

FY2024 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies CPF Request Form - IL-14

Thank you for your interest in pursuing Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Community Project Funding (CPF) through Rep. Underwood's office. Please make sure you have read all of the information below before submitting your request. If you have any questions regarding CPF funding through this subcommittee, please email Chloe Grainger in Rep. Underwood's office at Chloe.Grainger@mail.house.gov.

Community Project Funding allows Members of Congress to request direct funding for projects that benefit the communities they represent (unlike grant or formula funding). Additional information from the Appropriations Committee can be found here: [FY24 Community Project Funding Guidance](#)

The deadline for submitting Community Project Funding requests to our office is March 17, 2023. This limited timeline is due to external deadlines that our office does not control, and therefore our office will do everything possible to accommodate late submissions from constituents. Please email the staff contact listed above ASAP if you believe your request may be submitted late.

ELIGIBLE ACCOUNTS IN THE AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES SUBCOMMITTEE

CPF projects may only be funded through the spending accounts listed below and will be subject to account-specific eligibility criteria and matching amounts.

1. **USDA Rural Development, Community Facilities:** Grants to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities, to purchase equipment, and pay other related project expenses in rural areas. Essential community facilities include, but are not limited to, healthcare facilities, public facilities, public safety measures, educational services, or other community support services.

Any project must serve a rural area, which include cities, villages, and townships with no more than 20,000 residents. USDA program fact sheet:

https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_RHS_CFDirect.pdf

2. **USDA Rural Development, ReConnect Program:** Grants to facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas. Grants funds can be used for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband service to rural areas without sufficient broadband access.



The service area must be rural and lack sufficient access to broadband service. A rural area is any area which is

not located within a city, town, or incorporated area that has a population of greater than 20,000 inhabitants.

Sufficient access to broadband is defined as greater than 90% of any rural area in which households have fixed, terrestrial broadband service delivering at least 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps

upstream. USDA program overview: <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/program-overview>

3. **USDA Rural Development, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants (DLT):** Grants to help rural communities acquire the technology and training necessary to connect educational and medical professionals with students, teachers, and patients in rural areas. Grant funds may be used for audio and video equipment, broadband facilities that support distance learning or telemedicine, computer hardware or network components/software, and acquisition of instructional programming. Projects must serve rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less. USDA program fact sheet: https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fact-sheet/508_RD_FS_RUS_DLTGrant.pdf

4. **USDA Rural Development, Water and Waste Disposal Grants:** Grants to finance the acquisition, construction or improvement of drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage and disposal; sewer collection, transmission, treatment and disposal; solid waste collection, disposal and closure; and storm water collection, transmission, and closure in rural areas. Any project must serve a rural area, which include cities, villages, and townships with no more than 10,000 residents. USDA program overview: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/il>

5. **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Conservation Operations:** Grants to address soil erosion, improve soil health, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damage caused by floods and other natural disasters.

Please

note that for FY24, nonprofit organizations are not eligible for funding under this account.



6. **USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Buildings and Facilities:** Grants to ARS-owned or operated facilities. Funds can be used for the acquisition of land, construction, repair, improvement, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements apply to all CPF requests:

1. There is a ban on directing Community Project Funding to for-profit grantees. Members may request funding for State or local governmental grantees and for eligible nonprofits.

The following requirements apply specifically to requests within this subcommittee:

1. All Community Project Funding requests must meet all applicable eligibility and cost share requirements for the program in which the request is made.
2. For requests under the Community Facilities, ReConnect, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants, and Water and Waste Program accounts: Please see specific rural area eligibility and cost share requirements in the USDA program fact sheets, linked above.

ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements apply to all CPF requests:

1. Each Member may only submit 15 CPF projects to the Appropriations Committee for consideration. Of those 15, not all 15 will be successfully funded. If your project is one of the 15 submitted, the full details of your request (including the information provided below) are required to be posted publicly online on Rep. Underwood's website.
2. The Government Accountability Office will conduct a mandatory audit of a sample of enacted community project funding and report its findings to Congress. This report will likely be made public at some point.
3. A Member, their spouse, and immediate family may not have any financial interest in the project.

ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES

Please also note that because Community Project Funding is an evolving initiative, additional requirements or needed information may be added at a later date. Our office will reach out to you directly if you have submitted a request for which additional information is needed.

If your project meets all of the eligibility requirements above, please submit your information below:

engineer@cortlandil.org [Switch account](#)

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The name and photo associated with your Google account will be recorded when you upload files and submit this form. Only the email you enter is part of your response.

Any files that are uploaded will be shared outside of the organization they belong to.

*** Required**



Email *

engineer@cortlandil.org

Name of Organization Requesting Funding: *

Town of Cortland

Full Address of Organization Requesting Funding: *

59 S. Somonauk Road, PO Box 519 Cortland IL 60112-0519

Website of Organization Requesting Funding:

<https://www.cortlandil.org/>

Your Name: *

Mark Pietrowski

Email: *

mayor@cortlandil.org



Your Phone Number: *

815-756-9041

Your Role in Organization:

Mayor

Eligible USDA Account (select one): *

- ☒ Rural Development, Community Facilities
- ☐ Rural Development, ReConnect Program
- ☐ Rural Development, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants
- ☐ Rural Development, Water and Waste Disposal Grants
- ☐ Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Conservation Operations
- ☐ Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities

Project Title *

Municipal Complex

Amount of Funding Requested: *

\$4,400,000



Total project cost:

\$5,900,000

Please provide a brief summary of the project, including a description of how the requested funding would be used and how it would help serve IL-14 (1000 words max): *

Your answer

Please provide a justification for why this project is a good use of federal taxpayer funds (1000 words max): *

Your answer

Please describe community support for this project, including support from state and local officials and community organizations. Please upload letters or other evidence of support where provided at the end of this form. *

Your answer

Include a detailed budget describing how funds will be used: * *

Partial demolition of building - \$200,000; Renovation of Public Safety wing offices, training room, locker rooms, restrooms, administrative services and secure entrance - \$1,400,000; Renovation of Town Hall wing offices, public meeting room, restrooms and secure entrance - \$3,900,000; Exterior improvements of parking lot, lighting, sidewalk - \$400,000.



Are there funds available from other sources for this project? If so, please provide an amount, description of source(s), and whether that funding is already secured.

The local 25% share could come from a combination of general funds, TIF funds or loan proceeds. A portion of those funds, approximately half, are currently held by the town. A deficit amount, if any, will be secured as required at the time and as needed.

Does the entity plan to make grants to other entities from the funds provided and, * if so, to whom?

No

Has any funding for the project been included in any presidential budget and if so, how much, in which fiscal year, and in which agency or agencies and program(s)?

No

Has the project received federal funding before and if so, how much, when, and from which agency or agencies and program(s)?

No

Have you submitted or plan to submit this request to another Member of Congress or Senator? If yes, to which offices did you submit this request?

No



For Rural Development projects, does the proposed service area meet rural area eligibility requirements? Please provide the population count of the community that the project will serve.

4,260

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS - FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ONLY: Will funding for the required nonfederal cost share amount be available?

ReConnect = 25%; DLT = 15%; Water and Waste = 25%; Community Facilities = 25% to 85% (depending on community size.)

*Please reach out to the staffer listed with any questions on matching requirements.

☒ Yes

☐ No

[Clear selection](#)

FOR RECONNECT PROJECTS ONLY: Please provide relevant information, such as the number of households, businesses, or farms that would be served, what the performance of the service to be offered will be, and whether healthcare or educational facilities will be served.

Your answer

FOR WATER AND WASTE REQUESTS ONLY: Provide relevant information, such as the number of households, businesses, or farms that would be served.

Your answer



FOR CONSERVATION OPERATIONS PROJECTS ONLY: Briefly describe how the project will reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, or other objectives that will help conserve, maintain, and improve natural resources.

Your answer

Additional Documentation: Please upload any documents as necessary to support your request (letters of support, etc.).

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