



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Community Leader:

For the first time since 2011, the U.S. House will consider funding Community Projects through the annual appropriations process. As the Representative of California's 44th Congressional District, I am committed to advocating for federal dollars to be spent in the best interests of my constituents, which includes funding local projects that will greatly benefit our communities.

I will have the opportunity to submit a maximum of 10 Community Project funding requests for nonprofit organizations, local agencies, and municipalities within my district. My office will accept project proposals to be considered no later than **Friday, April 2, 2021**.

Only projects with demonstrated community support will be considered. Examples of community support include:

- Letters of support from elected community leaders;
- Press articles highlighting the need for the requested Community Project funding;
- Support from editorial boards of local newspapers;
- Projects listed on state intended use plans, community development plans, or other publicly available planning documents; or
- Resolutions passed by city councils or school boards.

Community Project funding requests submitted through the appropriations process must adhere to specific guidelines set by the Appropriations Subcommittees. All organizations interested in submitting requests should be aware of the following:

- The Appropriations Committee has imposed a ban on directing funding to for-profit entities;
- Project requests can only request funding for fiscal year 2022 and cannot include a request for multiyear funding;
- Matching funding requirements from state or local governments will not be waived; and
- Nonprofit organizations will need to provide documentation that they are a 501(c)(3) under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

To ensure transparency, the Appropriations Committee will maintain a website with links to each House Member's project requests. Moreover, I will need to submit a financial disclosure letter to the Committee stating that I do not have a financial interest in the proposed projects.

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Accompanied with this letter is my office's FY22 Community Project Request form and information on the Appropriations Subcommittees agency accounts that will accept funding requests.

We look forward to working with you to identify projects in our communities that deserve federal funding. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my staff at (310) 831-1799 or by email [sean.kearns@mail.house.gov](mailto:sean.kearns@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

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