



FY2024 Community Project Funding Guide

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Overview of the Appropriations Process

Each year, the United States Congress considers and enacts annual appropriations bills, which provide the federal government with the funding it needs to operate. These bills fund numerous activities, including government operations, medical research, national defense, infrastructure, and education. The appropriations process begins with the release of the President's Budget request, which is currently planned for March 9, 2023. Then the authorizing and appropriations committees hold hearings to consider the President's request before writing their own bills - this process typically occurs during the Spring.

The entire appropriations process can take several months. Appropriations bills approved by the House Appropriations Committees must be agreed to by both the House and Senate, and signed into law by the President before the end of the fiscal year on September 30th; however, the process often extends beyond this date using a process called a Continuing Resolution. The Fiscal Year 2023 spending bill was signed into law on December 29, 2022.

While it is my goal to fund as many projects in Connecticut's Fourth District as possible, Members of Congress can only submit **15** requests to fund Community Projects and we cannot guarantee what will be funded.

Requests must satisfy every requirement laid out by the House Appropriations Committee. Keep in mind project funding will depend on available resources, and larger requests may have to be reduced. Projects will only receive funding for purposes authorized by Congress, as further explained in the guidance.

Each request must include demonstrated community support. You will be required to submit evidence of community support, including but not limited to:

- Letters of support from elected community leaders
- Press articles highlighting the need for the specific project
- 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.

In the interest of transparency, all Members are required to post all Community Project Funding requests submitted to the committee on their website. The posting must include the name of the proposed recipient, the address, the amount of the request, and an explanation of the purpose and justification for the use of taxpayer funds.

It is important to note that once Congress appropriates the funds, the recipient will still need to work with the relevant federal agency to be approved for the funding.

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

All CPF requests must meet applicable eligibility requirements for the program in which the request is made, including applicable underlying statutory and regulatory requirements (e.g., cost share). Any CPFs that are funded in an appropriations bill will need to apply to USDA to receive the award. The application will be reviewed for compliance prior to the official award.

To ensure projects meet eligibility requirements for the Rural Development and Natural Resources Conservation Service accounts, applicants must consult with the Southern New England Rural Development or State Conservation office, which can be found here:

[Southern New England Rural Development
Natural Resources Conservation Service](#)

Eligible Accounts

Rural Development, Community Facilities Grants

Grants to purchase, construct, or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment, and pay other related project expenses. Essential community facilities include, but are not limited to, medical or dental clinics, healthcare facilities, police or fire departments, and public works vehicles. Priority will be given to essential projects, such as those focused on public health and safety.

Any project must serve a rural area as specified in [7 CFR 3570.53](#) (rural areas including cities, villages, townships, and Federally Recognized Tribal Lands with no more than 20,000 residents).

The Community Facilities program has a cost share calculated on a graduated scale. The applicant should be aware of any cost share as documented in [7 CFR 3570.63\(b\)](#). Please review program regulations carefully.

Community Facilities grants generally cannot be used to pay initial operating expenses or annual recurring expenses, refinance existing debt, pay interest, build or repair facilities in non-rural areas, or pay for construction costs of facilities that will be used for commercial rental space.

For Fiscal Year 2023, the average CPF funding level was about \$1.3 million.

Rural Development, ReConnect Grants

ReConnect broadband pilot grants facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas. Grants funds can be used for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment

needed to provide broadband service to rural areas without sufficient broadband access, defined 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream.

The area must be rural and lack sufficient access to broadband service. A rural area is any area which is not located within: (1) A city, town, or incorporated area that has a population of greater than 20,000 inhabitants. Sufficient access to broadband is defined as greater than 90% of any rural area in which households have fixed, terrestrial broadband service delivering at least 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream. Mobile and satellite services will not be considered in making the determination of sufficient access to broadband. Stand-alone middle-mile projects are not eligible under the ReConnect Program. However, middle-mile facilities are eligible if they are needed to bring sufficient broadband service to all premises in the area.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to include information in their requests, such as the number of households, businesses, or farms that will be served in the area, what the performance of the service to be offered will be, and whether healthcare or educational facilities will be served.

All policies and procedures apply, including environmental and related reviews and the cost-share requirement of 25% of the overall project cost. Policies and procedures can be found at <https://go.usa.gov/xexPT>.

For fiscal year 2023, the average ReConnect CPF award was nearly \$1.2 million.

