

Fiscal Year 2025 Guidance for Community Project Funding.

- <u>Cap on Overall Funding:</u> The total amount for Community Project Funding in House appropriations bills will not exceed one half of one percent of discretionary spending.
- Cap on Member Requests: Members may submit a maximum of 15 requests across bills.
- <u>Federal Nexus Requirement</u>: In order to ensure a federal nexus exists for each funded project, the
 Committee will only fund projects that are tied to a federal authorization law. Members must include
 a written statement describing the federal nexus for each Community Project Funding request.
 Subcommittee guidance will include example language Members can use to make the required
 statement.
- <u>No Memorials, Museums, or Commemoratives</u>: Memorials, museums, and commemoratives (i.e., projects named for an individual or entity) are not eligible for Community Project Funding. Many are eligible for competitive grants, and Members can request higher program funding levels.
- <u>Stewardship Requirements</u>: Funded projects will follow applicable requirements in the authorized programs that support good stewardship of taxpayer dollars. For example, programs may require a non-federal cost-share and participation in program audits.
- <u>Careful Vetting of Projects</u>: Subcommittee chairs are expected to establish additional project criteria to ensure only high quality projects are requested and funded. They are encouraged to reject any project that does not merit federal taxpayer funding. Funding decisions will depend on the availability of funds, demand for projects, and merit of individual projects.
- <u>Ban on For-Profit Recipients</u>: Project funding may not be directed to for-profit recipients. Members may request funding for State, local, or tribal governmental grantees and certain eligible non-profits, as allowed under federal law and subcommittee guidance.
- <u>HUD Economic Development Initiative ("EDI")</u>: In FY 2025, only governmental entities and public institutions of higher education will be eligible for EDI projects.
- <u>Demonstrations of Project Merit and Support</u>: Members must provide evidence of the project's merit and community support.
- <u>Audits and Oversight</u>: The Government Accountability Office (GAO) will conduct an independent audit of a sample of enacted projects and report its findings to Congress.
- <u>Early Public Disclosure</u>: House rules require disclosure of Community Project Funding before the bill is on the floor, but the House Appropriations Committee will publish online a list of projects earlier on the same day as the bill's initial markup.
- <u>Committee Reports</u>: When reporting bills containing Community Project Funding, the Committee will identify each item, including the name of each requesting Member, in the corresponding committee report or joint explanatory statement and make it available online in a searchable format.

Applying for Community Project Funding

When applying, please be prepared to provide the information outlined below. Additional information will be required for specific categories of funding. The categories of eligibility for Community Project Funding and supplemental questions for each category are outlined in the following pages of this packet. Please carefully review the provided guidance to ensure your project complies with appropriations guidelines. Please note that supplemental questions must be submitted separately to TX20.CommunityProjects@mail.house.gov.

- 1. Please indicate which Appropriations subcommittee your request concerns.
- 2. Eligibility of requesting entity or organization:
- 3. If your organization is a registered non-profit under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, please provide evidence such as EIN.
- 4. Name of the entity requesting funds: (legal name, no abbreviations)
- 5. Contact information for your organization's CEO or Executive Director (Name, Email address, Phone Number).
- 6. Secondary Point of Contact (Name, Email address, Phone Number)
- 7. What Congressional district is the recipient located?
- 8. What Congressional district is the project located?
- 9. Physical location of proposed project: (street name, city, and zip code, if known)
- 10. Priority of the project if submitting more than one project
- 11. Total amount requested for the project.
- 12. Start and end dates for the project.

- 13. If awarded, can this project be completed during Fiscal Year 2026? (Multi-year funding requests are not eligible).
- 14. Short title and long description of the project.
- 15. Provide a budget breakout of the project:
- 16. Explanation of why the project is a good use of taxpayer funds and helpful to the 20th Congressional District of Texas.
- 17. Explanation of any other sources of funding for the project. (If this request funds only part of a larger project, please include the total amount needed for the whole project and other sources of funding and other information on the project.)
- 18. History of federal funding for the project, if any. Include both formula funds and any discretionary grants, as well as the fiscal years that these funds were received and the agency that disbursed the funds.
- 19. If the request does not fully fund the project, describe the sources of remaining funding needed for project completion.
- 20. When submitting your project, the Office of Congressman Castro will be required to answer the following question:

The project	has a federal next	us because the
funding pro	vided is for purpo	ses authorized by
section	of the	Act
(Public Law	XXX-XXX).	

