



CITY OF EL PASO

FY26 Community Project Funding (CPF) Innovation Factory Phase II

Strategic and Legislative Affairs

April 29, 2025

Objective

Discussion and action on a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Office of Congresswoman Veronica Escobar requesting funds from the Community Project Funding program in the amount of **\$3,000,000.00, with no match required from the City, for the Innovation Factory Phase II Project.**

Goal 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management



Overview

- FY26 CPF Program Overview
- Project Description
- Scope of Work and Budget
- Implementation Timeline
- Council Action



Strategic and Legislative Affairs (SLA)

- Strategic Partnerships
- **Citywide Grants Support**
- State Legislative Affairs
- **Federal Legislative Affairs**
- Military and Veterans Affairs Division
- Climate and Sustainability Division

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FY26 Community Project Funding

- **Earmarks to Moratorium (1970s – 2011):** Congress used “earmarks” to steer discretionary dollars to district projects
- **House Revival as *Community Project Funding* (2021):** Earmarks restart for FY 2022 under the new “Community Project Funding” label with transparency and accountability measures
- **Scale Since Reinstatement (FY 2022-23):** Congress approved roughly **\$24 billion** across more than **12,000** CPF/Congressionally Directed Spending projects nationwide
 - \$9.1 billion for about 5,000 projects in FY 2022
 - \$15.3 billion for 7,200 projects in FY 2023
- **FY25 CPF projects were not funded by Congress**

FY26 Community Project Funding

April 8, 2025: Congresswoman Veronica Escobar (TX-16) issued a request for proposals for FY26 CPF

- Projects selected for FY25 CPF will need to resubmit
- Requires updates to cost estimates, letters of support, and other technical and administrative materials
- Projects must comply with updated guidance [fy26-thud-edi-guidance.pdf](#)



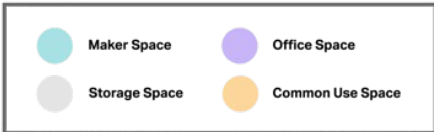
Project Description

Advanced Manufacturing District (AMD) Innovation Factory: Phase II

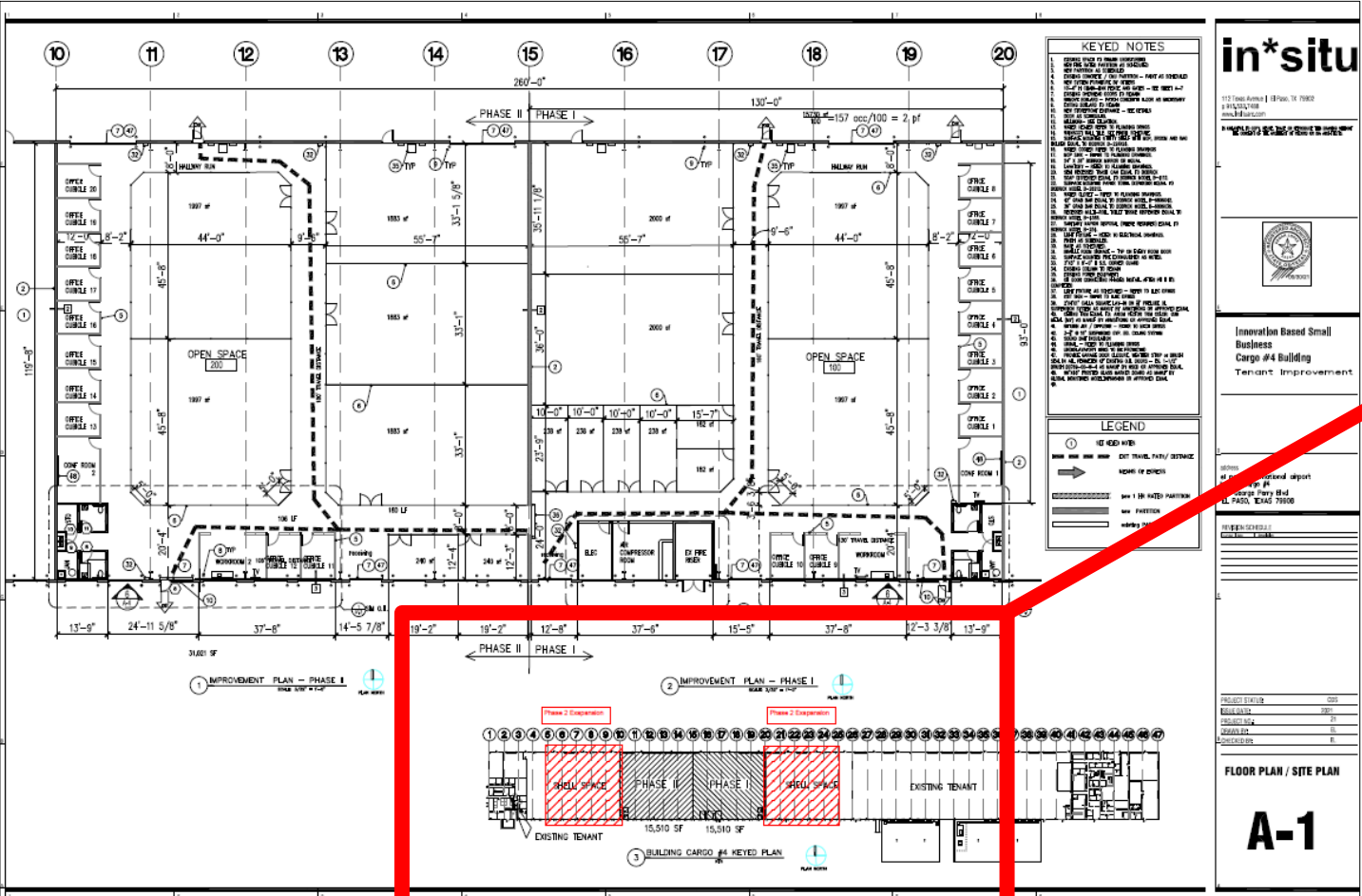
The Project involves developing modular Maker Spaces designed to provide cost-savings for early-stage manufacturing and aerospace companies through training, back-office support, environmental management, product design and value chain, and access to advanced manufacturing, testing, and evaluation equipment.



Innovation Factory Floor Plan Details



Project Description



Designed Modularity =
Same layout as Phase I
Updated costs, materials,
equipment, labor

Scope of Work and Budget

Funding will be utilized to build additional Maker Spaces at the Innovation Factory within 1 year of the date of funding authorization. The Innovation Factory operates utilizing a modular configuration, which expedites equipment purchases, installation, and facility maintenance.

Modular Maker Spaces: \$2,200,000

- R&D and production spaces (1,883 – 2,000 sf ea)
- Office and cubicle spaces (~200 sf ea)
- Storage space (182-240 sf ea)
- Common use spaces and amenities

Innovation Factory Upgrades: \$800,000

Total: \$3,000,000



Implementation Timeline

Appropriations Process

1. Project Submission by Members (15) (May 2025)
2. Committee vetting and selections (June 2025)
3. Inclusion in Appropriations Bill (September 2025)
4. Post-enactment funding (March 2026)
5. Agreement with HUD (July 2026)
6. Project Start (September 2026)

Requested Action

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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

