



# Community Project Funding Booklet

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# General Information

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

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

This booklet is intended to assist Rep. Pappas's constituents in developing Community Project Funding requests. **Please submit all appropriations requests through Rep. Pappas's request forms, which are due by close of business on March 22, 2024.**

The House Appropriations Committee will likely only make Community Project Funding available for specific funding accounts and purposes, which are detailed in this booklet. This guidance is based on guidance received from the House Appropriations Committee during the Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations process, as updated guidance has not yet been issued for the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriations process. *Please note that, in many cases, the available accounts are different from those under the Fiscal Year 2025 Senate Appropriations guidelines.*

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

**This booklet largely consists of content drawn from House Appropriations Committee Fiscal Year 2024 guidelines.**

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

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

- The website address of the proposed recipient.
- For Rural Development projects, is the project for an eligible purpose and does it meet all eligibility requirements under current law?
- Does the entity plan to make grants to other entities from the funds provided and if so, to whom?

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

Fiscal Year 2024 House-passed Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 3-25 here](#).

This account supports grants to purchase, construct, or improve essential community facilities, to purchase equipment, and pay other related project expenses. Examples of eligible projects include medical or dental clinics, police or fire departments, or public works vehicles. Priority will be given to essential projects, such as those focused on public health and safety. Any project must serve a rural area as specified in 7 CFR 3570.53 (rural areas including cities, villages, townships, and Federally Recognized Tribal lands with no more than 20,000 residents).

Such requests are also subject to the cost share requirements specified in 7 CFR 3570.63(b). Community Facilities Grants generally cannot be used to pay initial operating expenses or annual recurring expenses, refinance existing debt, pay interest, build or repair facilities in non-rural areas, or pay for construction costs of facilities that will be used for commercial rental space.

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

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

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

Fiscal Year 2024 House-passed Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 26-27 here](#).

ReConnect broadband pilot grants facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas. Grant funds can be used for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband service to rural areas without sufficient broadband access, defined as 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream. Projects must follow [all policies and procedures](#), including environmental and related reviews and meet the non-federal cost share requirement of 25% of the overall project cost.

The area must be rural and lack sufficient access to broadband service. A rural area is any area which is not located within a city, town, or incorporated area that has a population of greater than 20,000 inhabitants. Sufficient access to broadband is defined as greater than 90% of any rural area in which households have fixed, terrestrial broadband service delivering at least 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream. Mobile and satellite services will not be considered in making the determination of sufficient access to broadband.

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

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

- Please provide relevant information, such as the number of households, businesses, or farms that would be served, what the performance of the service to be offered will be, and whether health care or educational facilities will be served.

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

Fiscal Year 2024 House-passed Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 25-26 here](#).

The DLT program helps rural residents better utilize modern telecommunications and the internet for education and health care. It helps rural communities acquire the technology and training necessary to connect educational and medical professionals with students, teachers,

and patients in rural areas. The program is intended to serve rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less.

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

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

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

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

Fiscal Year 2024 House-passed Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 27-34 here](#).

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

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

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

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

Fiscal Year 2024 House-passed Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on page 1 here](#).

ARS owns and operates laboratories and facilities across the United States. Many of these laboratories/facilities are decades old, have outlived their functional lifespan, and are badly in need of major repairs, renovation, or replacement. Requests can assist in the acquisition of land, construction, repair, improvement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agricultural research programs of the Department of Agriculture. Requests must be for ARS-owned or operated facilities.

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

- How soon could the feasibility/engineering design phase commence?
- Does the project have distinct and separable phases?
- What is the estimated completion date of the project? When does completion of construction occur?

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

Fiscal Year 2024 House-passed Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 1-3 here](#).

NRCS supports private landowners, conservation districts, and other organizations to conserve, maintain, and improve the Nation's natural resources. Conservation Operations has four major program components: Conservation Technical Assistance, Soil Survey, Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting, and Plant Materials Centers. Examples of specific objectives include reduce soil erosion, improve soil health, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damage caused by floods and other natural disasters.

For FY 2025, the Subcommittee will likely only consider projects for funding recipients that are State, local, and Tribal organizations, or public conservation districts.

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

- Describe how the project will reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, or other objectives that will help conserve, maintain, and improve natural resources.

# Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

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

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

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

Fiscal Year 2024 House-passed Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 1-7 here](#).

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

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

Fiscal Year 2024 House-passed Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 10-30 here](#).

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

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

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

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

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

Fiscal Year 2024 House-passed Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 30-44 here](#).