- Are you aware of existing federal statutes or programs that have historically authorized funding for the type of project you are submitting? Please reach out to my staff if you have questions about how your project is authorized under federal law.
- 21. Indicate whether you have submitted or will be submitting a request for this same

- project to any other Member of Congress, if so, please list Members and staff contacts.
- 22. Evidence of community support (letters from local elected officials, newspaper clips, etc. Please send documents of community support to TX20.CommunityProjects@mail.house.gov

Staff Contacts

All questions and comments should be directed to TX20.CommunityProjects@mail.house.gov. Specific staff contacts are below.

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Fiscal Year 2025 Community Project Funding-Eligible Accounts

More details about eligible accounts can be found on pages 7-20 of this packet.

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

- Department of Agriculture Farm Production and Conservation Programs
 - o Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations
- Department of Agriculture-Research, Education, and Economics
 - o Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities
- Department of Agriculture Rural Development
 - o Rural Housing Service, Community Facilities
 - o Rural Utilities Service, ReConnect Program
 - o Rural Utilities Service, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants
 - o Rural Utilities Service, Rural Water and Waste Disposal Grants

<u>NOTE</u>: Projects intended for rural development must serve areas specified in 7 CFR 3570.53 (rural areas including cities, villages, townships and Federally Recognized Tribal lands with no more than 20,000 residents).

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

- Department of Commerce
 - o NIST Scientific and Technical Research and Services
 - o NOAA Coastal Zone Management
- Department of Justice
 - o Office of Justice Programs Byrne Justice Projects
 - o Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology & Equipment Projects
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration
 - o Safety, Security and Mission Services Projects

Energy & Water Development and Related Agencies

- Army Corps of Engineers Eligible (Civil Works)
 - o Investigations
 - Construction
 - Mississippi River and Tributaries
 - o Operation and Maintenance
- Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation
 - Water and Related Resources

Homeland Security

- Federal Assistance Emergency Operations Centers Grants
- Federal Assistance Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

- Environmental Protection Agency State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG)
 - o STAG Clean Water State Revolving Fund
 - o STAG Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Fiscal Year 2025 Community Project Funding-Eligible Accounts - Continued

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

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

Transportation, and Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

- Department of Housing and Urban Development
 - O CDBG Economic Development Initiatives
- Department of Transportation
 - Airport Improvement Program
 - Highway Infrastructure Projects
 - o Transit Infrastructure Projects
 - o Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Projects
 - o Port Infrastructure Development Program

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

Please carefully review the project guidance available here (pages 5-7).

Projects must fall into one of the following categories:

- Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities
- Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations
- Rural Development, Community Facilities Grants
- Rural Development, ReConnect Program
- Rural Development, Water and Waste Disposal Grants
- Rural Development, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants

Please note that projects intended for rural development must serve areas specified in 7 CFR 3570.53 (rural areas including cities, villages, townships and Federally Recognized Tribal lands with no more than 20,000 residents).

Supplemental questions for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies project requests:

- 1. The website address of the proposed recipient.
- 2. If there are additional costs necessary to complete the project, have those been secured?
- 3. For Rural Development projects, is the project for an eligible purpose and does it meet all eligibility 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?
- 9. 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]
- 10. For ARS B&F only, does the project have distinct and separable phases?
- 11. For ARS B&F only, what is the estimated completion date of the project? When does completion of construction occur? [mm/yy]
- 12. For ARS B&F only, have you verified that this facility is owned or operated by the Agricultural Research Service?
- 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)

Please carefully review the project guidance available here (pages 3-16).

