

# **FY27 Community Project Funding (CPF) Information Guide**

## **Office of Congressman Adam Smith (WA-09)**

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## **1. Introduction**

The Office of Representative Adam Smith is accepting requests for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) Community Project Funding (CPF) through the annual appropriations process in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Community Project Funding allows Members of Congress to request federal funding for specific projects that address important community needs within their districts. Projects must meet strict eligibility requirements established by House Rules and the House Appropriations Committee and must demonstrate a clear federal purpose and community benefit.

This guide is designed to help eligible applicants understand:

- What Community Project Funding is,
- Which types of projects may qualify,
- How to prepare a competitive request, and
- How to submit a request to Representative Smith's office.

This document summarizes federal guidance in plain language for applicants. Final eligibility determinations are made by the House Appropriations Committee and the federal agencies responsible for administering awarded funds.

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## 2. What is Community Project Funding?

Community Project Funding (CPF) is a process through which Members of Congress may request funding for specific projects within their congressional districts as part of annual federal appropriations legislation.

CPF requests support one-time investments in public or community-serving projects, commonly including infrastructure, public safety, transportation, housing, environmental improvements, health facilities, and economic development initiatives.

Key characteristics of CPF projects include:

- Funding must serve a public purpose and demonstrate a clear federal nexus.
- Projects must be eligible under existing federal programs authorized by law.
- Funding is generally limited to capital or equipment expenses rather than ongoing operational costs.
- Projects must be capable of advancing within a reasonable timeframe following enactment.

CPF funding is highly competitive nationwide. Submission of a proposal to Representative Smith's office does not guarantee selection or funding.

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## 3. FY27 Key Dates and Deadlines

The House Appropriations Committee has established deadlines for FY27 Community Project Funding requests. In order to conduct a thorough review process, Representative Smith's office requires applicants to submit materials in advance of federal submission deadlines.

### Office Application Deadline

**All FY27 Community Project Funding requests must be submitted to Representative Smith's office no later than:**

**Friday, March 6, 2026 — 9:00pm PT**

Late or incomplete submissions may not be considered.

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### Submission Capacity

The House Appropriations Committee limits each Member of Congress to submitting no more than 20 Community Project Funding requests for FY27 consideration.

Because of this limit and the high volume of interest each year, Representative Smith’s office must make competitive selections among eligible projects. Applicants are encouraged to carefully review eligibility requirements and submit complete, well-developed proposals.

## **House Appropriations Committee Deadlines (For Reference)**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Community Project Funding Requests	March 13 or March 20, 2026 — 6:00 PM ET
Member Public Posting Requirement	March 27, April 3, or April 17, 2026 (varies by subcommittee)

Applicants should plan accordingly to allow sufficient time for office review prior to congressional submission deadlines.

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## **4. How to Apply Through Representative Smith’s Office**

Organizations seeking Community Project Funding must submit project information directly to Representative Smith’s office for review and consideration.

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### **Step 1 — Confirm Project Eligibility**

Before preparing an application, applicants should review this guide to determine whether their project aligns with eligible CPF accounts and federal requirements. Not all projects are eligible for CPF consideration.

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### **Step 2 — Prepare Required Project Information**

Applicants should be prepared to provide detailed information about their proposed project, including:

- Project description and purpose
- Total project cost and requested federal funding amount
- Project location
- Eligible recipient organization
- Evidence of community support
- Project readiness and implementation timeline
- Identification of matching or complementary funding sources, if applicable

Additional documentation requirements vary by program and are described later in this guide.

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### **Step 3 — Submit the FY27 CPF Application**

Applicants must submit project information using the office’s online application form:

#### **FY27 CPF Application Form:**

[Rep. Adam Smith’s FY27 Community Project Funding Form](#)

Only projects submitted through this application process will be considered for FY27 Community Project Funding requests.

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### **Step 4 — Office Review and Selection**

Representative Smith’s office will review submissions based on eligibility, completeness, project readiness, and demonstrated community benefit. Due to limited submission capacity and high demand, not all eligible projects can be advanced.

Selected projects will be submitted to the House Appropriations Committee for further evaluation.

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### **Questions or Assistance**

Applicants with questions may contact:

- **Thomas Mayo** — [Thomas.Mayo@mail.house.gov](mailto:Thomas.Mayo@mail.house.gov)
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### **Important Note**

Submission to Representative Smith’s office does not guarantee that a project will be submitted to the Committee or ultimately funded. Final funding decisions are made through the congressional appropriations process.

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## 5. General Eligibility Rules and Required Materials

All Community Project Funding (CPF) requests must meet federal eligibility requirements established by House Rules and the House Appropriations Committee. The following criteria apply broadly across most CPF programs and should be reviewed carefully before preparing an application.

Meeting these general requirements does not guarantee eligibility under a specific program but serves as an initial threshold for consideration.

