

***SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT,
AND RELATED AGENCIES***

**Economic Development Initiative (EDI)
Department of Housing and Urban Development
Guidelines and Requirements for Appropriations Submissions Database**

EDI community project funding may be used for economic and community development activities, including land or site acquisition, demolition or rehabilitation of housing or facilities, construction and capital improvements of public facilities (including water and sewer facilities), and public services. Requests may also include planning and other activities consistent with previously funded activities eligible under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program (title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.)), unless otherwise specified. EDI community project funding is not eligible for the reimbursement of expenses for activities or costs incurred prior to the obligation of funds, if such activities are not eligible under the CDBG program. Capital and operating expenses for fire and police stations are not eligible for EDI community project funding.

All projects must be:

- Supported broadly by local stakeholders, including residents, businesses, and elected officials.
- Administered by governmental or non-profit entities, including public housing agencies, as well as tribes and tribally designated housing entities.

The average award in this account for fiscal year 2022 was \$1.5 million. Note that the Committee may consider project amounts of up to \$4 million for FY23, but any caps will be determined by the Chairman after reviewing the full universe of requests.

For each EDI community project funding request, Members will need to provide specific information through the electronic submission process. The database will include the following questions to assist the Subcommittee in vetting and selecting projects. Several of them will require additional information from your office. Please ensure community project funding requests are not duplicative of requests to another Committee or Subcommittee.

Community project funding questions in the database for EDI:

- **Project Name.**
EXAMPLE: *Main Street elderly services facility improvements, City, State, County, Congressional District, or Tribe.* A short name by which the project may be identified, including a very brief description of what the funds will be used for and the project's location (city, county, State, Congressional District, or Tribe).
NOTE: This description may be used to list the project in the House report and should be as accurate as possible to ensure that the funding goes to the correct project and location.
- **General description of the project and why it is needed.**
EXAMPLE: *For capital improvements, including roof repairs, accessibility alterations (installation of ramps and handrails, restroom alterations) and related equipment, labor and materials, within the County's oldest senior services facility.*

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- **What are the benefits of this project and why is it a priority?**

NOTE: Benefits could include safety, environmental, economic, equity, mobility, etc. This description will not appear in the House report.

EXAMPLE: These improvements will improve the health and safety of more than 350 seniors that rely on services provided through the center for supplemental meals and health services, as well as to meet requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). As a result of a closure of a nearby community services facility within the County, improvements are necessary to address a recent increase in demand for elderly services and the need to expand the services available at this elderly services facility, which is in close proximity to the County's largest elderly housing development.

- **Amount requested for the community project funding and the total project cost.**
- **Can the project obligate all appropriated funds within 12 months after enactment?**
If not, what would be the expected date of obligation?
NOTE: Obligation occurs when a project sponsor signs a grant agreement with a federal agency.
- **Estimated start and completion dates.**
- **Has the request been submitted to another Subcommittee or Committee this fiscal year? If yes, which one(s)?**
- **Does the project have other public (federal, state, local) and/or private funds committed to meet match or cost-share requirements for costs related to construction, operations, and maintenance? If so, what is the source and amount of those funds? NOTE: EDI community project funding does not have a match requirement.**
- **Does the project require an environmental review? If so, what is the status and/or outcome of the environmental review and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) category of action (if applicable)?**
- **Is the project purpose primarily for services, new construction, rehabilitation, land or site acquisition, planning, or economic development?**
- **Does the project primarily benefit persons of low-income or Tribal communities? If yes, please describe who the project is intended to benefit.**
- **Who are the community partners participating in this project?**
- **If the project purpose is for new construction or land or site acquisition, does it comply with local zoning requirements?**

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- **Is the project included or supported by an identified priority area within a state or local HUD Consolidated Plan? If yes, please provide a link to the plan.**
- **Is the project intended to address climate change, resiliency, mobility, or equitable access to housing or services?**

Questions: If you have questions or require further information on EDI community project requests, please email the Subcommittee staff at TH.MemberRequests@mail.house.gov with “Economic Development Initiative” in the subject line.