Projects must fall into one of the following categories:

• Department of Commerce

- o NIST Scientific and Technical Research and Services
- o NOAA Coastal Zone Management

• Department of Justice

- o Office of Justice Programs Byrne Justice Projects
- o Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology & Equipment Projects

• National Aeronautics and Space Administration

o Safety, Security and Mission Services Projects

Supplemental questions for Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies

- 1. Which account are you applying for
- 2. Is the recipient entity a non-profit organization as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986? [yes/no]
- 3. 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.
- 4. Are you aware of another Member making a request for this same project? [Yes/no]
- 5. Please provide the location of this project, in the format 'City (or County), State.'
- 6. Please describe, with as much specificity as possible, the overall objectives of the proposed project and how the requested funds would be spent to achieve those goals.
- 7. Is the requested project currently authorized in law? If yes, please provide a specific legal citation of such authorization.
- 8. Are the proposed project activities consistent with the activities of the Federal agency? [yes/no] If yes, please describe how these activities are consistent with the activities of the Federal Agency. If not, why is the project being requested?
- 9. Has the project been funded in the past? [yes/no] If the project has been funded in the past, how much funding has been provided to date? If the project has been funded in the past, were such funds provided for discrete, severable activities?
- 10. Please specify any non-Federal sources of funding that have been or are fully anticipated to be applied toward the project, including any dollar amounts and timelines for funding.
- 11. Is the proposed recipient currently in material non-compliance of a prior grant award made by the proposed Federal funding agency? [yes/no]
- 12. Is this proposed project a priority for the local community? [yes/no] If the project is not a priority for the local community, why is it being requested?
- 13. Please describe the current developmental status of this project.
- 14. What is the estimated impact of this project, e.g. number of jobs created/sustained, number of community members served, other projected impacts?
- 15. Regarding this request, please provide any additional information that would be useful for the Appropriations Committee to have.

Supplemental questions for NIST - Scientific and Technical Research and Services

- Has the intended recipient received any competitive grant funding or other funding from NIST at any time in the past ten years? [yes/no] If yes, in what fiscal years and for what purposes?
- Please explain how this project is aligned with the mission of NIST.

Supplemental questions for NOAA - Coastal Zone Management

- Has the intended recipient received any competitive grant funding or other funding from NOAA at any time in the past ten years? [yes/no]
- If yes, in what fiscal years and for what purposes?

Supplemental questions for Office of Justice Programs Byrne Justice Projects

- Is this request consistent with all current statutory and regulatory requirements of Byrne Justice Assistance Grant recipients and subrecipients? [yes/no]
- Is this project intended to serve primarily youth under age 18? [yes/no]
- Is the purpose of this request the construction or renovation of a building? [yes/no]
- Has the intended recipient received any COPS or Byrne-JAG funds at any time in the past ten years? [yes/no] If yes, in what fiscal years and for what purposes?

Supplemental questions for Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology & Equipment Projects

- Has the intended recipient received any COPS or Byrne-JAG funds at any time in the past ten years? [yes/no] If yes, in what fiscal years and for what purposes?
- Is the purpose of this request the construction or renovation of a building? [yes/no]
- Is the recipient a State, Tribal, or local law enforcement agency?

Supplemental questions for National Aeronautics and Space Administration Projects

- Is the project intended to serve primarily youth under age 18? [yes/no]
- Has the intended recipient received any competitive grant funding or other funding from NASA at any time in the past ten years? [yes/no]
- If yes, in what fiscal years and for what purposes?
- 16. For any science research project request, please provide the name of the individual who is anticipated to be the Principal Investigator for the research project, as well as a link to such person's curriculum vitae, and a list of this person's peer-reviewed publications related to the topic of the requested research project.

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies

Please carefully review the project guidance available <u>here</u> (pages 3-8).

Projects must fall into one of the following categories:

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

• Department of the Interior – Bureau of Reclamation

Water and Related Resources

Supplemental questions for Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies:

- 1. Is the project authorized? Is the scope of work to be funded within existing authorization?
- 2. What is the official project name?
- 3. What is the fiscal year 2025 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 Corps request, please provide the name of the Corps District where the project is located. If making a Reclamation request, please provide the name of the Reclamation Region where the project is located.
- 7. For a Corps of Engineers project, is this project an environmental infrastructure (EI) project?
- 8. Please provide the FY25 President's Budget Request Amount: If not included in the FY25 President's budget request, write \$0.
- 9. 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

Please carefully review the project guidance available here (page 3-10).