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### Eligible Applicants

In most cases, eligible applicants include:

- State, local, Tribal, or territorial governments
- Public agencies or special-purpose governmental entities
- Public institutions of higher education
- Certain nonprofit organizations, where permitted by the specific federal program

For-profit entities and private individuals are not eligible to receive Community Project Funding.

Some programs limit eligibility further. Applicants should review program-specific guidance later in this document to confirm eligibility.

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### Eligible Project Types

Community Project Funding is intended to support projects that provide clear public benefits and align with existing federal programs authorized by law.

Generally, eligible projects include:

- Public infrastructure improvements
- Transportation and mobility projects
- Water and environmental infrastructure
- Public safety investments
- Health facility construction or equipment
- Community and economic development facilities
- Capital investments that expand public services

Projects must demonstrate a clear public purpose and measurable community benefit.

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## **Ineligible Activities**

While eligibility varies by program, CPF funding generally may not be used for:

- Operating expenses or ongoing program costs
- Salaries or staffing
- Routine maintenance
- Planning-only activities not tied to a capital project
- Land acquisition where prohibited by program rules
- Projects that primarily benefit private entities
- Previously completed projects seeking reimbursement

Projects that are conceptual or early-stage without defined scope, cost estimates, or implementation plans are unlikely to be competitive.

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## **Federal Nexus Requirement**

All Community Project Funding requests must demonstrate a clear federal nexus, meaning the proposed project must be eligible under an existing federal authorization established by law.

Applicants are not required to identify statutory citations themselves; however, projects must align with federally authorized activities administered through eligible programs.

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## **Project Readiness**

CPF funding is intended for projects that are prepared to move forward following enactment of appropriations legislation.

Applicants should be able to demonstrate:

- A defined project scope
- Reasonable cost estimates
- Identified project sponsor or implementing entity
- Progress toward required permits, environmental review, or planning milestones (if applicable)
- A realistic implementation timeline

Projects that cannot reasonably advance within a short timeframe after funding may not be competitive.

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## **Community Support**

Applicants must demonstrate strong community support for proposed projects. Examples of acceptable documentation include:

- Letters of support from local elected officials or community partners
- Inclusion in local, regional, or state planning documents
- Community or stakeholder endorsements
- Evidence of demonstrated local need

Community support materials will be required as part of the application process.

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## **Matching Funds and Cost Share**

Many CPF programs require a non-federal funding match or cost share. Requirements vary by program and may depend on project type or recipient eligibility.

Applicants should be prepared to identify:

- Confirmed or anticipated matching funds
- Other funding sources supporting the project
- Whether CPF funding represents one phase of a larger project

Program-specific sections later in this guide provide additional details regarding cost-share requirements.

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## **Required Project Information**

Applicants should be prepared to provide the following information during the application process:

- Legal name of the project recipient
- Project location and congressional district
- Detailed project description and purpose
- Total project cost and amount of federal funding requested
- Project timeline and implementation status
- Evidence of community support
- Identification of matching or complementary funding sources, if applicable

Additional requirements may apply depending on the funding program.

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## **Important Reminder**

Community Project Funding is highly competitive. Eligibility alone does not guarantee selection. Complete, well-developed applications that clearly demonstrate public benefit and readiness are more likely to advance through the review process.

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## **6. Eligible Accounts by Subcommittee (Quick Reference Guide)**

Community Project Funding requests must be submitted under specific federal funding accounts determined by the House Appropriations Committee. Each subcommittee administers a limited number of eligible programs.

The summaries below provide a high-level overview of eligible accounts to help applicants determine which program may best align with their proposed project. Detailed eligibility requirements are provided later in this guide.

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### **Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration**

Eligible CPF requests under the Agriculture Subcommittee primarily support projects in rural communities.

Eligible accounts include:

- Community Facilities Grants — Construction or improvement of essential public facilities such as public safety buildings, health facilities, and community service centers in rural areas.
- Distance Learning and Telemedicine — Equipment and technology supporting telehealth and distance education services serving rural populations.
- Water and Waste Disposal Systems — Drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure projects serving rural communities.
- Agricultural Research Service (Buildings and Facilities) — Improvements to federally authorized agricultural research facilities.
- NRCS Conservation Operations — Projects supporting soil health, water quality, flood mitigation, and agricultural conservation efforts.

Eligibility for Agriculture programs is generally limited to rural areas meeting population thresholds established by USDA programs.

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### **Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS)**

CJS CPF programs support public safety, scientific research, and technology-related initiatives.

Eligible accounts include:

- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) — Scientific and technical research projects conducted primarily through higher education institutions.
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Zone Management — Coastal resilience, restoration, and environmental protection projects.
- Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) — Law enforcement and criminal justice initiatives focused on public safety and crime prevention.
- Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology and Equipment — Technology investments for state, local, or Tribal law enforcement agencies.
- NASA Safety, Security, and Mission Services — Education and research initiatives aligned with NASA mission objectives.

