



FY23 Community Projects Funding Opportunities

April 12, 2022

Strategic Goal 6

Set the Standard for
Sound Governance and
Fiscal Management



Overview: Community Project Funding Program

- The House Appropriations Committee's **Community Project Funding** Program opens the application period every April
- Solicitation is now open for FY23
- The City of El Paso can submit projects to congressmembers' offices for consideration



Last Year's Awards

- More than **\$11.5M** awarded to Texas House District 16 last year to fund **9** community projects
- The City was awarded two projects:
 - **\$1,000,000** for construction of a one-mile segment of the Paso Del Norte Trail
 - **\$525,000** to support the El Paso Police Department Body Worn Camera Program



Community Project Funding Guidelines & Requirements

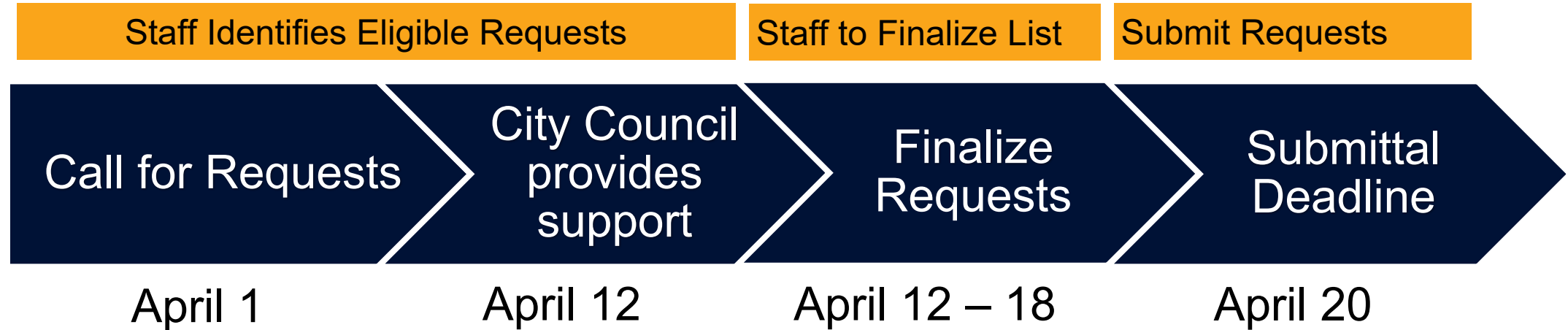
- Projects must have **demonstrated community support**
- **Matching funding must be available** for each project from the state/local government (does not have to be in hand, but there must be a plan to fund in order to meet requirements of submission)
- These projects can **only be funded for FY2023** and there will be **no revolving funds**
- The house appropriations committee values **high quality projects**
- Each Congressperson may only submit **15 projects**
- There are **many eligible categories** - a broad range of projects can be submitted
- The amount of funding per project and match required is **dependent on the committee** to which the project request is submitted
- Project funding ranges from **\$500,000 to \$3,000,000**

City Project Selection Criteria

- Several solid proposals vetted to ensure alignment with federal criteria, reflect what we know from previous selection rounds, and:
 - Are **tangible – projects and programs**
 - Not plans or studies, design, etc.
 - Tie into our **Strategic Plan**
 - Able to be implemented **within one year** timeline
 - **Match** is available



Submittal Timeline



Community Project Funding Requests

7 Tentative Proposals



| