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FY25 Funding Request Explainer

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

REVIEW OF FY24 CPF PROCESS

- In Spring 2024 our office accepted our first-ever applications for FY24 Community Project Funding and **submitted 15 requests to Congress** (the max allowed)
- All 15 projects ended up being funded **in the total of $14.1 million**. The average amount allocated was $940,000, and the largest award was $3 million.
- For a full list of funded projects, visit: tinyurl.com/RamirezFY24

FY25 CPF APPLICATIONS: NOW OPEN

- Community Project Funding guidance for FY25 has been released. **The deadline to apply is Friday, May 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. EST**
- It will have specific restrictions:
  - Requests considered for FY2025 only (no multi-year requests)
  - Must abide by **all** requirements set by House Appropriations Subcommittees
  - Projects **must**
    - be located within the IL-03 Congressional District
      - not the org HQ--the actual proposed project site
    - have an established federal nexus
    - demonstrate community engagement and support
    - **not** fund museums, memorials, and "commemorative" projects

ELIGIBLE ACCOUNTS

Each year, the House Majority determines which types of project will be eligible to receive community project funding. (More details later)

Eligible projects to be funded through the following agencies:
- Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies
- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
- Energy and Water Development
- Homeland Security Subcommittee
- Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
- Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
- Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

The Appropriations Committee will NOT accept project requests from the following Subcommittees: Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education

APPLYING FOR COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING

- All applicants must apply through the Congresswoman's official website
  - **Link:** https://ramirez.house.gov/services/appropriations
- For-profit organizations and privately-owned projects are **not** eligible for funding. 501(c)3 non-profit organizations, as well as state, local, and tribal governmental entities **are** eligible.
  - **Note:** Nonprofits are ineligible for Economic Development Initiative projects in FY25
- Certain projects **may** require matching funding from state/local government (though it doesn't necessarily need to be in-hand yet). Demonstrating supplemental funding for your project generally can increase your likelihood of receiving funding.
- Selected projects will need to submit additional documents to demonstrate community support, including (but not limited to):
  - **REQUIRED:** Letter(s) of support from legislator (e.g. City Councilmember, State Senator)
  - **REQUIRED:** Letter(s) of support from Executive Branch (Mayor, Governor, or relevant local/state agency)
  - Press articles covering the need for the proposed project
  - Evidence of proposed projects being included in community development plans, state-intended use plans, and other publicly available planning documents
  - Relevant resolutions passed by local/county/state governments
  - Support from local newspaper editorial boards, etc.

APPLICATION AND TRANSPARENCY

- Community project funding is allocated to address urgent needs in Illinois' 3rd District.
- Congresswoman Ramirez's Office can select up to but no more than 15 projects.
- We cannot accept applications for multi-year funding, only FY25.
- The selection process will be transparent to ensure no member of Congress, member's staff, or member's family can benefit. Projects will also be audited to ensure money is spent as planned. To further the goal of transparency, please be advised that any information submitted through our form or in support of a Community Project Funding Request, as well as information relating to a post-spending audit, **may be made public.**
- Our office will publicize information online about all potential recipients' projects, including the organization/government entity's name, site address, the requested amount, an explanation of the request, the federal nexus, and rationale for why the proposed project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds.
- After our office submits our requests, any selected project is also potentially subject to a mandatory audit by the federal Government Accountability Office (GAO).

FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION

- **All applicants must entirely finish the online application via our website, ensuring all information is as detailed as possible and factually accurate.**
- Briefly describe your project.
- Explain the request, including why the project is a reasonable use of taxpayer funds and why it's needed in our community.
- Breakdown the budget--explain clearly how all funding will be used (submit a request for as much funding as you would be able to spend, even though the award may or may not be made in the full amount.
- Explain if you have secured other sources of funding for the project. Are these local/state/private funds secured, expected, or pending?
- If a project is selected, the applicant **must** provide the supplemental documentation and information referenced previously in a timely manner
- If you have any questions while filling out the application, please email: **Appropriations.DeliaRamirez@mail.house.gov**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Programmatic and Language Request Guidance**
- **Community Project Funding Request Guidance**
- **Eligible Accounts**
- **Member Financial Disclosure Certification and Federal Nexus Statement Template**

Additional Subcommittee Guidance
- **Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies**
- **Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies**
- **Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies**
- **Homeland Security**
- **Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies**
- **Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies**
  - **Transit Infrastructure Projects Guidance**
  - **Highway Infrastructure Projects Guidance**
  - **Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Projects Guidance**
  - **Port Infrastructure Development Program Projects Guidance**
  - **Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Projects Guidance**
- **Community Development Fund - Economic Development Initiative (EDI) Projects Guidance**