For-profit entities are not eligible under CJS programs.

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## **Energy and Water Development**

Energy and Water CPF requests are limited to federally authorized water resource projects administered by federal agencies.

Eligible accounts include:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Civil Works) — Flood risk reduction, ecosystem restoration, navigation, and water infrastructure projects.
- Bureau of Reclamation — Water supply and water management infrastructure projects.

Projects must already be federally authorized and implemented through these agencies rather than directly funded to local entities.

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## **Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies**

Interior CPF requests are limited to environmental infrastructure projects administered through the Environmental Protection Agency.

Eligible account:

- EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) — Drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects eligible under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs.

Projects typically involve water treatment, sewer systems, stormwater management, or drinking water improvements.

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

LHHS CPF requests support health-related capital investments.

Eligible account:

- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) — Construction, renovation, or equipment purchases for health care, mental health, substance use treatment, or health workforce training facilities.

Funding is limited to capital investments and equipment; operating expenses are not eligible.

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## **Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD)**

THUD CPF programs support transportation infrastructure and community development projects.

Eligible accounts include:

- **Airport Improvement Program (AIP)** — Airport safety, capacity, and infrastructure improvements.
- **Highway Infrastructure Projects (HIP)** — Roadway, bridge, and multimodal transportation infrastructure projects eligible under federal highway programs.
- **Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)** — Rail safety, freight, and passenger rail infrastructure projects.
- **Transit Infrastructure Grants (TIG)** — Public transit capital improvements and related infrastructure.
- **Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)** — Port modernization and freight mobility projects.
- **Economic Development Initiative (EDI)** — Community and economic development capital projects administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

These programs primarily fund capital infrastructure projects sponsored by public entities

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## **7. Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration**

The Agriculture, Rural Development, and Food and Drug Administration Appropriations Subcommittee provides Community Project Funding opportunities primarily supporting infrastructure and essential services in rural communities. Projects funded under this bill are generally administered through U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs and must meet rural eligibility requirements defined by federal law.

Applicants should carefully review population eligibility thresholds and program-specific requirements before applying.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the official House Appropriations Committee guidance for complete eligibility requirements and documentation expectations:

[Full Committee Guidance \(Agriculture CPF\)](#)

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## **Community Facilities Grants**

### **Overview**

Community Facilities Grants support the construction, expansion, or improvement of essential public facilities that provide community services in rural areas.

Typical projects include public safety buildings, health facilities, and community service centers serving rural populations.

### **Eligible Applicants**

- State, local, or Tribal governments
- Special-purpose governmental entities
- Certain nonprofit organizations providing essential community services

Projects must serve rural areas generally defined as communities with populations of 20,000 or fewer residents.

### **Eligible Project Types**

- Public safety facilities (fire stations, emergency response facilities)
- Health care or behavioral health facilities
- Community service centers
- Public service infrastructure supporting rural residents

### **Ineligible Uses**

- Operating expenses or staffing
- Facilities primarily used for commercial purposes

- Debt refinancing or reimbursement for completed work

## **Applicant Preparation**

Applicants should demonstrate rural eligibility, community need, and project readiness with a clearly defined construction scope.

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## **Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT)**

### **Overview**

The Distance Learning and Telemedicine program supports equipment and technology that improves access to education and health services in rural communities.

### **Eligible Applicants**

- State, local, or Tribal governments
- Educational institutions
- Health care providers serving rural populations

### **Eligible Project Types**

- Telehealth equipment and technology
- Distance learning infrastructure
- Equipment enabling remote medical or educational services

### **Ineligible Uses**

- Construction projects
- Operating expenses
- General technology purchases not directly tied to telehealth or distance learning delivery

## **Applicant Preparation**

Applicants should demonstrate how the proposed equipment expands access to services for rural populations.

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## **Water and Waste Disposal Systems**

### **Overview**

Supports drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure improvements serving rural communities.

### **Eligible Applicants**

- Local governments
- Tribal governments
- Public utilities serving eligible rural areas

Projects generally must serve communities with populations of 10,000 or fewer residents.

### **Eligible Project Types**

- Drinking water system improvements
- Wastewater treatment upgrades
- Sewer system rehabilitation
- Stormwater infrastructure improvements

### **Ineligible Uses**

- Privately owned infrastructure
- Routine maintenance
- Operating costs

### **Applicant Preparation**

Applicants should demonstrate engineering readiness and progress toward required environmental or permitting approvals.

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## **Agricultural Research Service (Buildings and Facilities)**

### **Overview**

Supports improvements to federally authorized agricultural research facilities operated in partnership with USDA Agricultural Research Service programs.

### **Eligible Project Types**

- Renovation or modernization of research facilities
- Laboratory infrastructure improvements
- Capital investments supporting authorized research activities

Projects must involve established federal research partnerships.

