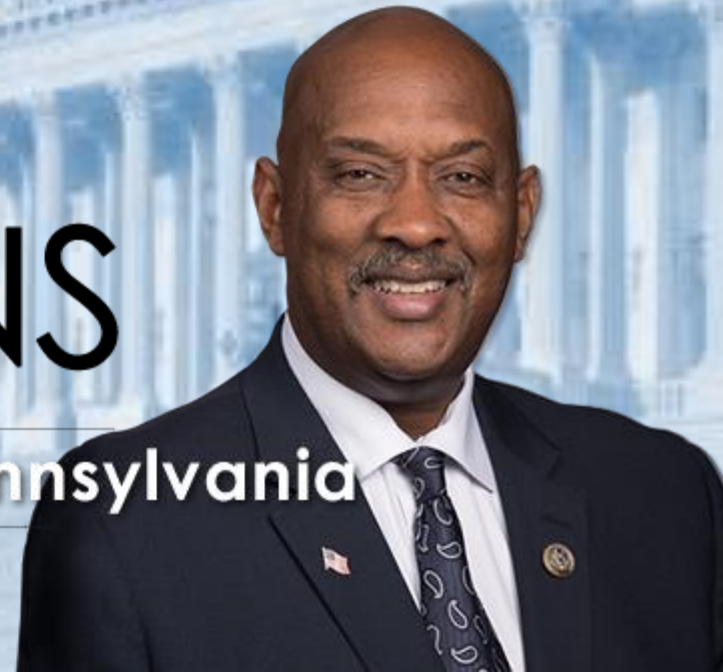


Community Project Funding Requests Overview

UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN

DWIGHT EVANS

Representing the **3rd** District of Pennsylvania



Agenda



Overview of Community Project Funding



Application Process



Guidelines per Committee



FAQ's

Overview:

Community Project Funding Process

- Community Project Funding requests return this year, with certain limitations
 - Requests considered for FY2024 only
 - Must follow **EVERY** requirement set by House Appropriations Subcommittees
 - Projects MUST:
 - meet high ethical standards and stewardship requirements
 - have strong community support
 - provide appropriate proof of filings
 - have a federal nexus
 - *not fund specific memorials, museums, or commemoratives*
 - Applications may be made public

Applying for Community Project Funding

- All applicants must apply via the Congressman's official website
 - <https://evans.house.gov/services/fy-2024-community-project-funding-requests>
 - Deadline is **5:00 PM EDT on Wednesday March 22, 2023**
- For-profit recipients and privately-owned projects are not eligible for community project funding.
- Matching funding may be required for certain projects from the state/local government (matching funding does NOT have to be in-hand, but officials must have a plan to fund in order to meet this requirement).
- Each project is funded only for FY2024 – no multi-year requests
- Selected projects will be required to submit additional information such as evidence of community support, including (but not limited to):
 - Letter(s) of support from legislator (City Councilmember, State Representative) - **REQUIRED**
 - Letter(s) of support from Executive Branch (Mayor, Governor, or relevant local/state agency) - **REQUIRED**
 - Press articles highlighting the need for the specific project
 - Related resolutions passed by local/county/state governments
 - Projects listed on community development plans, state intended use plans, and other publicly available planning documents
 - Support from local newspaper editorial boards, etc.

Submit all questions to CommunityProjectsPA03@mail.house.gov

The Application

- Open to 501(c)3 non-profit orgs
- State and Local Government Entities
- Funding for FY2024

Community Project Funding helps address pressing needs in Philadelphia.

The Office of Rep. Dwight Evans can select no more than 15 projects that meet high ethical standards, demonstrate strong community support, and provide the appropriate proof of filings.

Only non-profit organizations with a 501(c)3 designation, along with state and local governmental entities, are eligible to apply. For-profit entities are not eligible.

Our office cannot accept multi-year funding requests. Funding is only for Fiscal Year 2024.

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 this form or in support of a Community Project Funding Request, as well as information relating to a post-spending audit, may be made public.

Selected projects will have information about the application posted online including the potential recipient, address, the requested amount, an explanation of the request including purpose, the federal nexus, and a justification for why it would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds.

Upon completion, any selected project will also potentially be subject to a mandatory audit by the federal Government Accountability Office (GAO).

The Application

All applicants must fully complete the online form, making sure all information is accurate and as detailed as possible

- Briefly describe this project.
- Explanation of the request, including an explanation of why this is a good use of taxpayer funds.
- Budget breakdown – how the funding will be used.
- What other sources of funding exist for this project? Are these local/state/private funds secured, expected, or are you still seeking?

The Application

- Please note that the Appropriations Committee is **not** accepting project requests within the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee this year.
- Selected projects **must** provide all additional/supplemental information referenced in the Resource Guide in a timely manner.
- If you have questions or need clarification about completing the application after reading the Resource Guide, please contact:

CommunityProjectsPA03@mail.house.gov



Eligible CPF Projects for FY2024

Agriculture

Project Eligibility

Congressman Evans' office is accepting applications for Agriculture projects that fall under the following account:

- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) - Conservation Operations

Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – Conservation Operations

- NRCS supports private landowners, conservation districts, and other organizations to conserve, maintain, and improve the Nation's natural resources.
- FY23 average Senate CPF in this account was \$1.3 million.
- Only state/local government organizations or public conservation districts can apply. **Non-profits are not eligible.**
- Examples of specific objectives include:
 - reducing soil erosion
 - improving soil health
 - enhancing water supplies
 - improving water quality
 - increasing wildlife habitat
 - reducing damage caused by floods and other natural disaster
- Applicants should also coordinate with the [NRCS Pennsylvania State Office](#) to ensure their project meets eligibility requirements.
- Any funded projects will need to apply with USDA to receive the award.

Interior and Environment

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

Congressman Evans' office is accepting applications for Interior and Environment projects that fall under the following account:

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG).

Interior and Environment

Environmental Protection Agency State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) projects

These grants fund local clean water and drinking water infrastructure projects, including construction of municipal sewage treatment plants and drinking water treatment plants.

These grants will be limited to projects that are publicly-owned or owned by a non-profit entity and that are otherwise eligible for the funding from Pennsylvania's [Clean Water](#) or [Drinking Water](#) State Revolving Funds (SRF) loan programs.

There is a minimum 20% cost share requirement for any portion of a project funded through a STAG infrastructure grant. For example, a \$1 million project could receive a maximum of \$800,000 from the Federal government, with the remaining \$200,000 the responsibility of the grantee. In almost all cases, other federal funds cannot be used to meet this 20% cost share. Ability to fund the 20% cost share is required before EPA can award a STAG grant.

In FY23, most STAG projects were funded in the range of \$45,000 to \$5,000,000.

Military Construction PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

*Only authorized projects will be
considered for funding*

Congressman Evans' office is only accepting requests from the following eligible community projects submitted by the Secretary of Defense or his designee. Projects that only appear on a project list provided by a base commander will NOT be accepted.

Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction – Active Components

- Army
- Navy and Marine Corps
- Air Force
- Space Force
- Defense-Wide Agencies (SOCOM, DLA, etc.), Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)

Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction – Reserve Components

- Army National Guard
- Air National Guard
- Army Reserve
- Navy Reserve
- Air Force Reserve

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Only projects included on an unfunded requirements/unfunded priorities list (UFR/UPL) from a military service or combatant command or the FY24-FY28 Future Years Defense Program (FYDP) are eligible for CPFs.

Future Year Defense Program (FYDP) – FYDP is a projection of the forces, resources, and programs needed to support DoD operations over a five-year span. The FYDP is released simultaneously with the President’s budget request. The updated document listing projects eligible for FY 2024 will be obtainable after the FY 2024 full budget rollout, through the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) website: <https://comptroller.defense.gov/Budget-Materials/>.

Unfunded Requirements/Unfunded Priorities Lists (UFRs/UPLs) – UFRs/UPLs are lists that each Service provides to Congress that identify priority projects that were not included in the President’s budget request. These lists must be approved by the Secretary of Defense. UFRs/UPLs become available to Congress within ten days of the President’s full budget release and can be found by contacting the Congressional Liaison Offices of the Armed Services.

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To be eligible, requested projects must be shovel ready in fiscal year 2024, with 35 percent design complete, and must be positioned to have contracts awarded in fiscal year 2024. If individual projects have not been previously authorized, requests must also be submitted to the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) for inclusion in the fiscal year 2024 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Previous authorizations expire after three fiscal years.

Some Reserve Component projects require a State funding match.

For additional questions regarding eligibility of Military Construction projects, contact Congressman Evans' office:

CommunityProjectsPA03@mail.house.gov

Homeland Security

Congressman Evans' office is accepting applications for Homeland Security projects that fall under the following accounts:

- Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Projects
- Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program

Homeland Security

Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Projects:

- PDM projects assist state and local governments with planning and implementing sustainable, cost-effective measures to provide long-term, permanent risk reduction to individuals and property from future natural hazards.
- Proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the PA Emergency Management Agency affirming that the project is eligible.
- FY23 project funding ranged between \$320,482 to \$10,000,000.

Homeland Security

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program:

- EOC grants improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure, strategically located, and fully interoperable centers with a focus on addressing identified deficiencies and needs.
- Only projects that meet the requirements detailed in the most recent [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for the Emergency Operations Center Grant Program, including the cost-share requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements, as applicable, will be considered for funding. All project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate state agency affirming that it believes the project is eligible.
- FY23 project funding ranged between \$158,176 and \$3,000,000.

Transportation- HUD

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

Congressman Evans' office is accepting applications for Transportation & Housing and Urban Development projects that fall under the following accounts:

- DOT Highway Infrastructure Projects
- DOT Transit Infrastructure Projects
- DOT Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements
- DOT Port Infrastructure Development Program
- HUD Economic Development Initiative (EDI)

Transportation -HUD

Highway Infrastructure Projects

These are highway and transit capital projects eligible under title 23 of the United States Code.

Eligible projects are described under Section 133(b) of title 23, United States Code.

All projects must be:

- Capital projects or project-specific planning/design for a capital project.
- Supported by the state or local government that would administer the project. Inclusion on a Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) would satisfy this requirement.
- Administered by public entities.
- Not administrative in nature.

