



Fiscal Year 2027 Community Project Funding Summary of Accounts

Introduction to Community Project Funding Requests

Community Project Funding (CPF) requests are Congressionally directed grants funded by the annual government appropriations (funding) legislation. This guide provides a summary of the CPF program as it was implemented for Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations. Note that the rules and deadlines for CPF eligibility may change in future years, subject to the decision of the House Appropriations Committee.

The deadline to submit projects to Representative Tom Barrett is 6:00 PM Eastern Time on **Friday, March 6, 2026**. Please submit our Subcommittee-specific request forms to Barrettappropriations@mail.house.gov.

Process for selection

1. Project sponsor applies to Representative Barrett by **Friday, March 6, 2026**.
2. Representative Tom Barrett selects up to 20 projects to submit to the House Appropriations Committee.
3. Approximately from April to June 2026 – the House Appropriations Committee will select a number of the projects submitted by Representative Barrett to be included in the annual appropriations bills. (**NOTE: Selection of projects is at the full discretion of the House Appropriations Committee.**)
4. Fall 2026 or Winter 2027 – The annual appropriations bills containing the projects must pass the House and Senate and be signed into law by the President.
5. Following the passage of the bill into law, the Executive Branch will release guidance for issuing funding to the projects.
6. Funds will be released over the next several months following the bill's passage.

Eligible entities

Only the following entities may apply for Community Project Funding:

- State, local, and tribal governments
- Publicly owned entities (e.g., ports, universities, PUDs, etc.)

- Certain non-profit entities with a quasi-governmental purpose (e.g., Special Districts)
- Non-profit organizations

For-Profit entities are NOT eligible for Community Project Funding.

Community Support

Community engagement and support are crucial in determining which projects are worthy of Federal funding. Only projects with demonstrated community support will be considered. This recommendation builds on past reforms, and applicants will be required to present evidence of community support when submitting the request. Examples of these include, but are not limited to:

- Letters of support from elected community leaders (e.g., mayors or other officials);
- Press articles highlighting the need for the requested Community Project Funding;
- Support from newspaper editorial boards;
- Projects listed on state intended use plans, community development plans, or other
- Publicly available planning documents; or
- Resolutions passed by city councils or boards.

Numerical Limitation on Projects

Each member of Congress is permitted to submit up to 20 projects to the House Appropriations Committee. This limit is set by the committee.

Transparency

Projects are subject to strict transparency and accountability rules. All Members of Congress are required to post all Community Project Funding requests that are made to the committee on their website. The posting must include the name of the proposed recipient, the address, the amount of the request, and an explanation of the purpose and justification for the use of taxpayer funds. Further, Members of Congress and their family cannot have any financial interest in the proposed project.

One-year projects only

Each project request must be for Fiscal Year 2027 funds only and cannot include multi-year funding.

Limitations on accounts

CPFs will only be funded if they comply with the requirements for specific appropriations accounts. A summary of these accounts can be found on the following pages. Full guidance can be found here:

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/republicans-appropriations.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/fy-2027-community-project-funding-request-general-guidance.pdf>

Stewardship Requirements

Funded projects will follow applicable requirements in the authorized programs that support good stewardship of taxpayer dollars. For example, programs may require a non-federal cost share and participation in program audits.

NEW SINCE FY24 – Federal Nexus Requirement

In order to ensure a federal nexus exists for each funded project, Congress will only fund projects that are tied to a federal authorization law. Members of Congress must include a written statement describing the federal nexus for each Community Project Funding request. As Congressman Tom Barrett considers applications, his staff will work with applicants to identify the relevant federal nexus. Projects are encouraged to proactively identify the federal nexus if it is known.

NEW SINCE FY24 – No Memorials, Museums, or Commemoratives

Memorials, museums, and commemoratives (i.e., projects named for an individual or entity) are not eligible for Community Project Funding.

NEW SINCE FY 24 – Audits and Oversight

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) will conduct an independent audit of a sample of enacted projects and report its findings to Congress. Applicants may be subject to the GAO audit if the project receives funding.

Eligible Accounts for FY 2027

The following accounts are eligible for CPFs in FY 2027:

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

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

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

- **Department of Commerce**
 - NIST – Scientific and Technical Research
 - NOAA – Coastal Zone Management
- **Department of Justice**
 - COPS Technology and Equipment
 - Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (Byrne)
- **National Aeronautics and Space Administration**
 - Safety, Security, and Mission Services

Energy and Water Development

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

Homeland Security

- **Federal Emergency Management Agency**
 - Federal Assistance – Emergency Ops. Centers
 - Federal Assistance – Pre-Disaster Mitigation

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

- **Environmental Protection Agency**
 - STAG – Clean Water State Revolving Fund
 - STAG – Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

- **Department of Health and Human Services**
 - Health Resources and Services Administration

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

- Army
- Navy and Marine Corps
- Air Force and Space Force
- Defense-Wide Agencies
- Army National Guard
- Air National Guard
- Army Reserve
- Navy Reserve
- Air Force Reserve

Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

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