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## **NRCS Conservation Operations**

### **Overview**

Supports conservation practices improving soil health, water quality, habitat protection, and agricultural resilience.

### **Eligible Applicants**

- State or local governments
- Tribal governments
- Conservation districts

### **Eligible Project Types**

- Flood mitigation related to agricultural lands
- Soil and water conservation projects
- Habitat restoration connected to working lands
- Agricultural runoff reduction efforts

### **Ineligible Uses**

- Land acquisition
- Projects unrelated to conservation outcomes
- Fixed facility construction unrelated to conservation practices

### **Applicant Preparation**

Applicants should demonstrate coordination with local or state NRCS offices and clear environmental benefits tied to agricultural lands.

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## **8. Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS)**

The Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) Appropriations Subcommittee provides Community Project Funding opportunities supporting public safety, scientific research, environmental resilience, and technology investments that serve community and governmental needs. Projects funded under this bill are administered through several federal agencies, including the Department of Justice, the Department of Commerce, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Applicants should carefully review program eligibility requirements, as allowable recipients and project types vary significantly across CJS accounts.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the official House Appropriations Committee guidance for complete eligibility requirements and documentation expectations:

### [Full Committee Guidance \(Commerce, Justice, Science CPF\)](#)

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## **National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) — Scientific and Technical Research**

### **Overview**

NIST funding supports scientific research infrastructure and technical research initiatives that advance innovation, manufacturing, and applied science capabilities.

### **Eligible Applicants**

- Institutions of higher education
- Nonprofit research institutions
- State or local governmental entities partnering with research institutions

### **Eligible Project Types**

- Laboratory construction or renovation
- Research equipment purchases
- Applied research initiatives aligned with NIST mission areas

### **Ineligible Uses**

- General academic programming
- Operating expenses unrelated to specific research activities
- Projects lacking a clear scientific or technical research component

### **Applicant Preparation**

Applicants should demonstrate how the project advances scientific research capacity and aligns with national competitiveness or innovation goals.

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## **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) — Coastal Zone Management**

## Overview

This program supports coastal resilience, environmental restoration, and planning efforts that protect coastal communities and natural resources.

### Eligible Applicants

- State, local, or Tribal governments
- Public or nonprofit entities working in partnership with coastal management programs

### Eligible Project Types

- Coastal restoration and habitat protection
- Flood and storm resilience projects
- Shoreline stabilization and environmental monitoring infrastructure

### Ineligible Uses

- Projects unrelated to coastal or estuarine environments
- General planning activities without implementation components

### Applicant Preparation

Applicants should demonstrate alignment with state coastal zone management plans and measurable resilience or environmental outcomes.

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## Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)

### Overview

Byrne JAG funding supports state and local law enforcement and criminal justice initiatives aimed at improving public safety and reducing crime.

### Eligible Applicants

- State, local, or Tribal law enforcement agencies
- Units of local government

### Eligible Project Types

- Equipment and technology supporting law enforcement operations
- Crime prevention initiatives
- Information-sharing and data systems improvements

## **Ineligible Uses**

- Construction projects
- Ongoing personnel or operational costs not permitted under program rules

## **Applicant Preparation**

Applicants should demonstrate clear public safety benefits and coordination with local or regional criminal justice strategies.

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## **Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) — Technology and Equipment**

### **Overview**

COPS funding supports technology and equipment investments that enhance law enforcement effectiveness and community policing capabilities.

### **Eligible Applicants**

- State, local, or Tribal law enforcement agencies

### **Eligible Project Types**

- Communications technology
- Data systems and information-sharing platforms
- Equipment improving officer safety and operational efficiency

### **Ineligible Uses**

- Hiring or salary support
- Facility construction
- General-purpose equipment unrelated to policing functions

### **Applicant Preparation**

Applicants should explain how proposed technology improves community policing outcomes or operational effectiveness.

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## **NASA — Safety, Security, and Mission Services (SSMS)**

## Overview

NASA SSMS funding supports education, research, and workforce development initiatives aligned with NASA mission priorities.

## Eligible Applicants

- Institutions of higher education
- Nonprofit organizations
- Research partnerships supporting NASA mission objectives

## Eligible Project Types

- STEM education and workforce development infrastructure
- Research equipment and laboratory improvements
- Projects supporting aerospace or space-related research initiatives

## Ineligible Uses

- General educational programming without NASA mission alignment
- Operating expenses unrelated to specific project activities

## Applicant Preparation

Applicants should clearly demonstrate alignment with NASA mission objectives and national STEM workforce goals.

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## 9. Energy and Water Development

The Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee provides Community Project Funding opportunities for federally authorized water resources and water infrastructure projects. Funding under this bill is primarily administered through federal agencies and supports projects that improve water supply reliability, flood risk management, ecosystem restoration, and related infrastructure.

