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

**FY 2023 Community Project Funding Requests**

**Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations**

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.

**Department of Agriculture 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 reduce soil erosion, improve soil health, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damage caused by floods and other natural disasters. Due to the newness of the urban agriculture program, the subcommittee will not consider such proposals this year as part of CPFs in Conservation Operations.

Members are strongly encouraged to provide 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. Members should also describe any preventive measures to be taken, such as engineering operations, methods of cultivation, or changes in use of land.

This is a new account for the fiscal year 2023 House process; in fiscal year 2022, the average Senate CPF in this account was $1.1 million. The Committee will consider higher project requests for fiscal year 2023. However, projects requesting significantly more than that average may be more difficult to accommodate and 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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| 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:**

**D****epartment of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations:**

1. The website address of the proposed recipient.
2. If there are additional costs necessary to complete the project, have those been secured?
3. Does the entity plan to make grants to other entities from the funds provided and if so, to whom?
4. Why is the project a priority for the district? Briefly explain the community benefits.
5. 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)?
6. Has the project received federal funding before and if so, how much, when, and from which agency or agencies and program(s)?
7. Briefly describe how the project will reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, or other objectives that will help conserve, maintain, and improve natural resources.