Transportation

-HUD

Transit Infrastructure Projects

Eligible transit capital projects are those under chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code. Eligible capital projects are described under Section 5302(4) of title 49, United States Code.

Activities that are administrative in nature, or that are under the Capital Investment Grants (CIG) program will NOT be considered.

All projects must be:

- transit capital projects or project-specific planning/design for a transit capital project
- supported by the state, local government authority, or Tribal government that would administer the project (inclusion on a Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) would satisfy this requirement)
- administered by public entities.

Public transportation or transit is defined in Section 5301(15) and (22) of title 49, United States Code.

Transportation- HUD

Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)

Rail infrastructure projects are capital projects eligible under the CRISI program authorized in section 22907 of title 49, U.S. Code. CRISI provides grants to assist in financing the cost of improving passenger and freight rail response systems.

This is a new Community Project Funding Account for FY24. Administrative activities, including general operating expenses, rail-related research, and workforce activities will not be eligible.

All projects must be:

- Rail capital projects or systems planning for a rail capital project
- Supported by the state or local government authority that would administer the project
- Sponsored by public entities

Transportation- HUD

Port Infrastructure Development Program

- Port Infrastructure Development Program projects are those eligible under Section 54301 of title 46, United States Code, as amended by title XXXV of division C of the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2022. Only projects meeting this eligibility criteria and administered by an eligible applicant described by statute will be eligible.
- Priority will be given to projects at small inland river and coastal ports and terminals, as described in 46 U.S.C. 54301(b), and to discrete, smaller-scale projects at larger ports and intermodal connections to ports.
- Applicants should reach out to the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority and DOT's Maritime Administration's [Mid-Atlantic Gateway Office](#) for questions on eligibility and viability of projects.

Transportation -HUD

Economic Development Initiative (EDI)

- Projects must be eligible under one or more of the following criteria of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program:
 - 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1) - acquisition of real property
 - 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) - acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or installation of public works, facilities, and site or other improvements
 - 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4) - clearance, demolition, removal, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of buildings and improvements
 - 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(5) - special projects directed to the removal of material and architectural barriers which restrict the mobility and accessibility of elderly and handicapped persons.
- The following projects are **not** eligible:
 - Museums, commemoratives, memorials
 - Swimming pools, water parks, golf courses
 - Healthcare facilities
 - Venues strictly for entertainment purposes
 - Operational expense projects

All projects must be:

- Supported broadly by local stakeholders, including residents, businesses, and elected officials.
- Administered by state or local governments or non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations

Commerce, Justice, and Science

Eligible Accounts

Congressman Evans' office is accepting applications for Commerce, Justice, and Science projects that fall under the following accounts:

- Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)
- Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology and Equipment
- NIST - Scientific and Technical Research
- NASA - Safety, Security and Mission Services

Commerce, Justice, and Science

State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance—Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)

- Byrne JAG Grants assist state and local law enforcement efforts to prevent crime, improve the criminal justice system, provide victims' services, and other related activities.
- Community projects funded under this category must comply with the requirements cited in JAG statutes and be consistent with Justice Department guidance for the program. Below are the links to the Department's guidance and frequently asked questions regarding Byrne-JAG:
 - <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/overview>
 - <https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/jag-faqs.pdf>
- The following activities will be ineligible for CPF funding:
 - Initiatives that involve the distribution of drug paraphernalia
 - Initiatives that undermine the 2nd Amendment or infringe upon rights guaranteed by the Constitution without due process
 - Initiatives that appear to be anti-law enforcement or unrelated to criminal justice
 - Larger projects for the construction or renovation of penal or correctional institutions that will exceed the capability of single-year funding.

Commerce, Justice, and Science

Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) – Technology and Equipment

- Funding will be provided for community project grants for State and local law enforcement to develop and acquire technologies and equipment, including interoperable communications, modernized criminal record technology, and forensic technology, that assist in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime, provided that such equipment meets the applicable requirements of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Office of Law Enforcement Standards (OLES).

Commerce, Justice, and Science

NIST Scientific and Technical Research

- Community project funding under this account must be for activities consistent with and supportive of NIST's mission and within its authorities, such as STEM education activities, scientific research, or other activities that support American manufacturing and industry. (eligible functions and activities described in section 272, title 15 U.S.C.) Building construction or renovation projects are NOT eligible for funding.

NASA Safety, Security, and Mission Services

- Funding must be for activities consistent with and supportive of the work of NASA's mission directorates and within the agency's authorities, such as STEM education activities and scientific research, as described in section 20102 of title 51, U.S.C.
- Building construction, renovation projects, and medical research projects will not be considered.

Deadline for
Submission:
5:00 PM EDT
Wednesday
March 22, 2023

- Before submitting your community project request, review the *PA-3 Community Project Funding Resource Guide* on the Congressman's official website: <https://evans.house.gov/services/fy-2024-community-project-funding-requests>
- Fill out the FY24 submission form here <https://forms.microsoft.com/g/gxH3sm5Fgm>
- Submit all questions by email to CommunityprojectsPA03@mail.house.gov