

General Community Funded Project Guidance from the Committee on Armed Services

Ban on For-Profit recipients. The Committee is imposing a ban on directing Community Project Funding to for-profit entities.

Matching requirements. Several Federal programs eligible for Community Project Funding requests require a State or local match for projects either by statute or according to longstanding policy. The Committee will not waive these matching requirements for Community Project Funding requests. *Note: This does not mean that matching funds must be in-hand prior to requesting a project, but that local officials must have a plan to meet such requirements in order for such a project to be viable.*

One-year funding. Each project request must be for fiscal year 2023 funds only and cannot include a request for multiyear funding.

Non-profits as grantees. If a Member requests that funding be directed to a non-profit organization, the Member will need to provide evidence that the recipient is a non-profit organization as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Further, many water projects often partner with non-profit entities to complete projects. Therefore, projects may also be directed to non-profits with an inherently governmental function.

Community Support. Community engagement and support is crucial in determining which projects will be ultimately selected for Federal funding. Only projects with demonstrated community support will be considered by the Committee on Armed Services.

The Committee on Armed Services encourages project sponsors to include evidence of support for your proposal including:

- 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.

Transparency. Certain information about project requests submitted by my office to the Committee on Armed Services will be made public. This includes: the proposed recipient; the address of the recipient; the amount of the request; and an explanation of the request, including purpose, and a justification for why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds.

Eligible Projects

Each Member may submit no more than 15 Community Project Funding requests for consideration in the FY23 NDAA. The committee will not consider requests that would direct Community Project Funding to any for-profit entities. The committee will only accept Community Project Funding request for the following accounts:

- 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
- Operational Test and Evaluation, Defense
- Military Construction, Army
- Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps
- Military Construction, Air Force
- Military Construction, Defense-Wide
- Military Construction, Army National Guard
- Military Construction, Air National Guard
- Military Construction, Army Reserve
- Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps Reserve
- Military Construction, Air Force Reserve

For Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation requests, eligible community project requests must include the name of the specific recipient for the project request, a valid line number and Program Element number proposed to fund the project, and a description of the desired outcome of the project and how it would benefit the Department of Defense. In addition, requests must include information on required funding in future years and the source(s) of such funding.

For Military Construction requests, eligible community project requests include military construction, unspecified minor military construction projects, and planning and design for the military departments, reserve components, and defense-wide agencies. In addition, some reserve component projects require a state funding match.

For a military construction project to be considered it must meet all the following requirements:

- A current DD1391 form provided by the military department or defense agency. This should be uploaded under the “Community Support Documents” portion of the system.
- Is on one of the following lists provided by the Secretary of Defense or his designee:
 - Future Year Defense Program (FYDP);
 - A Secretary-approved Unfunded Requirements or Unfunded Priorities List (UFR/UPL); or
 - A Secretary-approved cost-to-complete list.
- Is executable or “shovel ready” in FY2023.
- Is 35% design complete.