

Community Project Funding FY2027



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Overview of Community Project Funding

- Community Project Funding (CPF) refers to a Congressionally awarded federal grant program made available to local, state, and tribal governments and agencies and community organizations, and allocated as part of the annual federal appropriations process. CPF has previously been referred to as “earmarks”.
- Members may submit a request to fund specific projects in their communities, so long as the projects have a federal nexus and meet other requirements established by federal law, House Rules, and the Committee to ensure only high-quality projects are requested and funded.
- Once submitted, the Appropriations Committee makes final determination on whether projects are approved and how much funding is allocated for the project.
- CPF is separate from federal grants and funding apportioned by formula. CPFs are also not regular appropriations requests, which deal with overall funding levels for federal programs.

Overview of Community Project Funding

- Congressional members may recommend up to **20 projects** for consideration FY 2027 to the Appropriations Committee and its subcommittees.
- Guidance for CPF can be found on our website for further review:
 - Cap on Overall Funding
 - Cap on Member Requests
 - Federal Nexus Requirement
 - No Memorials, Museums, or Commemoratives
 - Stewardship Requirements
 - Careful Vetting of Projects
 - No For-Profit Recipients
 - Request in Writing
 - No Financial Interest
 - Demonstrations of Project Merit and Support
 - Audits and Oversight
 - Early Public Disclosure

Overview of Community Project Funding

- **Eligible Accounts**

- Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies
- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
- Energy and Water Development
- Homeland Security
- Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
- Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Department of Health and Human Services
- Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
- Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Department of Housing and Urban Development

Eligibility Requirements Internal & External

- Located in the 4th Congressional District
- State or Local Support (letters, resolutions, elected letters, bills, development plans, agency, etc.)
- Community Support (forums, articles, hearings, letters, etc.)
- Matching Funds (government, any level)**
- Other Funds (private, philanthropic)**
- Focused 1-year of funding (intend to use FY27)
- Demonstrated Impact or Benefit to Community
- Projected Budget submitted (total cost)
- Proposed project fits an eligible Appropriations account
- Project approved by federal, state, or local agency/entity (for new project)
- State and local governments can submit projects from already approved and vetted list of projects
- Must submit IRS determination letter demonstrating status
- For-profit or private organizations are **NOT** eligible

Eligibility Requirements Internal & External

Each Member may only submit 20 CPF projects to the House Appropriations Committee for consideration through the eligible appropriations accounts.

Note: Applications for CPF funding will be reviewed by Congressman García's office and up to twenty (20) submissions will be selected and submitted for consideration to the House Committee on Appropriations.

Submission to the Appropriations Committee does not guarantee funding, which is determined by the passage of appropriations bills.

Ethics & Transparency

- The Government Accountability Office (GAO) will conduct a mandatory audit of a sample of enacted CPF projects and report its findings to Congress. This report will likely be made public at some point.
- A Member, their spouse, and immediate family may not have any financial interest in the project.
- There is a federal nexus requirement for each funded project, the committee will only fund projects that are tied to a federal authorization law.

Application and Materials

- Application is open until **Monday, March 9th, 2026 6:00 PM CT**
 - The team is here to provide information and context about the CPF process to best inform our community stakeholders and to help them submit the strongest application that meets the standards required for consideration by Congress.
- Please note that this limited timeline is due to external deadlines that our office does not control.

Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Please ensure that all documents are submitted before the deadline.

Application and Materials

An online application along with supporting materials are required for full consideration:

1. Visit “Community Project Funding: FY27 Community Project Funding”
2. Complete the Form with Project information by **March 9th 6:00 PM CT**
3. Sent supporting application materials to:

CommunityProjectFunding.IL04@mail.house.gov

The screenshot shows the website for U.S. Congressman Jesus G. "Chuy" Garcia, representing the 4th District of Illinois. The navigation bar includes links for ABOUT, SERVICES, ISSUES, CONTACT, MEDIA, EN ESPAÑOL, and CONOZCA SUS DERECHOS/ KNOW YOUR RIGHTS. A search bar is present with the text "Enter keywords" and a "Search" button. The main content area features a sidebar with a menu of links: Community Project Funding, **FY27 Community Project Funding**, Appropriations Requests, Art Competition, Congressional Commendations, Flags, Grant Applicants, Help with a Federal Agency, and Jobs and Internships. The main heading is "Fiscal Year 2027 Community Project Funding". Below this is a "CPF Overview" section with the text: "Community Project Funding (CPF) is an initiative for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) that allows Members of Congress to request direct funding for projects that benefit the communities they represent. CPF is separate from federal grants and funding apportioned by formula. CPFs are also not regular appropriations requests, which deal with overall funding levels for federal programs." A link is provided: "Please see our [FY27 Appropriations Requests page](#) for more information about submitting **non-CPF appropriations requests**." The bottom of the visible text states: "The CPF process includes stringent eligibility, ethics, and transparency guardrails that are outlined on the individual forms linked below. CPF will be

Application and Materials

Successful applications meet eligibility and include the following materials:

1. IRS Letter to prove status
2. Community Support by way of letters of support, capital bill, approved state/local funding, feasibility study, community input reports, etc.
3. Breakdown of budget and amount requested for funding.
4. Ability to sustain project with other state/local or private funds.
5. Community impact demonstrated through analysis, reports, number of people impacted, addressing gap or need in area.
6. Timeline of project to demonstrate use of funds for one fiscal year only (no multi-year requests)
7. Clear description on how funds will be used.

Best Practices

- Review eligibility
 - Must abide by all requirements set by House Appropriations Subcommittees
- Members may request funding for state, local, or tribal governmental grantees and certain eligible non-profits, as allowed under federal law and subcommittee guidance. **Note:** Non-profits have been ineligible to apply since FY25. Non-profit projects would need to be submitted by a municipality or public agency.
- Letters of Support
 - Mayor/ President, City Council Members, State Senator, State Representatives, County Commissioners
- Community Support
 - News or press articles
 - Board meetings
 - Resolutions passed by local/ county/ state governments
 - Community leaders

CPF Timeline

FY2027

Application
Opens

Appropriations Subcommittee
reviews applications &
recommend final amount

IL04 Final Selections
Submitted (20)

Appropriations Committee votes to
pass their appropriations bill (may
include CPF) for vote by Congress.

Bill is signed by the
President becoming law

Congress votes for
approval**

Recipients receive
confirmation from the office
& agency for funding

Previous CPF Recipients

- For more information on types of projects approved, you may look at our previous project requests:

Community Project Funding

In 2021, the House Appropriations Committee announced the Community Project Funding (CPF) initiative, which allows Members of Congress to direct federal funds toward specific projects and programs that address pressing needs in the communities they represent.

Submissions are accepted during the annual appropriations process, and each submission is carefully reviewed by our team. The list of requested projects from previous years can be found at the link below:

- [Fiscal Year 2022 Community Project Funding](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2023 Community Project Funding](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2024 Community Project Funding](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2025 Community Project Funding](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding](#)

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Resources

- **Subcommittee Guidance:**

- [Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration](#)
- [Commerce, Justice, and Science](#)
- [Energy and Water Development](#)
- [Homeland Security](#)
- [Interior and Environment](#)
- [Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education](#)
- [Military Construction and Veterans Affairs](#)
- [Transportation and Housing and Urban Development](#)
 - [Department of Transportation – Airport Improvement Program](#)
 - [Department of Transportation – Highway Infrastructure Projects](#)
 - [Department of Transportation – Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements](#)
 - [Department of Transportation – Transit Infrastructure Grants](#)
 - [Department of Transportation – Port Infrastructure Development Program](#)
 - [Department of Housing and Urban Development – Economic Development Initiatives](#)

Contact Us

If you need further assistance or have questions, please email us at: **CommunityProjectFunding.IL04@mail.house.gov**

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<https://chuygarcia.house.gov/services/community-project-funding/fiscal-year-2027-community-project-funding>

Questions?



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