CONGRESSMAN SARBANES
COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING
MARYLAND'S THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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FREQUENTLY ASKED

QUESTIONS

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What is the difference between the different types of appropriations requests?

The House Appropriations Committee is accepting programmatic requests, language-based requests and Community Project Funding (CPF) requests from Members of Congress. Programmatic requests fund a specific federal program at a specific dollar amount. Language requests provide specific policy directives to federal agencies.CPF requests provide targeted funding to a specific project within a community.

Who is eligible to request and receive CPF?

Only public entities, such as state and local governments, and certain 501(c)(3) nonprofits are eligible CPF recipients. For-profit entities are not eligible for CPF funding.

How do I request CPF?

Please complete our request form by April 5, 2021.

If I submit a CPF request to your office for federal funding, does that guarantee that I will receive the requested funds?

No. CPF requests must meet all of the eligibility criteria set by the House Appropriations Committee (available here) and the specific requirements identified for each account. Each Member of Congress can only submit 10 total request for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22). Final funding decisions will be made by the House Appropriations Committee. Unfortunately, that means many eligible and deserving projects will not receive CPF in the FY22 appropriations cycle.

Is any project eligible for federal funding?

No. CPF requests are limited to approximately 30 eligible programs identified by the House Appropriations Committee. You can see a full list of the CPF-eligible accounts and their corresponding requirements on the Appropriations Committee website.

CPF requests must demonstrate that there is community support for the project; explain why the project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds; and be located in or have some connection to Maryland's Third District. Members of Congress must certify that neither they nor their family have a financial interest in the project. Additionally, CPF requests must be for FY22 funds only and cannot include requests for multiyear funding. If a state or local funding match is required for your project, you must provide evidence of your ability to meet these requirements.

I'm not sure if my project is located within Maryland's Third Congressional District. How do I check?

You can determine your congressional district by entering the project address here.

Do I need to request a specific dollar amount of federal funding?

Yes. You will need to include the amount of federal funding you are requesting for this project, as well as the source(s) of funding for the full cost of the project beyond the amount requested (if applicable). Additionally, many of the federal programs eligible for CPF requests require a state or local match for projects either by statute or according to longstanding policy. You must demonstrate the ability to meet these matching requirements in your request. The House Appropriations Committee will not waive matching requirements for any CPF request.

Can I request funding for multiple fiscal years?

No. CPF requests must be for FY22 and cannot include requests for multi-year funding.

Do I need to tell you how I plan to use the federal funding?

Yes. You will need to provide detailed information about the project and how funding will be used. You may be asked to provide a detailed budget that explains specifically how the requested funding will be used (amounts for salaries, equipment, travel, etc.).

How do I demonstrate "community support" for my project?

You must submit evidence of community support as part of your request. Community support can include (but is not limited to):

- Letters of support from elected community leaders;

- Press articles highlighting the need for the specific project;

- Resolutions passed by local, county, or state governments;

- Projects listed on community development plans, state intended use plans and other publicly available planning documents; or

- Support from local editorial boards.

Will my CPF request be made public?

Yes. The House of Representatives requires Members of Congress to post, on their official websites, certain information about every CPF request that they submit to the House Appropriations Committee. See here for more information.

Can I still submit traditional (programmatic, language) appropriations requests for FY22?

Yes. The House Appropriations Committee will continue to accept traditional appropriations requests (program funding, bill language and report language) and the process remains the same as in previous years. Programmatic requests seek to fund a specific federal program at a specific dollar amount. Language requests seek to provide specific policy directives to federal agencies.

What accounts are eligible for CPF?

The following accounts are eligible for CPF. Funding from other accounts not listed below will not be submitted to or considered by the Appropriations Committee.

- **Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies**

  - Agriculture Community Facilities Grants

  - Agriculture ReConnect Program

  - Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities

- **Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies**

  - Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)

  - Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology & Equipment

  - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Operations, Research and Facilities

  - NASA Safety, Security and Mission Services

- **Defense**

  - Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Army

  - Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Navy

  - Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Air Force

  - Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Space Force

  - Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Defense-Wide

- **Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies**

  - Corps of Engineers

    - Investigations

    - Construction

    - Mississippi River and Tributaries Operation and Maintenance

- o Bureau of Reclamation
    - ▪ Water and Related Resources

- **Financial Services and General Government and Related Agencies**

    - o Small Business Administration – Small Business Initiatives Homeland Security and Related Agencies
    - o Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants
    - o Nonprofit Security Grants
    - o Emergency Operations Center Grants

- **Interior, Environment and Related Agencies**

    - o Land Acquisition Through the Land and Water Conservation Fund
    - o State and Tribal Assistance Grants
    - o State and Private Forestry

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

    - o Department of Labor
        - ▪ Employment and Training Administration – Training and Employment Services
    - o Department of Health and Human Services
        - ▪ Health Resources and Services Administration – Program Management
        - ▪ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration – Health Surveillance and Program Support
    - o Department of Education
        - ▪ Innovation and Improvement
        - ▪ Higher Education

- **Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies**

  - Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction – Active Components
    - Army
    - Navy and Marine Corps
    - Air Force
    - Defense-Wide Agencies (SOCOM, DHA, etc.)

  - Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction – Reserve Components
    - Army National Guard
    - Air National Guard
    - Army Reserve
    - Navy Reserve
    - Air Force Reserve

  - Planning and Design
    - Army
    - Navy and Marine Corps
    - Air Force
    - Defense-Wide Agencies (SOCOM, DHA, etc.)
    - Army National Guard
    - Air National Guard
    - Army Reserve
    - Navy Reserve
    - Air Force Reserve

- **Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies**

  - Department of Transportation
    - Local Transportation Priorities
    - Airport Improvement Program

  - Department of Housing and Urban Development
    - Economic Development Initiative