Rural Utilities Service, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants

The Distance Learning and Telemedicine program (DLT) helps rural residents better utilize the enormous potential of modern telecommunications and the internet for education and healthcare, two critical components of economic and community development. The DLT program helps rural communities acquire the technology and training necessary to connect educational and medical professionals with students, teachers, and patients in rural areas.

Grants may be used for audio and video equipment, broadband facilities that support distance learning or telemedicine (not actual broadband), computer hardware or network components/software, and acquisition of instructional programming. All requests are subject to all the regulations governing the program which can be found in [7 CFR Part 1734](#). The program requires a 15% match that cannot come from another federal source.

Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities

The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) owns and operates laboratories and facilities across the United States. Many of these laboratories/facilities are decades old, have outlived their functional lifespan, and are badly in need of major repairs, renovation, or replacement. Requests can assist in the acquisition of land, construction, repair, improvement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agricultural research programs of the Department of Agriculture. Requests must be for ARS-owned or operated facilities.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to provide details on the research to be conducted, why the research is a high priority, as well as details on the modernization and why it is critical in carrying out the research.

Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) supports private landowners, conservation districts, and other organizations to conserve, maintain, and improve the Nation's natural resources. Conservation Operations has four major program components: Conservation Technical Assistance, Soil Survey, Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting, and Plant Materials Centers. Examples of specific objectives include reducing soil erosion, improving soil health, enhancing water supplies, improving water quality, increasing wildlife habitat, and reducing damage caused by floods and other natural disasters.

For fiscal year 2024, only state, local, and Tribal organizations, or public conservation districts are eligible to receive funding under this account. Non-profit recipients will not be considered. Submissions should include details on: the work to be done, including if the project will conduct surveys, investigations, or research, and if there is a plan to publish the results of any such work; and any preventative measures to be taken, including engineering operations, methods of cultivation, or changes in use of land.

The average NRCS CPF award in FY23 was approximately \$1.3 million.

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

All CPF requests must meet applicable eligibility requirements for the program in which the request is made, including applicable underlying statutory and regulatory requirements (e.g., cost share). The application will be reviewed for compliance prior to official award.

Please note that CJS funding must be for fiscal year 2024 funds only and cannot include multi-year funding.

Eligible Accounts

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Scientific and Technical Research and Services (STRS)

Funding must be for activities consistent with and supportive of NIST's mission and within its authorities described in section [272 of title 15, United States Code](#). This includes STEM education activities, scientific research, or other activities that support American manufacturing and industry.

Funding cannot be used for building construction or renovation projects.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Zone Management

The National Coastal Zone Management Program provides the basis for protecting, restoring, and responsibly developing our nation's diverse coastal communities and resources. Funding must be for activities consistent with, and supportive of, NOAA's mission and aligned with one or more of the purposes described in the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 ([16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.](#)).

Coastal Zone Management projects are subject to any applicable cost-share required by law under the Coastal Zone Management Program.

Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)

Byrne JAG Grants assist state, local, and tribal 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 ([34 U.S.C. 10152](#)). The Justice Department provides an [overview of the program](#) and [frequently asked questions](#) regarding Byrne-JAG.

Grant recipients will be subject to the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#).

Funding in this program is prohibited from being used for:

- 1) Any security enhancements or any equipment to any nongovernmental entity that is not engaged in criminal justice or public safety
- 2) Vehicles (excluding police cruisers), vessels (excluding police boats), or aircraft (excluding police helicopters);
- 3) Luxury items;
- 4) Real estate;
- 5) Construction projects (other than penal or correctional institutions)

The Appropriations Committee will not consider funding the following:

- 1) Initiatives that involve the distribution of drug paraphernalia.
- 2) Initiatives that undermine the 2nd Amendment or infringe upon rights guaranteed by the Constitution without due process of law.
- 3) Initiatives that appear to be anti-law enforcement or unrelated to criminal justice.
- 4) Larger projects for the construction or renovation of penal or correctional institutions that will exceed the capability of single-year funding.

The Appropriations Committee will prioritize projects focused on improving the effectiveness of law enforcement, increasing officer safety, curbing the opioid crisis, and other strategic priorities.

Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology and Equipment

Technology and Equipment Funding will be provided for community project grants for State, local, and tribal law enforcement to develop and acquire effective technologies and interoperable communications 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).

Only State, Tribal, and local law enforcement agencies are eligible recipients for COPS Technology and Equipment Community Project Funding.

Funding must be aligned with the purposes of section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 ([34 U.S.C. § 10381\(b\)\(8\)](#)). Please note, funding for building construction or renovation projects is not an eligible use of COPS Technology and Equipment Community Project Funding.