Projects must fall into one of the following categories:

- Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants
- Emergency Operations Centers Grants

Homeland Security - Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants

FEMA's PDM grants assist state, local, tribal, and territorial governments with planning and implementing sustainable, cost-effective measures to provide long-term, permanent risk reduction to individuals and property from future natural hazards, such as floods and wildfires, while reducing reliance on federal funding for future disasters.

Supplemental questions for Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant projects:

- 1. Is the proposed project eligible under the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the PDM grant program?
- 2. 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?
- 3. 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?
- 4. Can the requesting jurisdiction provide a Cost-Benefit Analysis or other documentation that validates cost-effectiveness, which is defined by FEMA as having a Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCA) of 1.0 or greater? A non-FEMA BCA methodology may only be used if preapproved by FEMA in writing.
- 5. 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?
- 6. If so, what is the FEMA approval date and when will the plan expire?
- 7. Has your office confirmed the funding request does not include unallowable activities for PDM grants (e.g., dredging waterways; the purchase of emergency vehicles and equipment)?
- 8. Describe how the proposed activity expands mitigation capacity rather than repair and maintenance of existing capacity.
- 9. How will the project provide long-term permanent risk-reduction, as opposed to simply supporting emergency protective measures?
- 10. Can the recipient describe how the activity supports the needs of people disproportionally at risk of harmful impacts of natural disasters?
- 11. Does the recipient specifically encourage the adoption and enforcement of the latest disaster resistant building codes?
- 12. Provide a clear and detailed description of the proposed mitigation activity.
- 13. How will the mitigation activity be implemented?
- 14. Who will manage and complete the mitigation activity?
- 15. What risks will remain from all hazards after project implementation (i.e., residual risk)?
- 16. How does the activity reduce the risk to individuals and property for future natural hazards, while reducing reliance on federal funding for future disasters?

- 17. Has the project been submitted, selected, or awarded funding in current or previous PreDisaster Mitigation (PDM), Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC), 7 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), or Hazard Mitigation Grant Program fiscal year grant cycles?
- 18. If the answer to the previous question is yes, what is the subgrant ID, or which grant program and fiscal year was the application submitted, selected, or awarded funding?
- 19. Have you consulted with state/county/local emergency management officials or with FEMA about the proposed project?
- 20. If the answer to the previous question is yes, please provide name agency and contact information.
- 21. Is there or will there be a letter from the appropriate state officials confirming that should the project be approved the appropriate state agency is willing and able to serve as the recipient for the grant?
- 22. Do you have a letter of support for the project from the appropriate state agency affirming that it believes the project is eligible?
- 23. 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)?
- 24. Is the proposed project eligible under the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grant program?

Homeland Security - Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grants

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. According to the National Fire Protection Association, an EOC is defined as a "facility or capability from which direction and control is exercised in an emergency. This type of center or capability is designated to ensure that the capacity exists for leadership to direct and control operations from a centralized facility or capability in the event of an emergency."

Supplemental questions for Emergency Operations Center Grant projects:

- 1. Do you have a letter of support for the project from the appropriate state agency affirming that it believes the project is eligible?
- 2. 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)?
- 3. Is the proposed project eligible under the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program?
- 4. Can the requesting jurisdiction provide the required 25 percent non-federal cost share?
- 5. 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?
- 6. 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?
- 7. 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?

- 8. Is the facility (or will the facility) be the primary Emergency Operations Center for the jurisdiction?
- 9. Community engagement and support is crucial in determining which projects are worthy of federal funding. Please describe or include evidence of community support.
- 10. Have you consulted with state/county/local emergency management officials or with FEMA about the proposed project?
- 11. If the answer to the previous question is yes, please provide name agency and contact information.
- 12. Is there or will there be a letter from the appropriate state officials confirming that should the project be approved the appropriate state agency is willing and able to serve as the recipient for the grant?
- 13. Is the requestor in a position to enhance their emergency management capabilities and address their Emergency Operations Center needs?

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Please carefully review the project guidance available <u>here</u> (pages 4-8).

Projects must fall into one of the following categories:

- Environmental Protection Agency State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG)
 - o STAG Clean Water State Revolving Fund
 - o STAG Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Supplemental questions for Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies project requests:

- 1. Is this a Clean Water SRF project or a Drinking Water SRF project?
- 2. Is the project on Texas' 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.