Unlike many other CPF accounts, funding is generally provided through federal agencies rather than directly to local entities. Projects must already be authorized or eligible under existing federal programs administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or the Bureau of Reclamation.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the official House Appropriations Committee guidance for complete eligibility requirements and documentation expectations:

## **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers — Civil Works**

### **Overview**

The Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works program supports water resource development projects that reduce flood risk, restore ecosystems, maintain navigation systems, and improve water infrastructure resilience.

Projects must fall within an existing Corps authority and are implemented by the federal government in coordination with non-federal sponsors.

### **Eligible Applicants**

- State, local, or Tribal governments serving as non-federal project sponsors
- Public entities partnering with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

### **Eligible Project Types**

- Flood risk reduction and storm damage mitigation
- Ecosystem restoration and environmental improvements
- Navigation and harbor maintenance improvements
- Feasibility studies, design, or construction phases of authorized projects

### **Ineligible Uses**

- Projects lacking federal authorization or eligibility under Corps authorities
- Privately sponsored infrastructure
- Standalone local projects not administered through the Corps

### **Applicant Preparation**

Applicants should demonstrate coordination with the appropriate Army Corps district office and identify the project's authorization status and implementation phase.

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## **Bureau of Reclamation**

### **Overview**

The Bureau of Reclamation supports water supply and water management infrastructure projects, primarily in western states served by Reclamation programs.

Projects typically focus on improving water storage, conveyance, efficiency, or drought resilience.

### **Eligible Applicants**

- State, local, or Tribal governments
- Water districts or public water authorities eligible under Reclamation programs

### **Eligible Project Types**

- Water storage and conveyance infrastructure
- Water recycling and reuse systems
- Drought mitigation and water reliability improvements
- Infrastructure modernization improving water management efficiency

### **Ineligible Uses**

- Projects outside Bureau of Reclamation service areas
- Privately owned water systems
- Operating expenses or maintenance activities

### **Applicant Preparation**

Applicants should demonstrate eligibility under Reclamation authorities and coordination with regional Bureau of Reclamation offices.

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## **10. Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies**

The Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee provides Community Project Funding opportunities focused primarily on environmental infrastructure improvements that protect public health and water quality. Funding under this bill is administered through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and supports projects eligible under existing federal water infrastructure programs.

Projects funded through this account must align with established Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) authorities and are intended to support critical water infrastructure investments serving communities.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the official House Appropriations Committee guidance for complete eligibility requirements and documentation expectations:

## **Environmental Protection Agency — State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG)**

### **Overview**

Community Project Funding under the Interior bill is limited to water infrastructure projects eligible under EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG), specifically those aligned with the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) programs.

These projects support improvements to drinking water systems, wastewater treatment infrastructure, and related environmental protection efforts.

### **Eligible Applicants**

- State, local, or Tribal governments
- Public water utilities or publicly owned treatment works
- Public entities responsible for drinking water or wastewater systems

### **Eligible Project Types**

- Drinking water treatment and distribution system improvements
- Wastewater treatment plant upgrades
- Sewer system rehabilitation or replacement
- Stormwater management infrastructure
- Projects addressing water quality or regulatory compliance needs

### **Ineligible Uses**

- Privately owned water infrastructure
- Routine maintenance activities
- Operating expenses or staffing costs
- Projects not eligible under SRF program authorities

### **Applicant Preparation**

Applicants should be prepared to demonstrate coordination with their state's SRF program administrators and confirm project eligibility under Clean Water or Drinking Water SRF requirements. Projects that are included in state priority lists or infrastructure planning documents may be more competitive.

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## **11. Labor, Health and Human Services, Education (LHHS)**

The Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (LHHS) Appropriations Subcommittee provides Community Project Funding opportunities supporting capital investments that expand access to health care and behavioral health services. Funding under this bill is administered through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and is limited to facility construction, renovation, and equipment projects that improve health service capacity.

CPF funding under LHHS is intended to strengthen community-based health infrastructure and improve access to care, particularly for underserved populations.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the official House Appropriations Committee guidance for complete eligibility requirements and documentation expectations:

### **[Full Committee Guidance \(LHHS CPF\)](#)**

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## **Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) — Health Facilities Construction and Equipment**

### **Overview**

HRSA funding supports capital investments that expand, improve, or modernize facilities providing health care, mental health services, substance use treatment, or related health services.

Funding is limited to one-time infrastructure and equipment costs and may not be used for operating expenses.

### **Eligible Applicants**

- State, local, or Tribal governments
- Public or nonprofit health care providers
- Community health centers and similar nonprofit health service organizations

Applicants must be eligible to receive federal funding under HRSA program authorities.

