

Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding Request Guidelines

Before submitting a Community Project Funding (CPF) request for Fiscal Year 2026, please carefully review the following information. In accordance with the House Rules and guidance provided by the House Appropriations Committee, Congressman Newhouse will only consider requests that have a clear federal nexus within accounts outlined below that meet underlying statutory and regulatory requirements. In general:

- Projects must have federal nexus a project that is tied to a federal authorization law and meet other eligibility requirements established by federal law, House Rules, and the House Appropriations Committee.
 - o Memorials, museums, and commemorative projects are not eligible for CFP.
 - o Many programs require a non-federal cost-share match and participation in program audits these requirements will **not** be waived by the Committee.
- Applicant must be an eligible state, local or Tribal government or non-profit organization

 no requests for for-profit recipients will be considered. Non-profit organizations are not eligible for every account (e.g., Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations).
 - o Non-profit organizations **must** provide evidence that the organization is described as such under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 by either supplying the Employer Identification Number or IRS determination letter.
- Applicant must provide evidence of community support for the requested project.
 Examples include letters of support from elected community leaders, project listed on State intended use plans or community development plans, press articles highlighting the need, etc.
- Each project must be for Fiscal Year 2026 funds **only** and cannot include a request for multiyear funding.

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

The Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies will accept CPF requests for six accounts. Projects within this Subcommittee include, but are not limited to, funding to improve essential community facilities, facilitate broadband deployment, and support clean and reliable drinking water systems.

Any CPFs that are funded in an appropriations bill will need to apply to USDA to receive the award. The application will be reviewed by USDA for compliance prior to the official award. To ensure your projects meet eligibility requirements for the Rural Development and Natural Resources Conservation Service accounts, you **must** consult with the <u>Washington State Rural Development Office</u> before submitting a CPF request.

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

Detailed guidance (including account descriptions), a full list of required documentation and supplemental questions can be found <u>here</u>.

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies:

The Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies will accept CPF requests for five accounts. Projects within this Subcommittee include, but are not limited to, funding to support STEM education activities, as well as assist state, local or Tribal law enforcement efforts to respond to and prevent crime.

- Department of Commerce
 - o NIST—Scientific and Technical Research
 - o NOAA—Coastal Zone Management
- Department of Justice (DOJ)
 - o Community Oriented Policing Services Technology and Equipment
 - o State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Byrne Justice Assistance Grants
- National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA)
 - o Safety, Security, and Mission Services

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Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies:

The Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies will accept CPF requests for five accounts. Projects within this Subcommittee include, but are not limited to, funding for floodplain management and mapping, and dredging of federal channels and harbors on the Great Lakes. To ensure your projects meet eligibility requirements as an individually authorized project or a project under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Continuing Authorities Program you must consult with the U.S Army Corps of Engineers Seattle Civil Works District or Walla Walla Civil Works District prior to submitting a CPF request.

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

Detailed guidance (including account descriptions), a full list of required documentation and supplemental questions can be found here.

Homeland Security:

The Subcommittee on Homeland Security will accept CPF requests for two Federal Emergency Management Agency accounts. Projects within this Subcommittee include, but are not limited to, funding to assist state, local, and Tribal governments with planning and implementing measures that reduce the risk to people and property from natural hazards, as well as the construction or renovation of a primary emergency operation center. To ensure your project meets existing eligibility requirements, you must consult with the Washington State Emergency Management Division prior to submitting a CPF request.

- Federal Emergency Management Agency
 - o Federal Assistance Emergency Ops. Center
 - o Federal Assistance Pre-Disaster Mitigation

Detailed guidance (including account descriptions), a full list of required documentation and supplemental questions can be found here.

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies:

The Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies will accept CPF requests for one Environmental Protection Agency account. Projects within this Subcommittee include, but are not limited to, the construction of and modifications to municipal sewage treatment plants and drinking water treatment plants, and storm water management. Only projects that are eligible for funding from the state's Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRF) loan programs will be considered for a CPF request.

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

Detailed guidance (including account descriptions) and a full list of required documentation can be found here.

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies:

The Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies will accept CPF requests for military construction. CPF projects must meet eligibility requirements for the specific account in which the project is funded, which includes, but is not limited to, inclusion on

an unfunded requirements/unfunded priorities list or Future Year Defense Program, pending or previous authorization in the National Defense Authorization Act, and have justification documentation (DD Form 1391).

- Army
- Army National Guard
- Army Reserve
- Navy & Marine Corps
- Navy Reserve
- Air Force & Space Force
- Air National Guard
- Air Force Reserve
- DoD, Defense-Wide

Detailed guidance (including account descriptions), a full list of required documentation and supplemental questions can be found here.

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies:

The Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies will accept CPF requests for six accounts. Projects within this Subcommittee include, but are not limited to, funds to enhance airport safety, modernize port infrastructure, and construction or capital improvements of public facilities.

- Department of Housing and Urban Development
 - o CDBG Economic Development Initiatives
- Department of Transportation
 - Airport Improvement Program
 - Highway Infrastructure Projects
 - Transit Infrastructure Projects
 - o Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements
 - o Port Infrastructure Development

Detailed guidance (including account descriptions), a full list of required documentation and supplemental questions can be found as follows: <u>Airport Improvement Program</u>, <u>Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements</u>, <u>Highway Infrastructure</u>, <u>Port Infrastructure Development</u>, <u>Transit Infrastructure</u>, and <u>Community Development Fund – Economic Development Initiative</u>.