



FY26 Community Project Funding (CPF) Ysleta Port of Entry Design

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 an appropriation from the Community Project Funding program in the amount of **\$4,000,000.00**, with the federal government contributing \$3,200,000.00 and an **\$800,000.00 match** from the City, for the Ysleta International Port of Entry Engineering Design Project.

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



Overview

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Strategic and Legislative Affairs (SLA)

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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-hip-guidance.pdf](#)



Project Description

Ysleta International Port of Entry Engineering Design

The City of El Paso will contract engineering consultants to develop design plans that modernize and enlarge the Ysleta-Zaragoza International Port of Entry.

- Expansion is necessary to accommodate projected traffic increases from closure of commercial traffic at Bridge of the Americas (BOTA)
- Expanding the Ysleta Port is a roughly \$500 million capital project – engineering plans will clarify project scope and costs



Scope of Work and Budget

The City of El Paso will contract professional engineering services to complete:

- Feasibility - 30% design documents
- Benefit-cost analysis
- Permitting (including Presidential Permit)

Federal: \$3,200,000

City Match: \$800,000 (International Bridges)

Total: \$4,000,000

The Project will be completed in 24 months
(after FHWA authorization)



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 FHWA (July 2026)
6. Project Start (September 2026)

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