

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE March 17, 2023

TO Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

SUBJECT **FY24 Community Project Funding Requests**

The 118th Congress recently concluded their Community Project Funding Request process for fiscal year 2024.

Working with peer departments, the Office of Government Affairs began in December 2022 identifying projects for consideration and submission to Dallas Congressional members.

Per House rules, each Congressional member is allowed to submit up to 15 requests, with requests limited to projects sponsored by governmental entities and nonprofit organizations. In addition, requests are limited to specific accounts (COPS Technology, HUD Economic Development Initiative, Highway Infrastructure Projects, etc.) and most accounts are limited to requests in the range of \$100,000 to \$6 million, with each House member receiving \$10 million to \$15 million across all requests.

The House will consider FY 2024 appropriations bills beginning in June, with the goal of completing work on all 12 bills before the August recess. The Senate is usually several weeks behind the House and often does not complete work on appropriations bills until September. (Last year, they did not complete work on any of the 12 appropriations bills and negotiated the final omnibus appropriations bill based on Appropriations Committee draft bills.) FY 2024 begins on October 1, but it is unlikely that Congress will finish work on the FY 2024 budget on time. They did not complete work on the FY 2022 budget until March. However, once the House and Senate Appropriations Committees begin considering bills, we will know if any City of Dallas projects are included in those bills.

The Community Project Funding process is competitive; as noted above, each House member can only submit 15 requests and those 15 requests must cover every local government, transit agency, public agency, college, university, and nonprofit in their district.

A summary of City of Dallas requests (and links to all requests) submitted by the Dallas House delegation follows.

**Department of Justice**

- DPD Digital Media Evidence Lab.....\$800,000
  - Revamp/update the current Digital Media Evidence lab location; reconfigure lighting and electrical
- DPD Investigative Resources.....\$2 million

- Staffing for several investigative units including research specialists, eTrace technicians, and investigative support specialists to analyze evidence and ensure it is properly routed to detective and the Dallas County DA's office for improved prosecution of crimes
- DPD Focused Deterrence & Urban Blight Abatement.....\$1 million
  - Problem-based, focused deterrence strategies tailored to violent crime problems or high-risk offenders.
- DPD Social Media Investigations.....\$500,000
  - Software to analyze gaming sites, social media and dark web chats related to violence, hate, crimes.
- DPD & DMO Trailers & Flock Cameras.....\$1.08 million
  - Automated license plate reader technology, mobile and fixed

**Department of Transportation**

- Mockingbird Lane planning and design improvements.....\$2 million
  - Planning and design for improvements along Mockingbird to address grade separation and allow for better entrances to Love Field and planned new hospital at Mockingbird and Harry Hines
- I-30 Deck Construction.....\$10.56 million
  - Delta funding to construct deck over I-30 near convention center

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

- White Rock Lake Dredging.....\$2 million
  - Preliminary engineering and design support

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

- Resiliency Hubs.....\$3 million
  - Upgrade existing City recreation center to resilience hubs that support residents, coordinate resources distribution and services before, during, or after a natural hazard event
- Emergency Operations Center Upgrades.....\$4 million
  - Renovations/technology upgrades to the emergency operations center
- Community Wildfire Defense.....\$1 million
  - Hire a contractor to establish buffer zones along public property to prevent uncontrolled wildfire in vulnerable neighborhoods
- Repetitive Flood Loss Properties.....\$2.5 million
  - Property acquisition and relocation efforts for property owners to protect residents and businesses from catastrophic flooding

**Department of Housing and Urban Development**

- International District STEAM Library.....\$2 million
  - Joint ISD-City library built in the DISD STEAM academy
- Garland Road Next Generation Planning.....\$1 million
  - Planning for new land uses and multi-modal transit options from 3G to I-365

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- Deep Ellum Public Safety Improvements.....\$500,000
  - Installing raptor bollards in Deep Ellum similar to the AT&T Discovery District
- MLK Community Center Enhancements.....\$2.5 million
  - Improvements to interior of center to improve usability and service delivery
- West Dallas Multipurpose Center Enhancements.....\$2.5 million
  - Upgrades and renovations for West Dallas Multipurpose Center

The City of Dallas Office of Government Affairs continues to work with our partners and delegation in Congress to champion the needs of our residents. As the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference approaches in late March, our office is arranging meetings with federal representatives to discuss the city’s funding priorities. We will continue to keep you apprised on next steps and developments.

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