Funding will be provided for community project grants for State, local, and tribal law enforcement to develop and acquire effective technologies and equipment that assist in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime. This includes interoperable communications technologies, modernized criminal record technology, and forensic technology.

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

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

Fiscal Year 2024 House-passed Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 7-10 here](#).

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



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

Fiscal Year 2024 House-passed Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 44-46 here](#).

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

# Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies

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

- Is the project authorized? Is the scope of work to be funded within existing authorization?
- Provide the correct project authorization information, including the official project name and Public Law and section of the law that authorizes the project (example: P.L. 110–114, Section 1401).
- Is the project for an Environmental Infrastructure project or a Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) project? If so, please provide specific section for that authority.
- Is the project a new start? The Subcommittee may provide funding for a very limited number of new starts, if any.
- Provide the name of the Corps District where the project is located.

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

## Army Corps of Engineers – Construction

Fiscal Year 2024 House-passed Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 1-3 here](#).

Funding is only provided to projects already authorized by the Army Corps of Engineers under this account. To check if your project has been authorized, [please see here](#). Requests should reflect a funding amount that can be realistically utilized in FY 2025.

## Army Corps of Engineers – Investigations

Fiscal Year 2024 House-passed Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 4-5 here](#).

Funding is only provided to projects already authorized by the Army Corps of Engineers under this account. To check if your project has been authorized, [please see here](#). Requests should reflect a funding amount that can be realistically utilized in FY 2025.

### **Army Corps of Engineers – Operation and Maintenance**

Fiscal Year 2024 House-passed Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 5-6 here](#).

Funding is only provided to projects already authorized by the Army Corps of Engineers under this account. To check if your project has been authorized, [please see here](#). Requests should reflect a funding amount that can be realistically utilized in FY 2025.

# Homeland Security

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

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

## Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants

Fiscal Year 2024 House-passed Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 1-9 here](#).

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

Funding will only be available for projects that meet the requirements detailed in the most recent [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (NOFO) for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program, including the cost-share requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements, as applicable. All project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate state agency affirming that it believes the project is eligible and is willing and able to serve as the grant recipient.

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

- Has the appropriate State or Territorial Administrative Agency, or Tribal government, confirming project eligibility and their willingness to administer the grant?
- Can the requesting jurisdiction provide the required non-federal cost share (25% of total eligible activity costs, or 10% for small, impoverished communities)?
- If less than the requested amount is provided as the federal share, would additional state, local, or other eligible funding sources be available to support the project?
- Can the requesting jurisdiction provide a Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) or other documentation that validates cost-effectiveness, which is defined by FEMA as having a BCA of 1.0 or greater? A non-FEMA BCA methodology may only be used if preapproved by FEMA in writing.
- Consistent with the NOFO, is the proposed activity consistent with the goals and objectives in both the state or tribal hazard mitigation plan (44 CFR Part 201) and the local hazard mitigation plan of the jurisdiction in which the project is located?
  - If so, what is the FEMA approval date and when will the plan expire?
- Describe how the proposed activity expands mitigation capacity rather than repair and maintenance of existing capacity.
- How will the project provide long-term, permanent risk-reduction, as opposed to simply supporting short-term, temporary emergency protective measures?
- Can the recipient describe how the activity supports the needs of people disproportionately at risk of harmful impacts of natural disasters?
- Does the recipient specifically encourage the adoption and enforcement of the latest disaster resistant building codes?
- Provide a clear and detailed description of the proposed mitigation activity.
- How will the mitigation activity be implemented?
- Who will manage and complete the mitigation activity?
- What risks will remain from natural hazards after project implementation (i.e., residual risk)?
- How does the activity reduce the risk to individuals and property for future natural hazards, while reducing reliance on federal funding for future disasters?
- Has the project been submitted, selected, or awarded funding in current or previous Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM), Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), or Hazard Mitigation Grant Program fiscal year grant cycles?
  - If so, what is the subgrant ID, or which grant program and fiscal year was the application submitted, selected, or awarded funding?

## **Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grants**

Fiscal Year 2024 House-passed Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 1-9 here](#).

FEMA's EOC grants improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure, strategically located, and fully interoperable EOCs with a focus on addressing identified deficiencies and needs. An EOC is a facility or capability from which direction and control is exercised in an emergency. This type of center or capability is designated to ensure that the capacity exists for leadership to direct and control operations from a centralized facility or capability in the event of an emergency.

Funding will only be available for projects that meet the requirements detailed in the most recent [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (NOFO) for the Emergency Operations Center Grant Program, including the cost-share requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements, as applicable. Unallowable activities for EOC grants include personnel costs; replacement radios for police, fire, and other response personnel; generators for emergency shelters; and any equipment that is portable and does not directly support the functional and operational capabilities of an EOC. For EOC projects that involve construction or upgrading of multipurpose facilities, such as public safety facilities, police stations, and fire stations, EOC grants may only be used for those parts of the facility that are directly associated with the EOC.

All project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate state agency affirming that it believes the project is eligible and that is willing and able to serve as the grant recipient.

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

- Is the proposed project related to a structure or facility that meets the definition of an EOC, to include supporting incident management (on-scene) operations across multiple functional disciplines and/or jurisdictions?
- For EOC projects that involve construction or upgrading of multipurpose facilities, does the requested federal funding amount reflect the proportionate facility construction cost, which is generally based on the square footage (floor space) of the EOC compared to the square footage of the entire facility?

# Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

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

Fiscal Year 2024 House-passed Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 1-62 here](#).

This account funds local wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects. This includes construction of and modifications to municipal sewage treatment plants and drinking water treatment plants. Dams and reservoir projects are not eligible under this account. STAG infrastructure grants are only available to projects that are publicly-owned or owned by a non-profit entity and that are [otherwise eligible](#) for the funding from that state's Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRF) loan programs. Privately-owned projects are NOT eligible for infrastructure grants, even if they are otherwise eligible for assistance under a SRF program. The Committee will look favorably upon requests for projects that are listed on a state's most recent Intended Use Plan.

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

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

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

# Military Construction

Fiscal Year 2024 House-passed Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 1-2 here](#).

Construction projects must have at least 35% of design complete; otherwise, planning and design funding can be requested. Projects must also be able to be obligated in FY2025 and included in one of the following lists:

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

If individual projects have not been previously authorized, requests must also be submitted for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2025 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

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

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

- Which service is the project for?
- What is the installation name?
- Is the project for construction, unspecified minor construction, or planning and design?
- Is the project on the FY24-28 FYDP? If so, for what fiscal year?
- Is the project on a FY 2025 Service or Combatant Command unfunded requirements (UFR) or unfunded priorities list (UPL)?
- Is the project a cost-to-complete from a prior year? If so, what year?



- Provide the project's corresponding DD Form 1391, which is used by DoD to submit requirements and justifications in support of funding requests for military construction to Congress.
- (For Reserve Component projects) Does it require a state funding match, and has the match been met?
- (For construction projects) Is the project at or above 35% design complete?
- Was the project previously authorized in the NDAA? If so, which fiscal year?

### **Military Construction – Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction – Active Components**

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

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

### **Military Construction – Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction – Reserve Components**

An unspecified minor military construction project is a project that has an approved cost equal to or less than \$9 million. Some Reserve Component projects require a state funding match, which must be met before the request can be considered. The types of projects under this heading include construction and unspecified minor military construction projects for Reserve Components in the accounts listed below:

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

# Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

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

- What are the benefits of this project and why is it a priority? (Benefits could include safety, environmental, economic, equity, mobility, etc.)
- Does the project require an environmental review? If so, what is the status and/or outcome of the environmental review and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) category of action?
- (For Department of Transportation projects) Does the project have other public (state, local) and/or private funds committed to meet match or cost-share requirements? If so, what is the source and amount of those funds?

## **Department of Transportation - Airport Improvement Program (AIP)**

Fiscal Year 2024 House-passed Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 1-7 here](#).

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

- AIP eligible in accordance with sections 47101 to 47175 of title 49, United States Code, and [FAA policy and guidance](#).
- Included in the FAA's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).
- Supported broadly by local stakeholders, including residents, businesses, and elected officials.
- Administered by an airport and/or airport sponsor.

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

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

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

### **Department of Transportation – Highway Infrastructure Projects**

Fiscal Year 2024 House-passed Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 7-49 here](#).

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

All projects must be:

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

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

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

Additionally, most projects will be subject to various Federal requirements such as competition in contracting, Buy America, and the National Environmental Policy Act. The Committee strongly encourages Members' offices and potential funding recipients to reach out to their state departments of transportation to determine the eligibility and viability of projects.

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

- Has the 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)?
- If the request does not fully fund the project, describe where the remaining funding comes from to complete the project.
- Was the project on a State, tribal or territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or a metropolitan transportation improvement plan (MTIP) as of 12/31/2023? If yes, please provide a link to the plan.
- Please provide the STIP or TIP ID Number and specify which plan the ID number comes from.

