and any discretionary grants.
11. Where is the project in the construction process?
    a. Drop down options in the database will include Planning and Environmental Review, Final Design, RFP/IFB Issued, Contract Awarded, Capital Purchase or Lease, Construction, and Other (please specify).
12. Estimated start and completion dates.
13. Is the project currently on a state, tribal or territorial transportation improvement plan (STIP) or a transportation improvement plan (TIP) as of 12/31/2024? If yes, provide a link to the plan.
14. Provide the STIP or TIP ID Number and specify which plan the ID Number comes from

Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Projects
1. Project Name
2. Project Recipient

3. 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.)
   a. Deployment of railroad safety technology, including positive train control and rail integrity inspection systems.
   b. 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.
   c. A capital project necessary to address congestion or safety challenges affecting rail service.
   d. A capital project necessary to reduce congestion and facilitate ridership growth in intercity passenger rail transportation along heavily traveled rail corridors.
   e. 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.
   f. A rail line relocation or improvement project.
   g. A capital project to improve short-line or regional railroad infrastructure.
   h. The preparation of regional rail and corridor service development plans and corresponding environmental analyses.
   i. 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.
   j. 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).
   k. Rehabilitating, remanufacturing, procuring, or overhauling locomotives, provided that such activities result in a significant reduction of emissions.
4. General description and scope of project, including benefits and explanation for why project is a priority.
5. Was this project funded within this account in the FY25 House TransportationHUD bill? (Y/N) **(new question)**
   a. If yes, please provide the title of the project, and the page number it appeared on, as it shows in the table in the back of House Report 118−584. **(new question)**
   b. NOTE: If you submitted this project in a different account in the THUD bill or another bill in FY25—and it later appeared in the THUD bill—please conform your request to match the bill and account where the project

ended up. For example, if you submitted a project under the Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) account, and after technical review it was funded in the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) account, please submit it through CRISI this year.

6. Total project cost.
7. Does the project have non-federal and/or private funds committed to meet match or cost-share requirements? What is the source and amount of those funds?
8. If the project receives less than requested, will the project still proceed without waiting for additional funding sources?
9. 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.
10. Where is the project in the construction process?
11. Estimated start and completion dates.
12. 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. **(updated question)**
13. 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 Projects
1. General description and benefits of the project and why it is needed.
2. Was this project funded within this account in the FY25 House Transportation-HUD bill? (Y/N) **(new question)**
   a. If yes, please provide the title of the project, and the page number it appeared on, as it shows in the table in the back of House Report 118–584. **(new question)**
   b. NOTE: If you submitted this project in a different account in the THUD bill or another bill in FY25—and it later appeared in the THUD bill—please conform your request to match the bill and account where the project ended up. For example, if you submitted a project under the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) account, and after technical review it was funded in the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) account, please submit it through PIDP this year.
3. Is the project at a small port, as described under 46 USC 54301(b)?
4. 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?
5. If the request is for a phase of a larger project, describe all other phases and how this request relates to the entire project.
6. Has the recipient engaged in discussions with the local port authority and received assurances that the project is eligible under applicable statutes?
7. Provide a history of any federal funding already received or approved for the project.

8. 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 Housing and Urban Development: Economic Development Initiative (EDI)
1. Project Name.
2. General description of the project and why it is needed.
3. What are the benefits of this project and why is it a priority?
4. Amount requested for the Community Project Funding and the total project cost.
5. Are there community partners participating in this project?
6. Does the grantee have experience executing a federal grant?
7. Has the request been submitted to another subcommittee or committee this fiscal year? If yes, which one(s)? **(new question)**
8. Is this project consistent with the primary objective of the community development program? Please describe who the project is intended to benefit.
9. What is the entity's TIN/EIN?
10. What is the entity's UEI?
11. 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.
12. 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: **(new question)**
    a. The title of the project;
    b. The fiscal year the CPF/CDS was enacted;
    c. The awarding Member(s) and/or Senator(s);
    d. The grant number as provided by HUD; and
    e. The grant's status ("No Materials Submitted" or "Grant Review in Progress").
13. Was this project funded within this account in the FY25 House Transportation-HUD bill? (Y/N) **(new question)**
    a. If yes, please provide the title of the project, and the page number it appeared on, as it shows in the back of the report in House Report 118–584. **(new question)**
    b. NOTE: If you submitted this project in a different account in the THUD bill or another bill in FY25 – and it later appeared in the THUD bill – please conform your request to match the bill and account where the project ended up. For example, if you submitted a roadway project under the Highway Infrastructure Programs (HIP) account, and after technical review it was funded in the Economic Development Initiatives (EDI) account, please submit it through EDI this year. As an additional example, if you submitted a project in the Rural Development (Agriculture) account and it

ended up in the EDI (THUD) account, please ensure you submit it in the right bill/account.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Community Project Funding?