NASA--Safety, Security, and Mission Services

NASA Safety, Security and Mission Services projects support science education, research, and technology development related to NASA's mission. Funding must be for activities advancing the purposes described in section [20102 of title 51, United States Code](#). Projects should focus on science, education, research, and technology development related to NASA's mission.

Funds cannot be used for building construction, renovation projects, or medical research projects.

Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (CIVIL WORKS)

Eligible Accounts

Army Corps of Engineers Investigations

Army Corps of Engineers Construction

Army Corps of Engineers Mississippi River and Tributaries

Army Corps of Engineers Operation and Maintenance

Only projects with existing authorization will be considered for Army Corps of Engineers Community Project Funding. Please locate your authorized Corps or Reclamation project and use the official project name as it appears in the list of authorized projects. Once you locate the name of your project, you also need to provide to the Public Law and section of the law that authorizes your project (example: P.L. 110–114, Section 1401).

If you are not able to find your authorized Corps project in the authorized project list, or if you have difficulty finding the authorization information, contact your local Corps District office to obtain this information.

All requests for the Corps of Engineers (Corps) and Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) accounts listed above should reflect a funding amount that can be realistically utilized in fiscal year 2023. In the event that the Subcommittee cannot fully fund your request, the Subcommittee may reach out to the Corps and Reclamation regarding useful increments of funding.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Eligible Accounts

Water and Related Resources

Please locate your authorized Reclamation project and use the official project name as it appears in the list of authorized projects. Once you locate the name of your project, you also need to provide to the Public Law and section of the law that authorizes your project (example: P.L. 110–114, Section 1401).

If you are not able to find your authorized Reclamation project in the authorized project list, or if you have difficulty finding the authorization information, contact your local Reclamation Region office to obtain this information. If your project is not on these lists, but is authorized, please speak to the local Reclamation Region office to obtain this information.

Projects authorized under sections 4007, 4009(a), and 4009(c) of the Water Infrastructure Improvements Act for the Nation (WIIN) Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–322) will not be accepted.

Homeland Security

Eligible Accounts

Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grants

FEMA's Pre-Disaster Mitigation grants assist state, local, tribal, and territorial governments with planning and implementing sustainable, cost-effective measures to provide long-term, permanent risk reduction to individuals and property from future natural hazards, such as floods and wildfires, while reducing reliance on federal funding for future disasters.

Only projects that meet the requirements detailed in the most recent [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) will be considered for funding, including the cost-share requirement and [environmental and historic preservation requirements](#), as applicable.

The PDM grant program has cost-share requirements. Federal funding is available for up to 75 percent of the eligible activity costs. The remaining 25 percent of eligible activity costs must generally be derived from non-federal sources. The non-federal cost-share contribution is calculated based on the total cost of the proposed activity.

Submissions should include a detailed project description, budget describing how the funding will be used, and confirm ability to meet the cost share requirement. Once projects are approved, the respective State Administrative Agency must submit an application to FEMA and serve as the administrative agent for the grant on behalf of the receiving entity (grant subrecipients). Therefore, all project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security affirming that it believes the project is eligible.

CPF funding for Pre-Disaster Mitigation grants ranged between \$32,482 and \$10 million in fiscal year 2023.

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grants

FEMA's EOC grants improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure, strategically located, and fully interoperable EOCs with a focus on addressing identified deficiencies and needs. According to the National Fire Protection Association, an EOC is defined as a "facility or capability from which direction and control is exercised in an emergency. This type of center or capability is designated to ensure that the capacity exists for leadership to direct and control operations from a centralized facility or capability in the event of an emergency."

Only projects that meet the requirements detailed in the most recent [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) will be considered for funding, including the cost-share requirement and [environmental and historic preservation requirements](#), as applicable.

The EOC grant program has cost-share requirements. Federal funding is available for up to 75 percent of the eligible activity costs. The remaining 25 percent of eligible activity costs must generally be derived from non-federal sources. The non-federal cost-share contribution is calculated based on the total cost of the proposed activity.

Submissions should include a detailed project description, budget describing how the funding will be used, and confirm ability to meet the cost share requirement. Once projects are approved, the respective State Administrative Agency must submit an application to FEMA and serve as the administrative agent for the grant on behalf of the receiving entity (grant subrecipients). Therefore, all project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security affirming that it believes the project is eligible.

