



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Jon Fortune, Deputy City Manager *JF*

FROM: Carrie Rogers, Intergovernmental Relations Officer *CR*

DATE: Monday, January 27, 2025

SUBJECT: **Fiscal Year (FY) 26 Congressional Community Project Funding Requests
Federal Legislative Update**

The Intergovernmental Relations Office (IGRO) is requesting potential projects to consider for FY26 Congressional Community Project Funding (CPF) requests.

CPF requests, previously known as *earmarks*, are funds provided by Congress and directed to specific projects within a member's district. It should be noted that FY22 was the first time in a decade that Congressional leadership allowed earmarks. Since FY22, the City has secured approximately \$23.6 million through CPF.

- Per House rules in prior years, each Congressional member has been allowed to submit up to 15 requests, which are limited to projects sponsored by governmental entities and nonprofit organizations. Last year, non-profits were excluded in a last-minute rules-change just before submission deadline.
- Requests are limited to specific accounts (COPS Technology, HUD Economic Development Initiative, Highway Infrastructure Projects, etc.) and most accounts are limited to a range of \$100,000 to \$6 million, with each House member receiving \$10 million to \$15 million across all requests.
- If continued under the new administration, FY26 CPF Requests will likely be due to House offices in mid- to late-March.
- The CPF process is very competitive. As noted above, each House member can only submit 15 requests and those requests must cover every local government, transit agency, public agency, college, university, and nonprofit within their district.

If you have a project or idea for consideration in the City's submission of CPF Requests, please submit those directly to Carrie.Rogers@austintexas.gov by **Friday, February 7, 2025**. We welcome an opportunity to meet with you to go over guidelines and questions you may have. Currently, we are preparing preliminary requests based on FY25 guidelines but know that there may be changes and additional questions to answer once we have full guidance for FY26.

Federal Funding / Community Project Funding FY22-25

In November 2024, the City Manager announced the creation of a centralized grants unit within the Intergovernmental Relations Office. IGRO has been working closely with the departments across the

organization to develop an inventory of formula and competitive grants secured since Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, including Congressional Community Project Funding Requests.

Member	FY	Project	Amount	Status
Doggett	2025	Waterloo Greenway Creek Restoration and Water Quality Improvements	\$1,105,800	Pending
Doggett	2025	Northern Walnut Creek Trail - Oak Brook extension	\$1,250,000	Pending
Doggett	2025	Redline Trail from Gracy Farms to Existing Walnut Creek Trail	\$2,000,000	Pending
Doggett	2025	Foundation Communities/Mary Lee Campus Redevelopment - Lamar Square	\$850,000	Pending
Doggett	2025	Sunken Garden Springs Historic Rehabilitation and Environmental Restoration Project	\$850,000	Pending
Doggett	2025	Austin Community Violence Intervention	\$1,184,000	Pending
Casar	2025	Dove Springs Early Childhood Education Center	\$850,000	Pending
Casar	2025	Esperanza Community Project	\$850,000	Pending
Casar	2025	Persimmon Point	\$250,000	Pending
Casar	2025	Sir Swante Palm Park	\$500,000	Pending
Doggett	2024	Bergstrom Spur Urban Trail West Segment	\$4,116,279	Awarded
Doggett	2024	Victims & Survivors of Violent Crime Trauma Recovery Program	\$1,445,000	Awarded
Doggett	2024	Buttermilk Creek Water Quality Improvement Project	\$959,752	Awarded
Casar	2024	Longhorn Dam Multimodal Improvements	\$4,116,279	Awarded
Casar	2024	Bergstrom Spur Urban Trail Central Segment	\$500,000	Awarded
Casar	2024	John Trevino Metro Park at Morrison Ranch Development	\$1,000,000	Awarded
Doggett	2023	City of Austin Northern Walnut Creek Trail	\$5,000,000	Awarded
Doggett	2023	Austin Public Health's Substance Abuse, Awareness, Education	\$2,000,000	Awarded
Doggett	2023	Office of Community Violence Intervention Neighborhood Peace Project expansion	\$1,000,000	Awarded
Doggett	2022	Colony Park Water and Wastewater Project	\$1,000,000	Awarded
Doggett	2022	I-35 Cap & Stitch Planning Study	\$1,500,000	Awarded
Doggett	2022	Mokan Trail Project	\$1,000,000	Awarded

Looking Ahead

IGRO continues to work with our partners and Congressional delegation to champion the needs of our residents. As the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference approaches in March, our office will arrange meetings with federal representatives to discuss the City's funding and policy priorities, including submitted CPF requests. We will keep you apprised on next steps and developments.

Should you have any questions, please contact Carrie Rogers, Intergovernmental Relations Officer at carrie.rogers@austintexas.gov or (512) 974-2285.

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- Myrna Rios, City Clerk
- Corrie Stokes, City Auditor
- Judge Sherry Statman, Presiding Judge

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