Federal Earmark FY28 Project Submission

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FEDERAL EARMARK FUNDS

Federal earmarks allow members of Congress to request federal funding for specific projects that benefit their communities.

- Funding is requested through the annual federal appropriations process.
- Projects must demonstrate a clear public purpose and community benefit.
- Requests are submitted through congressional offices for consideration.
- Funding opportunities are generally focused on infrastructure, public safety, transportation, utilities, and other eligible community needs.
- Projects must meet the eligibility requirements of the applicable federal agency and appropriations account.

FEDERAL EARMARK PROJECT GENERAL INFORMATION

Funding Requests

- Federal nexus: The project must fit an existing, federally authorized program, and it must follow that program's stewardship requirements, such as cost share and audits.
- Capital, not operations: Construction, equipment, and design for a specific capital project. Staffing and operating costs are not eligible.
- Community support is required: Letters of support from elected leaders, county, council, etc.
- Hard exclusions: Memorials, museums, and commemoratives are not eligible. Under the HUD account, pools, water parks, golf courses, healthcare facilities, and entertainment-only venues are also excluded, as are buildings for the general conduct of government such as courthouses and town halls.
- Competition: Each House Member can submit a maximum of 20 requests across all bills, so every submission competes for a limited number of slots.

FY28 ANTICIPATED TIMELINE

November 2026	December 2026	January 2027	February 2027	March 2027	Summer 2027	Late 2027
Council to identify potential projects	Staff to coordinate with federal lobbyist and congressional representatives	Staff to prepare project descriptions, cost estimates, and supporting documentation	Watch for FY2028 guidance to be released	Anticipated submission of FY2028 funding requests	Congressional offices review and potentially advance selected projects	Federal appropriations approval

- The March 2027 submission period is a planning target, not a confirmed federal deadline. Congressional offices establish their own application deadlines, which may precede committee deadlines.
- For comparison, the FY2027 House appropriations process opened February 25, 2026, with various Community Project Funding deadlines in March.

PREVIOUS SUBMISSIONS

FY2026 SUBMISSIONS

Hulen Street Widening
Improve roadway capacity, connectivity, and transportation safety.

Village Creek Parkway
Expand roadway infrastructure to accommodate growth and improve mobility.

Alsbury / John Jones Turn Lanes
Improve intersection operations, turning movements, and traffic safety.

Fire Department Ambulances
Expand emergency medical response capacity.

FY2027 SUBMISSIONS

Police Vehicle Bullet-Resistant Doors and Glass*
Improve officer safety.

Mountain Valley Elevated Storage Tank
Improve water system reliability, capacity, and fire protection.

Fire Station 4 Apparatus
Support emergency response needs in growing areas of the City.

Backup Generator for Warming/Cooling Center
Improve emergency preparedness and continuity of community services.

*Approved in the FY2027 Appropriations Bill; Budget not yet approved

RECOMMENDED PARAMETERS FOR FY2028

PROJECT PARAMETERS

Request Size:
$750K to $2.5M per project. Requests in this range are competitive and realistic. Larger projects should be broken into a fundable phase.

City Match
Budget 20–25% local match for most projects.

Readiness
Favor projects that already have design underway, cost estimates, and a clear path through environmental review.

Plan Alignment
Favor projects already in the City's Capital Improvement Plan, hazard mitigation plan, STIP/TIP, or the state water Intended Use Plan.

PROJECT TYPES AND CONSIDERATIONS

PROJECT TYPES*

Transportation Infrastructure
Roadway improvements, intersections, traffic safety, and pedestrian infrastructure.

Water and Wastewater
Water system improvements, wastewater infrastructure, and certain utility replacement projects.

Public Safety
Eligible law enforcement equipment, public safety technology, and emergency preparedness projects.

Community Development
Certain public facilities, infrastructure improvements, and community development initiatives.

Emergency Management
Emergency operations facilities and qualifying hazard mitigation improvements.

*Based on FY2027 Committee Guidance

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Community Impact
Addresses a community need, benefits residents or critical public services, or provides measurable improvements to safety, reliability, or quality of life.

Project Readiness
Has a clearly defined scope and estimated cost with anticipated timelines.

Financial Considerations
Demonstrates the ability to meet ongoing operations and maintenance costs.

Strategic Alignment
Supports the Strategic Plan, aligns with the Capital Improvement Plan, or advances infrastructure or public safety.

POSSIBLE PROJECT SUBMISSIONS

Drainage Projects

Lorna Channel Drainage Improvements – Estimated Cost: $2,500,000

- South Burleson Boulevard, beneath Hillary Street, to the railroad behind Depot on Main.
- Frequent maintenance is required to maintain drainage capacity.
- Stabilize and concrete-line approximately 1,195 linear feet of drainage channel.
- Improve stormwater conveyance and reduce erosion.
- Reduce long-term maintenance costs and improve drainage system durability.
- Identified on the City's Stormwater Project List

South Warren Street Box Culvert Replacement – Estimated Cost: $1,500,000

- Existing box culverts are experiencing structural deterioration.
- Gaps have developed between the roadway and the tops of the box culverts.
- Replace both existing box culverts and install bank armoring to prevent future erosion.
- Improve structural stability and protect the roadway

*City match funds can come from Stormwater Utility Funding

Capital Water Projects

Turkey Peak Elevated Storage Tank Rehab – Estimated Cost: $1,637,000

- Rehabilitation is needed to maintain the tank's long-term reliability and functionality.
- Design and construct rehabilitation improvements to the existing elevated storage tank.
- Extend the useful life of the existing infrastructure.
- Support continued water storage capacity and service to the community.

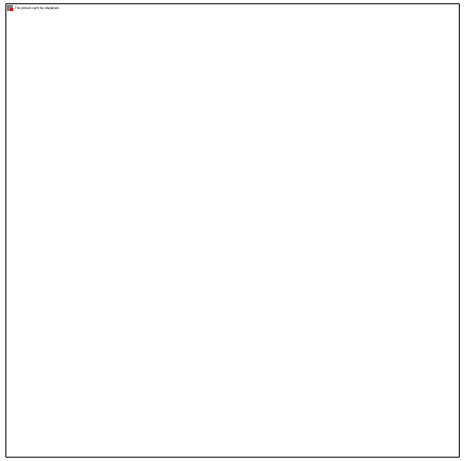
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Other Projects

ADA Improvements Identified in the Transition Plan
Backup Generator for Warming/Cooling Center

*City match funds are not budgeted

Question / Comments



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