

O'NEILL AND ASSOCIATES

FY2020 Appropriations Requests

The House Appropriations Committee for FY2022 will be implementing Community Project Funding (CPF), a process previously known as appropriations earmarks. This will allow Members of Congress, greater input into funding decisions that will have a direct impact on their districts.

- This process will progress quickly. Members of Congress will be invited to submit their CPF requests beginning March 29 and the process will conclude mid-April;
- CPF requests must be project-specific requests from government and nonprofit entities. Unlike earmarks, private sector requests do not qualify for CPFs;
- Any underlying requirements (such as matching funds) for the corresponding appropriations account must be met;
- The Appropriations Committee will weigh heavily the amount of community support for the project; and
- There are no stated limits to the amount of funding available. HOWEVER, the Appropriations Committee has stated that past appropriations earmarks should be considered a rough guide for CPFs.

Chair DeLauro provided an important overview of the process in a general [Dear Colleague](#). Subcommittee Dear Colleagues, along with each request submission deadline, are available below. As part of the important reforms associated with Community Project Funding, the Committee is requiring Members to submit a certification that neither they nor their immediate families have any financial interest in projects they request.

Subcommittee Deadlines for Community Project Funding

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

- Deadline: April 15, 2021

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

- Deadline: April 15, 2021

Defense

- Deadline: April 15, 2021

Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies

- Deadline: April 14, 2021

Financial Services and General Government

- Deadline: April 16, 2021

Homeland Security

- Deadline: April 16, 2021

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

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- Deadline: April 16, 2021

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

- Deadline: April 14, 2021

Legislative Branch

- Deadline: April 15, 2021

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

- Deadline: April 14, 2021

State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

- Deadline: April 14, 2021

Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

- Deadline: April 16, 2021

Additional Information

The Appropriations Committee anticipates moving forward with drafting its bills expeditiously to assure their availability for consideration by the House.

- All submissions must be made electronically at <https://AppropriationsSubmissions.house.gov>.

Only submissions received electronically will be considered. Hard-copy submissions are not required and will not be accepted.

- The electronic system will require congressional members to assign a priority rank order to all their submissions (programmatic, language and Community Project Funding) for this Subcommittee. The Subcommittee will review your priority rankings based on what you entered into the database.
- Additionally, Congressional members can rank their top 10 requests (programmatic and language) across all subcommittees. It is strongly recommended that Members identify their top 10 programmatic and language requests before beginning to enter requests.
- There are three types of requests Members can submit:
 - **Programmatic** – general support or funding for a program.
 - **Language** – a request to add language to the bill or report to accompany the bill which generally does not include dollar amounts.
 - **Community Project Funding** – directs funds to a specific state or local government or eligible non-profit recipient. Community Project Funding requests
- For transparency in the process, Members are required to post their Community Project Funding requests online concurrently with their submission of regular appropriations requests to the Committee.
- Members also must provide a signed certification that they, their spouse and immediate family have no financial interest in the Community Project Funding request.
- **Programmatic and Language Requests**
 - The requirements remain unchanged from prior years. All submissions must include an uploaded letter signed by the Member supporting the Member's request. Letters should simply list and describe each submission briefly. Letters may be either an individual letter for each request or a consolidated letter for

multiple requests made to this subcommittee. Please note that the Member request website again allows consolidated letters to be uploaded only once, so that a letter with multiple requests does not need to be uploaded multiple times.

- For requests with multiple Member cosponsors, each cosponsor must enter the same request into the online database. In addition, each cosponsor should either scan or upload a copy of the group request letter or include the group request in a consolidated letter of all the Member's requests for the Subcommittee.