

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is Community Project Funding?**

Community Project Funding (CPF) requests are requests to direct funds to a specific state or local government or eligible nonprofit recipient through the annual federal appropriations bills. These bills determine federal government spending levels for the upcoming fiscal year.

### **How do I apply for Community Project Funding?**

You may apply on our website by 5:00 p.m. CT on Monday, March 9, 2026:

<https://bell.house.gov/services/appropriations-requests>

### **Who is eligible to apply for Community Project Funding?**

State, local, and Tribal governments and eligible nonprofits (for certain accounts) may apply. For-profit entities are not eligible.

### **How much funding can I request, and how much am I likely to receive?**

Typically, CPF requests range from \$1–5 million. However, due to high demand in certain accounts, such as HUD EDI, the Appropriations Committee may reduce requested amounts because of budget constraints. We recommend identifying discrete portions of your project that could be completed if the awarded amount is reduced.

### **Which accounts are non-profits eligible for?**

Under Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS), nonprofit organizations are generally not eligible recipients unless the organization is a college or university or a law enforcement–focused nonprofit applying under the Byrne JAG program.

Under LHHS – HRSA, eligible nonprofit entities include Certified Rural Health Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Designated Critical Access Hospitals, and hospitals located in areas that meet HRSA’s definition of rural.

### **How can I make my application more competitive?**

One of the main considerations is whether the project demonstrates strong community support. This may include letters of support from elected community leaders, press coverage highlighting the need for the project, resolutions passed by local, county, state, or Tribal governments, inclusion in community development plans or other publicly available planning documents, and support from local newspaper editorial boards.

### **What factors does Rep. Bell consider when selecting projects?**

In addition to strong community support, Rep. Bell considers the diversity of projects submitted, including their geographic distribution within the district, the type of project, and the communities served.

## **Where can I find examples of projects Rep. Bell has previously secured funding for?**

Information about the CPF process and projects Rep. Bell has previously supported is available at: <https://bell.house.gov/2026-community-project-funding>

## **New CPF Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)**

- **What projects are eligible?**

Through HRSA, funding may be used for small-scale construction or renovation of health facilities and for capital equipment purchases, including equipment-only projects. Eligible facilities include those providing health care, mental health services, substance use disorder services, health workforce training, and medical research. Eligible equipment must generally have a useful life of more than one year and typically cost \$5,000 or more per item. This includes medical equipment, telehealth equipment, and electronic medical records systems.

- **What is not allowed?**

Funds may not be used for land or building purchases, salaries or operating costs, work already completed, feasibility studies, software licenses or operating fees, or everyday supplies such as medications or office paper. Funds may not be sub-granted to another organization.

- **Who can apply?**

Eligible applicants include state, local, and Tribal governments and certain nonprofit health organizations, such as rural clinics, federally qualified health centers, and critical access hospitals.

- **Important Notes**

If funded, the project must apply to HHS for final approval. Construction projects must meet environmental and historic review requirements before work begins. Funding is not guaranteed and may be reduced. CPF funding is not ongoing or recurring.