Please note that personnel costs; replacement radios for police, fire, and other response personnel; generators for emergency shelters; any equipment that is portable and does not directly support the functional and operational capabilities of an EOC is not an allowable use of funding.

CPF funding for EOC grants ranged between \$158,176 and \$3 million in fiscal year 2023.

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Eligible Accounts

EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG)

The Environmental Protection Agency – State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) provide funding for construction of and modifications to municipal sewage treatment plants and drinking water treatment plants.

Projects must be publicly owned or owned by a non-profit entity and eligible for the funding from the Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRF) loan programs. Public entities should be considered as the primary grantees to oversee the completion of the project.

Only projects on the State's Intended Use Plans will be considered for FY24.

- [Connecticut Clean Water SRF](#)
- [Connecticut Drinking Water SRF](#)

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. Please note that only the non-federal portion of assistance provided by a SRF can be applied towards a project's matching requirement.

Each project request must be for FY 2024 funds only and cannot include a request for multiyear funding.

In FY 2023, most EPA STAG infrastructure projects funded in the House bill ranged from \$45,000 - \$5,000,000.

STAG projects have very specific eligibility requirements, and the Committee will not consider projects that do not meet those requirements. The following lists some of the project types that are ineligible for STAG funding:			
Projects that are NOT generally eligible for STAG Grants			
Clean Water / Wastewater		Drinking Water	
1	Land , except for projects described in the subsequent table under eligibility #11.	1	Dams or rehabilitation of dams.
2	Operations and maintenance costs.	2	Operations and maintenance costs.

			Water rights , except if the water rights are owned by a system that is being purchased through consolidation as part of a capacity development strategy or if the water rights purchase is covered by EPA's DWSRF Class Deviation for Water Rights 2019.
3	Non-municipal point source control.	3	
4	Acid rain drainage correction.	4	Reservoirs , except for finished water reservoirs and those reservoirs that are part of the treatment process and are located on the property where the treatment facility is located.
5	Ambient water quality monitoring.	5	Laboratory fees for monitoring.
6	Flood Control Projects , unless the project is otherwise managing, reducing, treating, or recapturing stormwater.	6	Projects needed mainly for fire protection.
7	Privately owned sewer pipes.	7	Projects for systems that lack adequate technical, managerial, and financial capability, unless assistance will ensure compliance.
		8	Projects for systems in significant noncompliance, unless funding will ensure compliance.
		9	Projects primarily intended to serve future growth.

Projects that ARE generally eligible for STAG Grant			
Clean Water / Wastewater		Drinking Water	
1	Wastewater treatment plants, including sludge handling facilities: Upgraded (increase in treatment level) or expanded (increase in treatment capacity) facilities, including biological facilities, mechanical, a lagoon system, a land treatment system, or individual on-site systems	1	Facilitate compliance with national primary drinking water regulations or address serious risks to public health including non-regulated contaminants (i.e., PFAS).
2	Collector Sewers: Small sewers that convey wastewater from residences, commercial establishments, and industrial sites to larger interceptor sewers.	2	Rehabilitate or develop water sources (excluding reservoirs, dams, dam rehabilitation and water rights) to replace contaminated sources.

3	Interceptor Sewers: Large sewers that convey wastewater from collector sewers directly to a wastewater treatment facility.	3	Install or upgrade treatment facilities.
4	Sewer Pipes: Rehabilitation is eligible only if pipes are publicly owned.	4	Install or upgrade storage facilities, including finished water reservoirs, to prevent microbiological contaminants from entering the water system.
5	Outfall Sewer: A sewer that conveys treated wastewater from a wastewater treatment facility to the receiving waters (i.e., a river, stream, lake, ocean, etc.).	5	Install or replace transmission and distribution pipes to prevent contamination caused by leaks or breaks in the pipe or improve water pressure to safe levels
6	Storm Water Management: Measures to manage, reduce, treat, or recapture stormwater or subsurface drainage water (i.e., storm sewers, green infrastructure, etc.).	6	Projects to consolidate water supplies – for example, when individual homes or other public water supplies have a water supply that is contaminated, or the system is unable to maintain compliance for financial or managerial reasons – are eligible for DWSRF assistance.
7	Combined sewer overflow (CSO) control and sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) control: Combined sewers are sewers that convey both wastewater and storm water and may overflow during periods of heavy rain. The costs to correct CSO and SSO overflow problems are eligible.	7	Land is eligible only if it is integral to a project that is needed to meet or maintain compliance and further public health protection.

