



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Jon Fortune, Deputy City Manager *JF*

From: Carrie Rogers, Government Relations Officer *CR*

Date: December 12, 2025

Subject: **Austin Government Relations / FY27 Congressional Community Project Funding Requests**

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the Mayor and City Council that the City is initiating the process for the FY27 Congressional Community Project Funding (CPF) cycle. This memorandum provides an overview of the CPF timeline, expected federal processes, and the internal steps Austin Government Relations will lead to coordinate and prepare potential project submissions for Members of Congress. As this process gets underway, City Council offices and departments may wish to begin considering district and citywide needs that align with both City and federal CPF guidelines; however, any suggestions shared at this stage are advisory in nature and do not constitute a commitment to advance or submit a project for federal consideration.

Background

Congressional Community Project Funding (formerly known as “earmarks”) allows Members of Congress to request federal funds for specific, high-impact projects in their districts. FY22 was the first year in a decade that this process was reinstated, and since that time, Austin has successfully secured approximately \$23.6 million in CPF awards.

While the process differs year over year, in past years guidelines generally include the following provisions:

- Each House Member could submit up to 15 CPF requests, prioritizing projects sponsored by units of government and nonprofit organizations (nonprofits were unexpectedly excluded in the FY25 cycle due to a last-minute rule change, underscoring the fluid nature of the process).
- Requests were limited to specific federal accounts (e.g., Community Oriented Policing Services Technology, HUD Economic Development Initiative, Highway Infrastructure Programs).
- Most eligible accounts supported project requests between \$100,000 and \$6 million.
- Each Member typically had a total CPF cap of \$10 million to \$15 million across all submissions.

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- The CPF process remains highly competitive, as the limited number of available requests must cover every governmental entity, public agency, transit authority, college, university, and eligible nonprofit in each congressional district.

While FY27 guidance has not yet been released, prior House deadlines suggest that Member offices may require submissions in mid- to late-March. We will update departments promptly if Congress revises the rules or submission schedules.

Current Federal Context

Congress recently passed a Continuing Resolution (CR), which maintains government funding at FY24 levels and delays decisions on a full federal budget until after January 30, 2026. Because of this, new projects – including potential CPF awards – remain on hold until a full budget is enacted. It is important to note that Congress may choose to extend the CR again, which would push budget decisions further into 2026. While we continue preparing based on prior cycles, the FY27 timelines and requirements may be updated once Congress finalizes the federal budget.

Mayor and City Council Action & Timeline of Events

The Mayor's Office and City Council offices with CPF project ideas to be considered should work with sponsoring City departments to enter project proposals and required details [at this link](#), on **or before January 16, 2026**. Projects received will be reviewed for alignment with:

- Congressional priorities
- The City's strategic initiatives
- City Council-adopted FY27 budget priorities
- Expected FY27 CPF guidelines

Timeline of Events

- CPF Project Spreadsheet available – **December 8, 2025**
- CPF Overview and Workshop – **December 17, 2025**
- CPF Project Submissions completed by departments – **January 16, 2026**
- CPF Project Reviews completed by AGR – **January 23, 2026**.
- AGR finalize CPF selections – **January 28, 2026**
- CPF Applications Submitted for Appropriations Review – **March 5, 2026**

Austin Government Relations continues to regularly engage with state and federal delegations and funders, and in coordination with City departments and local partners, to advocate for the City's priorities.

Should you have questions or would like to discuss any potential CPF-eligible projects, questions, or departmental needs ahead of the submission deadline, please contact Erika Dzangare, Legislative Deputy Officer over the Grants Division, at Erika.Dzangare@AustinTexas.gov, or Karen Bowers at Karen.Bowers@AustinTexas.gov.

cc: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
Erika Brady, City Clerk
Corrie Stokes, City Auditor
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Attachments: FY22-26 Congressional Project Funding Requests and Awards

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FY22-26 Congressional Project Funding Requests and Awards