Please note that funding will be limited only to projects that are publicly owned or owned by a non-profit entity and that are otherwise eligible for the funding from Texas' Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRF) loan programs.

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

Please carefully review the project guidance available here (pages 2-4).

Projects must fall into one of the following categories:

- Military Construction
 - **o** Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction Active Components
 - **Output** Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction Reserve Components

Please note that Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies projects must also meet the following criteria:

- Be included on an unfunded requirements/unfunded priorities list (UFR/UPL) from a military service or combatant command or the FY24-FY29 Future Years Defense Program (FYDP). Projects suggested by an installation or unit commander will not be accepted.
- Have at least 35 percent of its design completed. For projects that have not reached 35 percent design, planning and design funding can be requested.
- Able to be obligated in FY25
- Submitted to the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) for inclusion in the FY25 National Defense Authorization Act or previously authorized.
- Have a DD Form 1391, which is DoD's justification for military construction projects.

Supplemental questions for Military Construction project requests

- 1. Which Service is the project for?
- 2. Project Title.
- 3. Amount Requested for FY25.
- 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 FY25-FY29 FYDP? If so, which fiscal year?
- 8. Is the project on a FY25 Service or Combatant Command unfunded requirements/unfunded priorities list (UFRs/UPLs)?
- 9. Does the project have a DD Form 1391?
- 10. If a Reserve Component project, does it require a state funding match?
- 11. Is this project at or above 35% design complete?
- 12. Can the project funds be obligated in FY25?
- 13. Has a corresponding request been submitted to HASC for inclusion in the FY25 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)

Please note that each account in the THUD appropriations bill has separate supplemental questions and project guidance.

Projects must fall into one of the following categories:

- Department of Transportation (DOT)
 - o Transit Infrastructure Projects
 - o Highway Infrastructure Projects
 - o Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Projects
 - o Port Infrastructure Development Program Projects
 - o Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Projects
- Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Economic Development Initiative

THUD - Transit Infrastructure Projects

Please carefully review the project guidance available <u>here</u> (pages 1-4).

Transit Infrastructure Projects are public transportation capital projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code. Eligible capital projects are described under section 5302(4) of title 49, United States Code. Supplemental questions for Transit Infrastructure project requests

Supplemental questions for Transit Infrastructure project requests:

- 1. Project Name
- 2. Project Recipient
- 3. General description and scope of project, including benefits and explanation for why project is a priority.
- 4. General description and scope of project, including benefits and explanation for why project is a priority.
- 5. Total project cost. Provide the total estimated cost of the project. If outlined in the STIP or TIP, provide that amount unless estimated project costs have increased. If project costs have increased, provide a justification.
- 6. Does the project require an environmental review? If so, what is the status and/or outcome of the review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)? Projects must complete NEPA before beginning construction/procurement to receive federal funding, including CPFs.
- 7. Does the project have other public (federal, state, local) and/or private funds committed to meet match or cost-share requirements for costs related to construction, operations, and maintenance? If yes, list sources and amounts of funds. The cost-share requirements are defined in statute. In general, transit capital projects typically require 20 percent non-federal share.
- 8. 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.
- 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? Drop down options in the database will include:
 - a. Planning and Environmental Review
 - b. Final Design
 - c. RFP/IFB Issued
 - d. Contract Awarded
 - e. Capital Purchase or Lease
 - f. Construction
 - g. Other (please specify).
- 12. Estimated start and completion date.
- 13. Is the project on a state, tribal or territorial transportation improvement plan (STIP) or a transportation improvement plan (TIP) as of 12/31/2022? 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

THUD - Highway Infrastructure Projects.

Please carefully review the project guidance available <u>here</u> (pages 1-3).

Highway Infrastructure Projects are 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.