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

Eligible Accounts

Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction– Active Components

Eligible community project requests include both construction and unspecified minor military construction projects for active components. An unspecified minor military construction project is a project that has an approved cost equal to or less than \$9,000,000. The types of projects under this heading include construction, installation, equipment of temporary or permanent public works, military installations, and facilities for the accounts listed below:

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

Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction– Reserve Components

Eligible community project requests include both construction and unspecified minor military construction projects for Reserve Components. An unspecified minor military construction project is a project that has an approved cost equal to or less than \$6,000,000. Some Reserve Component projects require a State funding match. The types of projects under this heading include construction, expansion, rehabilitation, and conversion of facilities for training and administration for the accounts listed below:

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

Lists of Eligible Community Projects

Requests must meet the following criteria:

- 1) be included on an unfunded requirements / unfunded priorities list (UFR/UPL) from a military service or combatant command or the FY24- 28 Future Years Defense Program (FYDP), but not be suggested by an installation or unit commander;
- 2) have at least 35 percent of its design completed or request funding for planning and design;
- 3) able to be obligated in FY24;

4) submitted to the House Armed Services Committee (HAS) for inclusion in the FY24 National Defense Authorization Act or previously authorized; and 5) have a DD Form 1391, which is DoD's justification for military construction projects.

UFR/UPL – lists that the Services and Combatant Commanders provide to Congress identifying priority projects that were not included in the President's budget request (PBR). They are available to Congress within ten days of the release of the PBR.

FYDP – projection of the forces, resources, and programs needed to support DoD operations over a five-year period. The FYDP is released simultaneously with the PBR. The military construction projects that may be eligible for CPF in FY24 can be obtained through the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) website [here](#).

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

Eligible Accounts

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Airport Improvement Program (AIP)

Airport Improvement Program (AIP) community project requests may be used for enhancing airport safety, capacity, and security, and mitigating environmental concerns.

All projects must be:

- AIP eligible in accordance with [49 U.S.C. 47100 et seq.](#), and [FAA policy and guidance](#).
- Included in the FAA's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).
- Supported broadly by local stakeholders, including residents, businesses, and elected officials.
- Administered by an airport and/or airport sponsor.

Projects will be subject to various Federal requirements such as competition in contracting, Buy America, and the National Environmental Policy Act. The potential grantee should reach out to FAA Regional District Offices to ensure that projects will be in compliance with these mandates.

For large and medium primary hub airports, the grant covers 75 percent of eligible costs (or 80 percent for noise program implementation). For small primary, reliever, and general aviation airports, the grant covers a range of 90-95 percent of eligible costs, based on statutory requirements. Specific cost share requirements should be understood by the grantee, and verified by the FAA Regional District Office, along with other requirements to receive FAA funding.

Highway Infrastructure Program

Highway Infrastructure Projects are 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, as amended by title III of division A of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Tribal and territorial capital projects authorized under Chapter 2 of title 23, United States Code, are also eligible.

All projects must be:

- Capital projects or project-specific planning/design for a capital project.
- Supported by the state 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 or Tribal entities.

Applicants should be aware that Highway Infrastructure Projects have a non-Federal cost share calculated on a sliding scale. The [cost-share requirements](#) are defined in statute and vary based on activity, location, and other factors.

Please note that most projects will be subject to various Federal requirements such as competition in contracting, Buy America, and the National Environmental Policy Act.

Transit Infrastructure Projects

Transit Infrastructure Projects are public transportation capital projects eligible 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, and Section 5339(b)(1) and (c)(1)(B) of title 49, United States Code.

All projects must be:

- Transit capital projects or project-specific planning/design for a transit capital project.
- Supported by the state, local governmental 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 or Tribal entities.

Public transportation or transit is defined in section 5302(15) and (22) of title 49, United States Code, as regular, continuing shared-ride surface transportation that is open to the general public or open to a segment of the general public defined by age, disability, or low income, and does not include intercity passenger rail transportation, intercity bus service, charter bus service, school bus service, sightseeing service, courtesy shuttle service for patrons of one or more specific establishments, or intra-terminal or intra-facility shuttle services.

Activities that are administrative in nature even if they are eligible expenses under the statutory citation will not be funded. These include but are not limited to general operating expenses, joint development projects, and planning activities authorized under sections 5303, 5304, and 5305 of title 49, United States Code.

Please note that most projects will be subject to various Federal requirements such as competition in contracting, Buy America, and the National Environmental Policy Act.