### **Eligible Project Types**

- Construction or renovation of health care facilities
- Expansion of behavioral health or substance use treatment facilities
- Purchase of medical or clinical equipment
- Facility modernization improving service capacity or patient access

## **Ineligible Uses**

- Salaries, staffing, or operational costs
- Programmatic service delivery expenses
- Research activities not directly tied to facility improvements
- Projects primarily serving private or for-profit entities

## **Applicant Preparation**

Applicants should demonstrate community need, readiness to proceed with construction or equipment acquisition, and the project's ability to expand access to health services. Documentation showing organizational capacity to operate and sustain the facility after completion may be required.

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## **12. Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD)**

The Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations Subcommittee provides Community Project Funding opportunities supporting transportation infrastructure, freight mobility, transit improvements, aviation safety, and community development projects. Funding under this bill is administered through multiple federal agencies, including the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Projects funded through THUD accounts are capital investments intended to improve transportation systems, strengthen economic competitiveness, and support community revitalization. Eligibility requirements, cost share expectations, and documentation standards vary by program, and applicants should carefully review the guidance associated with each funding account below.

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## **Airport Improvement Program (AIP)**

The Airport Improvement Program (AIP) supports airport infrastructure investments that enhance safety, capacity, security, and operational efficiency. Projects are administered through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and must meet statutory eligibility requirements under federal aviation law.

Eligible projects must be included in the FAA's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) and sponsored by a public airport authority. Coordination with the appropriate FAA Airport District Office is strongly encouraged prior to submission.

## **Eligible Project Types**

- Runway and taxiway reconstruction or rehabilitation
- Airfield safety and navigation improvements
- Terminal or airside infrastructure supporting aviation operations
- Noise mitigation and safety-related projects

## **Ineligible Uses**

- Privately owned airport facilities
- Operating expenses or routine maintenance
- Projects not eligible under FAA airport improvement authorities

Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the official House Appropriations Committee guidance for complete eligibility requirements and documentation expectations:

### **[Full Committee Guidance \(Airport Improvement Program — AIP CPF\)](#)**

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## **Highway Infrastructure Projects (HIP)**

Highway Infrastructure Projects support roadway, bridge, and multimodal transportation improvements that enhance safety, connectivity, and mobility within communities.

Projects must be eligible under federal-aid highway program authorities and typically must appear in applicable State Transportation Improvement Programs (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP).

## **Eligible Applicants**

- State departments of transportation
- Local governments
- Tribal governments

## **Eligible Project Types**

- Roadway reconstruction or expansion
- Bridge repair or replacement
- Safety and congestion mitigation improvements
- Multimodal transportation infrastructure

## **Ineligible Uses**

- Standalone planning studies
- Maintenance-only projects
- Projects lacking federal highway eligibility

Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the official House Appropriations Committee guidance for complete eligibility requirements and documentation expectations:

### **[Full Committee Guidance \(Highway Infrastructure Projects — HIP CPF\)](#)**

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## **Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)**

CRISI funding supports rail infrastructure projects that improve safety, reliability, and efficiency for passenger and freight rail systems.

Projects should demonstrate regional or national transportation benefits and coordination with rail operators and relevant transportation agencies.

### **Eligible Applicants**

- State or local governments
- Rail authorities
- Public entities partnering with rail operators

### **Eligible Project Types**

- Rail line upgrades and modernization
- Grade crossing safety improvements
- Signal and communications system upgrades
- Rail capacity and reliability enhancements

### **Ineligible Uses**

- Routine maintenance activities
- Projects lacking public benefit

Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the official House Appropriations Committee guidance for complete eligibility requirements and documentation expectations:

### **[Full Committee Guidance \(CRISI CPF\)](#)**

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## **Transit Infrastructure Grants (TIG)**

Transit Infrastructure Grants support capital investments that improve public transportation systems, accessibility, and rider safety.

Projects should align with regional transit planning efforts and demonstrate measurable improvements to transit access or operational performance.

### **Eligible Applicants**

- Public transit agencies
- State or local governments sponsoring transit systems

### **Eligible Project Types**

- Transit station construction or modernization
- Bus or rail facility improvements
- Accessibility and safety upgrades
- Transit-supporting infrastructure

### **Ineligible Uses**

- Operating assistance
- Service expansion without capital investment
- Maintenance-only activities

Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the official House Appropriations Committee guidance for complete eligibility requirements and documentation expectations:

### **[Full Committee Guidance \(Transit Infrastructure Grants — TIG CPF\)](#)**

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### **Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)**

PIDP funding supports modernization and expansion of port infrastructure to improve freight movement, supply chain efficiency, and regional economic competitiveness.

Projects should demonstrate clear public benefit and coordination with regional freight or port development strategies.

