



FY26 Community Project Funding Memorandum

In Fiscal Year 2026, the House of Representatives may consider community project funding through the appropriations process. The House Appropriations Committee determines eligibility requirements, which projects are funded, and how much funding projects are awarded. Funding is not finalized until an appropriations law including a line item for a project is signed by the President and the awardee subsequently completes a noncompetitive application administered by the awarding agency to ensure compliance with statutory criteria.

Rep. Liccardo's community project funding application can be found here:
<https://forms.office.com/g/HLc5mvdg4b>.

What is Community Project Funding?

Community project funding (also called congressionally directed spending) means individual projects funded directly by Congress. Each Member of Congress may request funding for up to 15 projects, subject to approval by the Appropriations Committee. Projects must be included in appropriations legislation that is signed into law before funding is made available to recipients. Projects typically receive \$500,000 to \$3 million, but these amounts vary.

The Appropriations Committee will only consider projects that are eligible for specific federal spending accounts. A list of eligible accounts can be found below. Each account has unique eligibility requirements in addition to those listed below.

General Eligibility Requirements

- Nonprofit: Only nonprofits and local governments are eligible for community project funding.
- Matching requirements: Some project categories include local matching requirements, which projects must have secured before submitting an application. See the eligible accounts at the end of this document for more information.
- One-year funding: Funding is for a single year and must be obligated within twelve months.
- Community support: Projects must document substantial community support, such as:
 - 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.
- Ineligible projects: The following projects are not eligible for community project funding:
 - Projects in which Rep. Liccardo or his immediate family have any financial interest.
 - Museums, memorials, and commemorative projects.

Eligible Accounts

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 (ReConnect Program)
- 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

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

- 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

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

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

Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

Department of Housing and Urban Development

- CDBG – 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