Member	FY	Project	Amount	Status
<u>Greg Casar</u>	2026	All Abilities Playground – Onion Creek Metro Park	\$3,150,000	Advanced – Not Final
<u>Lloyd Doggett</u>	2026	West Bouldin Creek Trail	\$3,500,000	Advanced – Not Final
<u>Lloyd Doggett</u>	2026	Cool Corridors: Tree Planting and Workforce Development to Reduce Extreme Heat in Austin’s Hottest Corridors	\$500,000	Advanced-Not Final
<u>Lloyd Doggett</u>	2025	Sunken Garden Springs Historic Rehabilitation and Environmental Restoration Project	\$625,000	Advanced – Not Final
<u>Greg Casar</u>	2025	Esperanza Community Project	\$850,000	Advanced – Not Final
<u>Greg Casar</u>	2025	Persimmon Point	\$250,000	Advanced – Not Final
<u>Greg Casar</u>	2025	Sir Swante Palm Park	\$850,000	Advanced – Not Final
<u>Lloyd Doggett</u>	2025	Waterloo Greenway Creek Restoration and Water Quality Improvements	\$1,092,000	Advanced – Not Final
<u>Lloyd Doggett</u>	2025	Foundation Communities/Mary Lee Campus Redevelopment - Lamar Square	\$625,000	Advanced – Not Final
<u>Greg Casar</u>	2026	Rooftop Solar Array – West Parking Garage	\$5,000,000	Submitted – Not advanced
<u>Greg Casar</u>	2026	Block 16 and 18, Urban Renewal District	\$5,000,000	Submitted – Not advanced
<u>Greg Casar</u>	2026	Williamson Creek – Brassiewood Drive Neighborhood Flood Risk Reduction Project	\$2,000,000	Submitted – Not advanced
<u>Greg Casar</u>	2026	Colorado River - Capital Expressway (CAPEX) Water Quality Control Project	\$3,000,000	Submitted – Not advanced
<u>Lloyd Doggett</u>	2026	Austin COPS Technology Enhancement Project	\$206,000	Submitted – Not advanced
<u>Greg Casar</u>	2026	Del Valle Grocery Coop Project	\$2,000,000	Submitted – Not advanced
<u>Greg Casar</u>	2026	Cesar Chavez – Fourth Street I-35 Cap Amenities Design	\$5,000,000	Submitted – Not advanced
<u>Lloyd Doggett</u>	2025	Austin Community Violence Intervention	\$1,184,000	Submitted - Not advanced
<u>Greg Casar</u>	2025	Dove Springs Early Childhood Education Center	\$850,000	Submitted - Not advanced
<u>Lloyd Doggett</u>	2024	Bergstrom Spur Urban Trail West Segment	\$4,116,279	Awarded
<u>Lloyd Doggett</u>	2024	Victims & Survivors of Violent Crime Trauma Recovery Program	\$1,445,000	Awarded
<u>Lloyd Doggett</u>	2024	Buttermilk Creek Water Quality Improvement Project	\$959,752	Awarded
<u>Greg Casar</u>	2024	Longhorn Dam Multimodal Improvements	\$4,116,279	Awarded

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<u>Greg Casar</u>	2024	Bergstrom Spur Urban Trail Central Segment	\$500,000	Awarded
<u>Greg Casar</u>	2024	John Trevino Metro Park at Morrison Ranch Development	\$1,000,000	Awarded
<u>Lloyd Doggett</u>	2023	City of Austin Northern Walnut Creek Trail	\$5,000,000	Awarded
<u>Lloyd Doggett</u>	2023	Austin Public Health's Substance Abuse, Awareness, Education	\$2,000,000	Awarded
<u>Lloyd Doggett</u>	2023	Office of Community Violence Intervention Neighborhood Peace Project expansion	\$1,000,000	Awarded
<u>Lloyd Doggett</u>	2022	Colony Park Water and Wastewater Project	\$1,000,000	Awarded
<u>Lloyd Doggett</u>	2022	I-35 Cap & Stitch Planning Study	\$1,500,000	Awarded
<u>Lloyd Doggett</u>	2022	Mokan Trail Project	\$1,000,000	Awarded