### **Eligible Applicants**

- Port authorities
- State or local governments
- Tribal governments

### **Eligible Project Types**

- Port terminal improvements

- Intermodal freight connections
- Cargo handling infrastructure
- Safety and operational efficiency upgrades

## **Ineligible Uses**

- Operational expenses
- Projects primarily benefiting private entities without public benefit

Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the official House Appropriations Committee guidance for complete eligibility requirements and documentation expectations:

### **[Full Committee Guidance \(Port Infrastructure Development Program — PIDP CPF\)](#)**

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## **Economic Development Initiative (EDI — HUD Community Development Fund)**

Economic Development Initiative funding supports community and economic development projects that revitalize neighborhoods, expand economic opportunity, and improve public facilities.

Projects must demonstrate strong community benefit and alignment with HUD Community Development Fund authorities.

## **Eligible Applicants**

- State or local governments
- Tribal governments
- Nonprofit organizations working in partnership with public entities

**Note:** Economic Development Initiative (EDI) requests must be submitted by an eligible governmental entity, such as a state or local government, tribal government, or other eligible public entity, which serves as the official applicant and funding recipient.

Nonprofit organizations are not eligible to receive EDI funding directly but may participate as project partners in coordination with an eligible governmental applicant.

## **Eligible Project Types**

- Community facility construction or rehabilitation
- Economic development infrastructure
- Neighborhood revitalization projects
- Public facilities supporting housing or economic opportunity

## **Ineligible Uses**

- Operating expenses
- Projects primarily benefiting private entities
- Activities inconsistent with HUD program authorities

Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the official House Appropriations Committee guidance for complete eligibility requirements and documentation expectations:

### **Full Committee Guidance (Economic Development Initiative — EDI CPF)**

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## **13. Required Attachments Checklist**

All Community Project Funding (CPF) requests submitted to Representative Smith’s office must include sufficient documentation to allow for eligibility review and evaluation prior to submission to the House Appropriations Committee.

Specific documentation requirements may vary by program. Applicants should review both this checklist and the applicable subcommittee guidance to ensure submissions are complete.

Incomplete applications may not be considered.

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## **Required for All Applicants**

The following materials are required for all FY27 CPF requests unless otherwise noted:

- Completed FY27 CPF Application Form
  - Project description clearly explaining the purpose and community benefit of the project
  - Total project cost and amount of federal funding requested
  - Project location, including full address or geographic description
  - Legal name of the project recipient organization
  - Primary organizational point of contact
  - Project implementation timeline
  - Description of project readiness, including planning or design status
  - Identification of any non-federal funding sources or matching funds, if applicable
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## **Community Support Documentation**

Applicants must demonstrate evidence of community support. Examples include:

- Letters of support from local elected officials
- Letters from community organizations or regional partners
- Inclusion in local, regional, or state planning documents
- Documentation demonstrating identified community need

Letters should clearly reference the specific project being proposed.

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## **Budget and Financial Information**

Applicants should be prepared to provide:

- Detailed project budget
- Breakdown of requested federal funding
- Identification of secured or anticipated matching funds (if required)
- Explanation of how funds will be used within the project scope

Budgets should reflect realistic cost estimates and clearly align with eligible project activities.

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## **Program-Specific Documentation (If Applicable)**

Certain programs require additional materials. Depending on the funding account, applicants may need to provide documentation such as:

- Inclusion in State Transportation Improvement Programs (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP)
- Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) documentation
- Coordination confirmation with federal agency regional offices
- Engineering or design status documentation
- Environmental review or permitting status
- State Revolving Fund eligibility confirmation (EPA projects)
- Evidence of rural eligibility (USDA programs)

Applicants should consult the applicable Full Committee Guidance for program-specific requirements.

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## **Federal Compliance Certifications**

Selected projects will be required to comply with House Appropriations Committee transparency and ethics requirements. Applicants should be prepared to provide information necessary for:

- Federal nexus justification
- Financial disclosure certifications
- Confirmation that no funding will be directed to for-profit entities where prohibited

Additional certifications may be required if the project is advanced for submission.

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## **Submission Reminder**

All application materials must be submitted by the office deadline listed earlier in this guide. Applicants are encouraged to submit complete materials well in advance of the deadline to allow time to address any missing information.

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## **14. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **What is Community Project Funding?**

Community Project Funding (CPF) allows Members of Congress to request federal funding for specific projects within their congressional districts as part of the annual appropriations process. Projects must meet eligibility requirements established by the House Appropriations Committee and demonstrate a clear public benefit.

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### **Does submitting an application guarantee funding?**

No. Submission to Representative Smith's office does not guarantee that a project will be selected or funded. Due to federal limits on the number of submissions each Member may advance, only a limited number of eligible projects can be submitted to the House Appropriations Committee. Final funding decisions are made through the congressional appropriations process.

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### **Who is eligible to apply?**

Eligible applicants typically include state, local, or Tribal governments; public agencies; institutions of higher education; and certain nonprofit organizations, depending on the funding program. For-profit entities and individuals are generally not eligible to receive CPF funding.

Applicants should review the applicable program guidance to confirm eligibility.

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## **What types of projects are eligible?**

CPF funding generally supports one-time capital investments that provide a public benefit. Examples include infrastructure improvements, public safety equipment, transportation projects, environmental infrastructure, health facility construction, and community development projects.

Operating expenses, staffing costs, and ongoing program funding are typically not eligible.

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## **Can funding be used for operating expenses or salaries?**

No. CPF funding is generally limited to capital expenses such as construction, renovation, or equipment purchases. Ongoing operational costs, salaries, and programmatic expenses are typically not eligible.

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## **Do projects need to be fully designed before applying?**

Projects do not need to be fully constructed or permitted; however, applicants should demonstrate project readiness. This may include completed planning, preliminary engineering, cost estimates, or progress toward required approvals.

Projects that are still conceptual or lack defined scope may not be competitive.

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## **Is matching funding required?**

Some programs require non-federal matching funds, while others do not. Matching requirements vary by subcommittee and funding account. Applicants should review program-specific guidance to determine whether a cost share applies.

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## **Can nonprofit organizations apply directly?**

In many programs, nonprofit organizations may apply directly if permitted by the funding account. In other cases, projects must be sponsored by a governmental entity. Applicants should confirm eligibility under the specific program guidance.

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## **Can multiple organizations partner on a project?**

Yes. Collaborative projects are permitted and often encouraged where appropriate. One eligible entity must serve as the official project recipient responsible for administering federal funds.

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### **What happens after an application is submitted?**

Representative Smith's office will review submissions for eligibility, completeness, and readiness. Selected projects will be submitted to the House Appropriations Committee for consideration. The Committee and relevant federal agencies conduct additional review before any funding decisions are finalized.

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### **When would funding become available?**

If enacted by Congress, funding availability typically occurs in the fiscal year covered by the appropriations legislation. Implementation timelines vary depending on the administering federal agency and project requirements.

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### **Who should I contact with questions?**

Applicants may contact the office using the contact information provided in this guide for assistance during the application process.

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## **15. Office Contact Information**

Organizations with questions regarding Fiscal Year 2027 Community Project Funding requests are encouraged to contact Representative Smith's office for assistance during the application process.

For questions related to project eligibility, application requirements, or submission procedures, please contact:

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Applicants are encouraged to review this guide and the applicable Full Committee Guidance prior to reaching out with questions, as many common eligibility and documentation requirements are addressed within these materials.

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## **16. Additional Resources and Guidance**

The materials below are provided to help applicants prepare complete and competitive Community Project Funding requests. Applicants are encouraged to review all applicable program guidance and ensure submissions align with federal eligibility requirements.

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### **Preparing a Strong Project Description**

A clear project description helps reviewers understand the purpose, need, and expected impact of the proposed investment. Applicants should aim to:

- Clearly describe the problem or community need being addressed
- Explain how the project will benefit the public
- Identify the population or geographic area served
- Describe expected outcomes or improvements resulting from the project
- Avoid technical jargon where possible while maintaining accuracy

Project descriptions should focus on the specific capital investment being requested rather than broader organizational activities.

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### **Budget Development Guidance**

Budgets should be detailed, realistic, and directly tied to eligible project activities.

Applicants are encouraged to:

- Provide clear cost estimates supported by planning or engineering documentation when available
- Separate federal funding requests from other funding sources
- Identify secured versus anticipated matching funds
- Ensure requested amounts align with eligible expenses under the program

Incomplete or unclear budgets may delay review.

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## Letters of Support

Letters of support help demonstrate community need and stakeholder engagement.

Strong letters typically:

- Reference the specific project being proposed
- Describe the community benefit or regional importance
- Identify the relationship between the supporter and the project
- Avoid form letters that do not reference project details

Letters from local governments, regional partners, or community-serving organizations are often helpful in demonstrating broad support.

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## Helpful External Resources

The following federal resources may assist applicants in preparing for potential federal funding requirements associated with Community Project Funding projects:

- [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) — Competitive federal grant portal used by many federal agencies
  - [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) — Registration portal required to obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) for federal funding
  - [National Environmental Policy Act \(NEPA\) Overview](#) — Information on the federal environmental review process that may apply to infrastructure projects
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## Reviewing Program Guidance

Applicants should carefully review the Full Committee Guidance referenced throughout this document to confirm eligibility, documentation requirements, and program-specific restrictions.

Because federal guidance may change or be clarified during the appropriations process, applicants should rely on the official committee materials as the authoritative source.

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## Final Reminder

Community Project Funding is a competitive process with limited submission capacity. Complete, well-prepared applications that clearly demonstrate eligibility, public benefit, and project readiness are more likely to advance for consideration

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Representative Smith's office appreciates the opportunity to learn more about projects serving Washington's Ninth Congressional District and thanks applicants for their continued partnership in strengthening local communities.