Supplemental questions for Highway Infrastructure project requests:

- 1. Project Name.
 - a. A short name by which the project may be identified, including a very brief description of what the funds will be used for and the project's location (city, county, State, Tribe, Congressional District)
 - b. EXAMPLE: Main Street widening and resurfacing, City, State, Congressional District.
 - c. The project name and location will be used to list the project in the House Report and should be as accurate as possible to ensure that the funding goes to the correct project and location. Any changes after enactment will require additional legislative actions.
- 2. General description and benefits of the project and why it is needed.
- 3. 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). NOTE: Choose from subsections 1-24 of 23 USC 133(b); or 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. Has the recipient engaged in discussions with the Federal Highway Administration and received assurances that the project is eligible under applicable statutes?
- 6. Please provide a history of any federal funding already received or approved for the project. Include both formula funds and any discretionary grants.
- 7. 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?
- 8. Is the project on a STIP or a TIP? If yes, please provide a link to the plan.
- 9. Please provide the STIP or TIP ID Number and specify which plan the ID Number comes from.
- 10. Amount requested for the project.

- 11. Total project cost. NOTE: Provide the amount of the total cost of the project as outlined in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), if applicable.
- 12. Estimated start and completion dates. NOTE: Appropriated funds for these projects cannot be used for costs incurred prior to project authorization, which occurs when a project sponsor signs a grant agreement with or receives an allotment by a federal agency.
- 13. 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)?
- 14. If the request does not fully fund the project, describe where the remaining funding comes from to complete the project.

THUD – Airport Improvement

Please carefully review the project guidance available <u>here</u> (pages 1-2).

AIP Community Project Funding requests are intended to enhance airport safety, capacity, and security, and environmental concerns.

All projects 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.

Supplemental questions for Airport Improvement project requests:

- 1. Project Name.
 - a. 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. 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.
- 4. What are the benefits of this project and why is it a priority?
- 5. Amount requested for the Community Project Funding for fiscal year 2024, and the total project cost.
- 6. Estimated start and completion dates.
- 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?

THUD - Port Infrastructure

Please carefully review the project guidance available here (pages 1-2).

Port Infrastructure Development Program projects are projects eligible under Section 54301 of title 46, United States Code, as amended by title XXXV of division C of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022.

Supplemental questions for Port Infrastructure project requests:

- 1. Project Name. A short name by which the project may be identified, including a very brief description of what the funds will be used for and the project's location (city, county, State, Tribe, Congressional District).
 - a. The project name and location will be used to list the project in the House Report and should be as accurate as possible to ensure that the funding goes to the correct project and location. Any changes after enactment will require additional legislative actions.
- 2. General description and benefits of the project and why it is needed.
- 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 Maritime Administration and received assurances that the project is eligible under applicable statutes?
- 7. Please 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?
- 9. Amount requested for the project.
- 10. Total project cost.
- 11. Who is the recipient? Provide a website address if available.
- 12. 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)?
- 13. If the request does not fully fund the project, describe where the remaining funding comes from to complete the project.

THUD - Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements

Please carefully review the project guidance available here (pages 1-4).

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.

Supplemental questions for Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements project requests:

- 1. Project Name.
- 2. Project Recipient.
- 3. Select the eligible project type that best describes the project.
- 4. General description and scope of project, including benefits and explanation for why project is a priority.
- 5. Amount of CPF funding requested for project.
- 6. Total project cost.
- 7. Does the project have other public (federal, state, local) and/or private funds committed to meet match or cost-share requirements for costs related to construction? if so, what is the source and amount of those funds? The

- cost-share requirements are defined in statute. Rail capital projects under the CRISI program require a minimum 20 percent non-federal share.
- 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 formula funds and any discretionary grants.
- 10. Where is the project in the construction process? Drop down options in the database will include:
 - a. Planning and Environmental Review
 - b. Final Design
 - c. Right of Way
 - d. Contract Awarded
 - e. Capital Purchase or Lease
 - f. Construction
 - g. Other (please specify).
- 11. Estimated start and completion dates.
- 12. Is the project on a state rail plan as of 12/31/2022? If yes, provide a link to the plan and specify page number.
- 13. Is the project included in a grade crossing action plan? If yes, provide a link to the plan and specify page number.

THUD - Economic Development Initiatives

Please carefully review the project guidance available here (pages 1-4).

Supplemental questions for Economic Development Initiative project requests:

- 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. Who are the community partners participating in this project? Have local community development organizations with prior experience with HUD programs been consulted?
- 6. Does the entity 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)?
- 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.