Port Infrastructure Development Program

Port Infrastructure Development Program projects are projects eligible under [Section 54301 of title 46](#), United States Code, as amended by title XXXV of division C of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022.

Only projects that meet eligibility criteria and will be administered by eligible applicants, as described by statute. 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. Eligibility and viability can and should be verified by local port authorities and the [Maritime Administration's Gateway Offices](#).

Please note this program has a statutory non-Federal matching requirement, with potential exceptions for small and rural area ports. Applicants should [review 46 USC sections 54301\(a\)\(8\) and 54301\(b\)](#) for more information on these cost-share requirements before submitting requests for funding. Note that recipients are also required to comply with reviews and audits from the Department of Transportation. Additionally, these projects may be subject to various Federal requirements such as Buy America and the National Environmental Policy Act

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, United States Code](#). CRISI provides grants to assist in financing the cost of improving passenger and freight rail transportation systems.

All projects must be:

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

Rail capital projects under the CRISI program require a minimum 20 percent non-federal share.

Activities that are administrative in nature even if they are eligible expenses under the statutory citation will not be funded. These include but are not limited to general operating expenses, rail-related research, and workforce activities. Eligibility and viability can and should be verified by the project sponsor (i.e., public agency).

Please note that projects will be subject to various Federal requirements such as competition in contracting, Buy America, and the National Environmental Policy Act.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Community Development Fund - Economic Development Initiative (EDI)

EDI projects are intended for economic and community development activities, consistent with statutory and additional committee requirements. For FY24, project requests must be eligible under one or more of the following criteria of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program: [42 U.S.C. 5305\(a\)\(1\)](#), [5305\(a\)\(2\)](#), [5305\(a\)\(4\)](#), [5305\(a\)\(5\)](#), and limited to land or site acquisition, demolition or rehabilitation, blight removal, and construction and capital improvements of public facilities, except for “buildings used for the general conduct of government.”

5305(a)(1) – acquisition of real property (including air rights, water rights, and other interest therein) which is (A) blighted, deteriorated, deteriorating, undeveloped, or inappropriately developed from the standpoint of sound community development and growth; (B) appropriate for rehabilitation or conservation activities; (C) appropriate for the preservation or restoration of historic sites, the beautification of urban land, the conservation of open spaces, natural resources, and scenic areas, the provision of recreational opportunities, or the guidance of urban development; (D) to be used for the provision of public works, facilities, and improvements eligible for assistance under this chapter; or (E) to be used for other public purposes.

5305(a)(2) – acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or installation (including design features and improvements with respect to such construction, reconstruction, or installation that promote energy efficiency) of public works, facilities (except for buildings for the general conduct of government) and site or other improvements.

5305(a)(4) – clearance, demolition, removal, reconstruction, and rehabilitation (including rehabilitation which promotes energy efficiency) of buildings and improvements (including interim assistance, and financing public or private acquisition for reconstruction or rehabilitation, and reconstruction or rehabilitation of privately owned properties, and including the renovation of closed school buildings).

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.

Examples of requests Committee expects to receive include:

- Water or sewer infrastructure projects that are not otherwise eligible to be funded under EPA STAG or Rural Water and Waste accounts;
- Local road infrastructure that is not otherwise eligible under the Highway Infrastructure Projects account; streetscape improvements;
- Public or non-profit housing rehabilitation, housing development financing, residential conversions, and neighborhood revitalization projects that would increase housing supply and/or improve housing affordability in the local community;
- Projects with a clear economic development benefit such as workforce training centers and manufacturing incubators; and
- Projects that meet a compelling local need consistent with statutory purposes (food banks in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods, youth and senior centers, and multipurpose community centers).

Funding cannot be used for the following:

- Programmatic and operational expenses
- Museums, commemoratives, memorials,
- Swimming pools, water parks, golf courses,
- Healthcare facilities,

- Venues strictly for entertainment purposes (e.g., theatres and performing arts venues),
- Buildings for the general conduct of government (e.g., courthouses, and townhalls).

Additionally, funding cannot be used for reimbursement of expenses for soft costs (planning, administrative) incurred prior to the completion of a grant agreement between HUD and the grantee. A grant agreement and a 11 completed environmental review are necessary for reimbursement of hard costs (construction activities).

Projects will be subject to various federal requirements such as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), HUD's NEPA-implementing regulations ([24 CFR Part 50](#) or [58](#)), and all applicable federal environmental and historic preservation laws, regulations, and executive orders. An environmental review must be completed before HUD funds and new commitments on non-HUD funds can be used for a project.