Community Project Funding (CPF) is an opportunity for organizations located in California's 33rd Congressional District to request funding for a specific entity's project. Members of Congress then have the opportunity to request funding for up to 15 projects in our community through the Appropriations process.

The funding must meet the objective of an existing federal program that the project is applying for funding under. Community Project Funding will typically only serve as a partial contribution to the total cost of a project.

Is there a deadline for submitting a request?

Yes. The deadline to submit a Community Project Funding request to our office is Wednesday, April 16 at 11:59 p.m. PT.

What if I missed the deadline to submit a request? Are there any exceptions made?

Our office reviews various Community Project Funding requests in a short amount of time ahead of the Appropriations Committee deadlines. As a result, deadlines are strictly enforced. Once our office submits our requests to the full committee, we are unable to change or add requests, which is why meeting our deadlines is critical to successful CPF submissions.

What if I do not know the appropriate account or agency for my project request?

This guide has been prepared to outline information on available accounts. If you have any questions based on the guide, please contact our office at RepAguilar.Appropriations@mail.house.gov.

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

Yes, each federal program has specific restrictions on how federal funds can be used. Projects are restricted to a limited number of federal funding streams, and only state and local governments and eligible non-profit entities are permitted to receive funding. Funding can generally not be used for debt service, recurring or routine expenses, reimbursement of costs, or projects that cannot demonstrate value to the community.

Should I submit my request to both my US Representative and US Senators?

Yes, it is strongly recommended that you submit your request to all of your federal representatives.

How much funding should I request for my project?

It depends on the account from which you are requesting funds. Entities should not request more funds than the project needs or that can be realistically spent within the Fiscal Year. Also, unfortunately due to budgetary constraints, projects may not receive the full funding they requested.

If my project is funded, will I receive the full amount I request?

There is no guarantee that the Appropriations Committee will provide the full requested funding for a Community Project Funding request. It is unfortunately likely that you will only receive a portion of your request, if funded at all. This is mostly due to budgetary restraints. Please keep this in mind when requesting support for your project.

Do I need letters of support?

Yes, please provide as many community letters of support as possible. The more community support for a project, the better. Letters of support from local, municipal, and state elected officials and stakeholders, as well as editorials and articles in local newspapers on the importance and necessity of the project are all important.

I submitted a request. Will it be approved? When will I know?

Each Representative can only request up to 15 projects, so our office unfortunately cannot submit every project we receive. Therefore, the Community Project Funding process is competitive.

Since our office can only submit 15 projects, we strongly recommend you explore other grant and funding sources as well. For questions on other grant opportunities, please reach out to our Grants Director, Curt Lewis, at Curt.Lewis@mail.house.gov.

The House Appropriations Committee begins putting together the bills in the spring and the full House of Representatives typically begins considering these bills during the summer. The Senate Appropriations Committee puts together their own bills, so the two chambers need to convene a "conference committee" to work out the differences in their bills. The final appropriations bills are typically finalized by the end of the calendar year or sometimes into the next year.

It is a long process, but we will continue to keep you updated as we have more information about the status of the appropriations bills.

If my Community Project Funding request is granted, what is the process for getting the assistance and how quickly will I receive it?

Once the President signs the appropriations bills into law, the agency or office that oversees the federal funding program will reach out directly to the recipients of Community Project Funding. Each agency or office has a different process for providing the funding, but they will likely require the Community Project Funding recipient to

complete a grant application on the project's goals, cost estimates and other requirements.

The timeline of when the agency or office reaches out varies, so if you have any questions, please reach out to our office and we can check in with the agencies on their timelines.

Can I depend on receiving Community Project Funding for the same project more than once?

It depends, but given the limited number of Community Project Funding requests that each office can submit, it is difficult for our office to request a Community Project Funding request for the same project more than once. Please reach out to our office if you have questions on why your project may need more federal support beyond one fiscal year.

Are Community Project Funding requests publicly disclosed?

Yes, every member of Congress is required to publicly list the details of the projects they submitted to the Appropriations Committee on their website. This includes the name and address of the requestor, the amount requested, and the justification for use of taxpayer funds. You can view Rep. Aguilar's previous submissions here.

If I have any other questions, who should I reach out to?

Please email RepAguilar.Appropriations@mail.house.gov with any questions!