**Representative Suzan K. DelBene (WA-01)**

**FY 2023 Community Project Funding Requests**

**Department of Agriculture Community Facilities Grants**

Submit this form to [CPFs.DelBene@mail.house.gov](mailto:CPFs.DelBene@mail.house.gov) no later than **April 13, 2022,** and please specify the account name in the email subject line.

**Submission Guidelines:**

Please read the eligibility criteria and selection guidance carefully before submitting a request. Submission of this information does not create a binding commitment on any party nor a guarantee that any organization or program will be awarded funding from any federal agency. Once submitted, this request may be made publicly available.

For-profit entities are not eligible to apply for Community Project Funding. Only the following entities may apply:

* State, local and tribal governments
* Publicly owned entities (e.g. ports, universities, PUDs, etc.)
* Certain non-profit entities with a quasi-government purpose (e.g. Special Districts)
* Non-profit organizations

Please note that each Appropriations Subcommittee has account specific questions that must accompany each request. The first section of this form is information required by our office for all requests. The second section of this form includes questions that are required by each subcommittee for each account. Please be sure to answer all questions. Please provide any attachments (i.e. letters of support) as separate documents.

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Grants to purchase, construct, or improve essential community facilities, to purchase equipment, and pay other related project expenses. Essential community facilities include, but are not limited to, healthcare facilities, public facilities, public safety measures, educational services, or other community support services. Examples of eligible projects include medical or dental clinics, towns halls, courthouses, childcare centers, police or fire departments, public works vehicles, or distance learning equipment. 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), and the Member’s request must demonstrate community support. Members should ensure that their request provides the fullest description of the project as possible. Submissions should include details on all proposed uses of funds, activities that will occur, timeline, and detailed information on the complete service territory, including median household income of the proposed project. Please review all program regulations carefully, most notably:

* + Cost share requirements. 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).
  + Credit Elsewhere Test. Applicant shall certify they cannot finance the project from their own resources and credit is not otherwise available on reasonable terms from non-Federal sources.

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.

The State Rural Development Office is a valuable resource to answer program questions, including eligibility.

For fiscal year 2022, the average CPF funding level was just over $1 million. Please note that the Committee will consider higher project requests for fiscal year 2023. However, projects requesting significantly more than that average may be more difficult to fund and funding will depend on program demand and other variables. Any future potential project caps will be determined by the Chair after reviewing the full universe of requests.

Additional guidance with specific information about these accounts is [attached](https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/democrats.appropriations.house.gov/files/FY23%20Ag-Rural%20Development-FDA%20Request%20Guidance.pdf).

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**Questionnaire:**

Requesting Organization:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **D.C. Contact (if applicable)** | **Local Contact** |
| Name  Mailing Address  City, State Zip  Phone Number  Fax Number  E-Mail Address | Name  Mailing Address  City, State Zip  Phone Number  Fax Number  E-Mail Address |

**All Requests**

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|  | **Agency** | **Account** |

1. Briefly describe your request in 5 sentences or less.
2. This is request **x of x** submitted to this office.
   1. If you are submitting more than one request, please rank this request in order of priority.
3. Are you making this request to other offices?
4. If yes, please list other offices receiving this request:
5. Did you submit this project as a Community Project Funding request or Transportation & Infrastructure Member Designated Project request during the 2022 process?
6. Briefly but specifically, how does this project or program impact the 1st Congressional District of WA?
7. Eligibility of requesting entity or organization (please highlight the one applicable to your organization)
   1. State, local, or tribal government
   2. Publicly owned entity (e.g. port, university, PUD, etc.)
   3. Non-profit entity with a quasi-governmental purpose (e.g. Special District)
   4. Non-profit organization
8. Name of the project or program to be funded
9. Physical location of the project or program (including street name, city, and zip code)
10. Amount requested
11. Detailed breakdown of the total cost of the project or program that includes all prior sources (both public and private) and any amounts that remain unfunded
12. Have you previously applied for federal funds for this project or program? If yes, to which programs have you applied and what and what has been the outcomes of those applications.
13. If this project or program has previously been awarded federal funds, please list the total amount of federal funds previously awarded
14. Detailed breakdown of how the requested funds would be spent
15. Once completed, will the project or program require continued funding to maintain operation? If so, where will that funding come from?
16. Provide a detailed description of the project or program to be funded including data and/or evidence that demonstrates the public benefit.
17. Justification for why this project represents a good use of taxpayer dollars.
18. Describe any long-term job creation that will result from this project.
19. Will this project have a revenue-generating component that would have community and state economic benefit? If so, please describe and quantify.
20. Detailed timeline and anticipated start date and completion date for the project or program.
21. Federal agency that would administer this funding.
22. List any public or private entities that have been identified as project sponsors in prior funding requests and/or that will help determine how the requested funds will be spent.
23. List any stakeholders that support this request.
24. Please list below and provide as **separate attachments** any letters of support from local stakeholders, press articles and editorials, project listed on state use or planning documents, local resolutions passed in support, or other documents that demonstrate community support and commitment to this request.
25. Are there any known or anticipated community concerns associated with this project or program (e.g. conflict with land use, neighborhood concerns, etc.) that could prevent it from moving forward?

**Subcommittee/Account Specific Questions:**

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1. The website address of the proposed recipient.
2. If there are additional costs necessary to complete the project, have those been secured?
3. Is the project for an eligible purpose and does it meet all eligibility requirements under current law?
4. Does the entity plan to make grants to other entities from the funds provided and if so, to whom?
5. Why is the project a priority for the district? Briefly explain the community benefits.
6. Has any funding for the project been included in any presidential budget and if so, how much, in which fiscal year, and in which agency or agencies and program(s)?
7. Has the project received federal funding before and if so, how much, when, and from which agency or agencies and program(s)?