### **Department of Transportation – Transit Infrastructure Projects**

Fiscal Year 2024 House-passed Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 50-60 here](#).

This account is for public transportation capital projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code. Eligible projects are described under Section 5302(4) of title 49, United States Code and Section 5339(b)(1) and (c)(1)(B) of title 49, United States Code.

All projects must be:

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

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

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

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

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

- If the project receives less than requested for the transit infrastructure projects, will the project proceed without waiting for additional funding sources?
- Does the project intend to apply for any DOT discretionary programs before proceeding? If yes, will the project sponsor still proceed if not selected?
- Where is the project in the construction process?
  - Options include Planning and Environmental Review, Final Design, RFP/IFB Issued, Contract Awarded, Capital Purchase or Lease, Construction, and Other (please specify).
- Was the project on a State, tribal or territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or a metropolitan transportation improvement plan (MTIP) as of 12/31/2023? If yes, please provide a link to the plan.
- Please provide the STIP or TIP ID Number and specify which plan the ID number comes from.

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

Fiscal Year 2024 House-passed Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 49-50 here](#).

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

- Rail capital projects or systems planning for a rail capital project;
- Supported by the state, local governmental authority, or Tribal government that would administer the project; and
- Sponsored by public entities or Tribal entities.

The Subcommittee will not fund activities that are administrative in nature even if they are eligible expenses under the statutory citation. These include but are not limited to general operating expenses, rail-related research, and workforce activities.

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

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

- If the project receives less than requested, will the project still proceed without waiting for additional funding sources?
- Where is the project in the construction process?
  - Options include: Planning and Environmental Review, Final Design, Right of Way, Contract Awarded, Capital Purchase or Lease, Construction, and Other (please specify).
- Is the project on a state rail plan as of 12/31/2023? If yes, provide a link to the plan and specify page number.
- Is the project included in a grade crossing action plan? If yes, provide a link to the plan and specify page number.

**Department of Transportation – Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)**  
Fiscal Year 2024 House-passed Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 61-62 here](#).

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

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

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

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

- Is the project at a small port, as described under 46 USC 54301(b)?
- Is the project in a rural area, as described under 46 USC 54301(a)(12) – an area that is outside of a Census-designated urbanized area?
- 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)?
- If the request does not fully fund the project, describe where the remaining funding comes from to complete the project.

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

Fiscal Year 2024 House-passed Community Project Funding for this account can be found [on pages 63-226 here](#).

Project requests for the FY 2025 Economic Development Initiative (EDI) program must be eligible under one or more of the following criteria of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The Committee expects to fund the following types of projects and other similar projects:

- Water or sewer infrastructure projects, which are not otherwise eligible to be funded as CPFs in EPA STAG (Interior bill) or Rural Water and Waste (Agriculture bill);
- Local road infrastructure, which is not otherwise eligible as a CPF in Highways (in this bill);
- Streetscape improvements;
- Public or non-profit housing rehabilitation, housing development financing, residential conversions, and neighborhood revitalization projects, which would increase housing supply and/or improve housing affordability in the local community;
- Projects with a clear economic development benefit, such as workforce training centers and manufacturing incubators;
- Projects that meet a compelling local need consistent with the statutory purposes. For example, food banks in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods, youth and senior centers, and multipurpose community centers.

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

- Museums, commemoratives, memorials;
- Swimming pools, water parks, golf courses;

- Health care facilities;
- Courthouses and town halls;
- Entertainment venues.

EDI projects, like all projects funded by HUD, are subject to requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), HUD's NEPA-implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 50 or 24 CFR Part 58, and all applicable federal environmental and historic preservation laws, regulations, and Executive Orders. An environmental review must be completed before HUD funds and new commitments of non-HUD funds can be used on a project (24 CFR 58.22).

EDI community project requests are not eligible for the reimbursement of expenses for activities already undertaken or costs already incurred. EDI projects are not eligible for the reimbursement of expenses for soft costs (planning, administrative) incurred prior to the completion of a grant agreement between HUD and the grantee. A grant agreement and a completed environmental review are necessary for reimbursement of hard costs (construction activities).

Projects whose primary purpose are beautification or historic preservation will be disfavored unless the project also has evidence of other community development or economic development benefits.

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

- Who are the community partners participating in this project? Have local community development organizations with prior experience with HUD programs been consulted?
- Is this project consistent with the primary objective of the community development program? Please describe who the project is intended to benefit.

