



# Fiscal Year 2027 Community Project Funding Information Session

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2ND DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

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# Welcome!

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**HEY EVERYONE CONGRESSMAN**

# What is Community Project Funding?

- Community Project Funding in the House, Congressionally Directed Spending in the Senate, sometimes called earmarks
- A one time uses of funds, must generally be allocated within the fiscal year they are provided; they are not intended to be held onto as part of a fundraising campaign for a larger project years down the road. (Construction has to be started within the year, not finished)
- CPF dollars cannot be used to reimburse for previously expended activities, it must be used on new projects or programs.
- CPF do not affect your ability to get a competitively awarded grant from a federal agency, it is not an “either/or” situation.
- The Appropriations Committees prioritize awarding funding for projects that can be sustainable after CPF funding expires.

# 15 Requests and 15 Million

We do not yet have guidance for FY27 and are using past years for this training.

Last Year and the years prior each House member was given 15 request slots and asked to stay at 15 million total. Last year our average request was 1 million dollars, highest was 2 million, lowest was \$52,000.

The Senators have an unlimited amount of requests slots but are limited in amount of funds.

The Senators also have less restrictions on the accounts they can ask in. They have access to bills the house no longer does.

# Past Years



**FY 24**

- Congressman Ruppertsberger in office
- All CPFs were approved by the appropriations committees and funded by the federal budget

**FY25**

- Congressman Ruppertsberger in office
- A budget was never approved and a continuing resolution (CR) funded the FY25 government
- No CPFs were funded across the United States

**FY26**

- Congressman Olszewski submitted 15 requests, the bills just passed the funding is coming!

# What did we fund in FY26?



**\$4.1 Million**

For Firefighters and First Responders



**\$1.1 Million**

For Community Colleges



**\$1 Million**

For Youth Services



**\$1 Million**

For Veterans



**\$829,952**

For Nursing Education



**\$430,000**

For Immunology Research



**\$365,105**

For Family and Children's Services



**\$52,000**

For Community Pantry Expansion

# Timeline

- 1. Application Opens (Typically End of February)**
- 2. Applications are Due (Typically End of March)**
- 3. The Congressman selects his 15 projects and submits to committee. You will be notified if you are in the selected 15 and it will be posted on the Congressman's website. (Typically April)**
- 4. Committees approve projects (Typically August)**
- 5. The budget is passed with CPFs listed (Typically December)**
- 6. Projects that are passed will work with the agencies distributing the money to receive the money (Spring of 2027)**

# The Bills

- **Agriculture (AG)**
- **Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS)**
  - **Energy and Water (E&W)**
  - **Homeland Security (HS)**
  - **Interior and EPA (INT/ENV)**
- **Transportation Housing, and Urban Development (THUD)**
  - **Military Construction and Veterans Affairs (MCVA)**

# Agriculture (AG)

- Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Community Facilities Grants
  - Grants to purchase, construct, or improve essential community facilities, to purchase equipment, and pay other related project expenses. Project requests for non-essential facilities such as community gardens or museums will not be considered.
- Department of Agriculture, Rural Development ReConnect Program
  - Broadband pilot grants facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas. Non-federal cost share requirement of 25% of the overall project cost.
- Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants
  - Helps rural residents better utilize the enormous potential of modern telecommunications and the internet for education and healthcare, two critical components of economic and community development.

# Agriculture (AG)

- Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Waste Disposal Grants
  - 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.
- Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities
  - The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) owns and operates laboratories and facilities across the United States. 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.
- Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations
  - 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. Non-profit recipients will not be considered.

# Commerce, Justice, and Science (CJS)

**Department of Justice (DOJ) – Office of Justice Programs (OJP)** – State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance – Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (Byrne JAG)- Projects assist state, local, and Tribal law enforcement efforts to enforce laws, address violent crime, increase prosecutions, improve the criminal justice system (including the correctional system), provide victims' services, and other related activities. Includes non-profits.

**Department of Justice (DOJ) – Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)** – Technology and Equipment Community Project Funding- Equipment requests for state, Tribal, and local law enforcement, does not include non-profits.

# Commerce, Justice, and Science (CJS)

**National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)** – Scientific and Technical Research and Services – Scientific and Technical Research- Scientific and Technical Research projects support standards-related research and technology development, no construction costs.

**Department of Commerce – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)** – Operations, Research, and Facilities – Coastal Zone Management- projects support the protection, restoration, and responsible development of our nation's diverse coastal communities and resources.

**National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** – Safety, Security and Mission Services (SSMS)- science education, research, and technology development related to NASA's mission, no construction or medical research projects.

# Homeland Security (HS)

- **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

- **Emergency Operations Center (EOC)**

- The PDM and EOC grant programs are eligible for up to 75 percent federal cost-share. The remaining 25 percent of eligible activity costs must generally be derived from non-federal sources. The non-federal cost-share contribution is based on the total cost of the proposed activity.

# Interior and EPA (INT/ENV)

**Meant primarily for local governments.**

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

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq. [Clean Water Projects] OR Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12. [Drinking Water Projects].

Examples: Wastewater treatment, sewer pipelines, stormwater management

# Transportation Housing, and Urban Development (THUD)

**For House Offices THUD is only available to Local Governments, and Public Universities**

- Department of Transportation – Airport Improvement Program
- Department of Transportation – Highway Infrastructure Projects
- Department of Transportation – Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements
- Department of Transportation – Transit Infrastructure Grants
- Department of Transportation – Port Infrastructure Development Program
- Department of Housing and Urban Development – Economic Development Initiatives

# Energy and Water (E&W)

Not likely that any projects will fall into this account:

## **Army Corps of Engineers**

Your CPF request might be eligible if it funds a Corps project that (1) already exists; (2) is under construction and not funded to completion; (3) is being studied; (4) is pretty small and your locals are mostly working it out directly with the Corps; or (5) you had to ask for language in a previous WRDA if you wanted the Corps to build something eventually.

## **Bureau of Reclamation**

Reclamation is unique and can be hard to navigate. If you plan to request a CPF that hasn't been funded in Reclamation before, and you are unfamiliar with the terms "Rural Water Project," "Indian Water Rights Settlement," and "repayment contract" chances are we need to reach out to the committee.

# Military Construction and Veterans Affairs (MCVA)

Not likely that any projects will fall into this account:

All project in this account must be included on an FY25 or FY26 unfunded requirements/unfunded priorities list (UFR/UPL) from a military service or combatant command, FY25-FY29 Future Years Defense Program and FY26-FY30 Future Years Defense Program, if received in a timely manner.

# Account Only Available in the Senate

## Labor, Health, and Human Services (LHHS)

- Trade skills programs and workforce development
- Health Facilities
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
- Child Abuse Prevention
- Social Services Research and Demonstration
- Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE)
- Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE)

# Pro-Tips



## Apply to both Senators as well

We recommend submitting your application to our office, and to both Maryland Senators. Their application is one form, making it easy.

## Consider the current administration

We had a lot of success last year in the CJS and Agriculture bills.

## Would a lower amount still assist?

This question is critical as we try to fit 15 projects in at 15 million dollars. Please break down your budget so we can do our best to include you.

## Attachments

Include two letters of recommendation, this is a requirement from the House. Most are typically from local elected officials, community partners, or other funding sources. Include a broken down budget so we can confirm eligibility.

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