



El Paso Police Drone First Responder Expansion Initiative

FY27 Community Project Funding

El Paso Police Department
Strategic and Legislative Affairs
April 1, 2026

Council Action

Discussion and action on a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Office of Congressman Tony Gonzales requesting funds from the Community Project Funding program, in the amount of \$4,580,215.77, with no match from the City, for the El Paso Police Drone First Responder Expansion Initiative.



History of Community Project Funding (CPF) Program

Earmarks to Moratorium (1970s – 2011): Congress used “earmarks” to steer discretionary dollars to district projects

House Revival as Community Project Funding (2021): Earmarks revived, renamed as “Community Project Funding” with transparency and accountability measures.

FY	Projects Nationwide	Funding Nationwide	City Awarded	City Total Awarded
2022	4,963	\$9.1 billion	2	\$1,525,000
2023	7,234	\$15.3 billion	1	\$1,750,000
2024	8,090	\$14.6 billion	3	\$2,070,000
2025	--	Not funded*	[3]*	[\$12,050,000]*
2026	8,271	\$15.5 billion	4	\$7,500,000
Sum	28,558	\$54.5 billion	10	\$12,845,000
2027*	--	--	6*	\$35,275,374.77*



*No CPF funded in FY25 by the United States Congress. City projects were not awarded

**FY27 City proposals submitted to Members of Congress

City Project Selection Criteria

SLA worked with City Departments to identify projects for the FY27 CPF Program that were submission-ready:

- Projects must comply with updated guidance [House Committee on Appropriations guidance](#)
- City match is available or not required
- Project is aligned with Council-approved Capital Improvement Plan, Strategic Plan, or Council Action
- Projects have a scope of work, budget, and can be obligated with 12 months after award
- Letters of Support were secured by City staff

EPPD Drone Initiative

City Department:

El Paso Police Department

Scope of Work

Purchase the following equipment:

- 12 drone pods and appurtenances, with 5-year support and maintenance
- Drone technology utilized is made in the United States



EPPD Drone Initiative Budget

Funding will be utilized for drone equipment for EPPD

	Funding	%	Source
FY27 CPF	\$4,580,215.77	100%	Federal
City	\$0	0%	
Total	\$4,580,215.77	100%	



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MISSION

Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life & place for our community.



VISION

Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe & beautiful neighborhoods, & exceptional recreational, cultural & educational opportunities



VALUES

Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People

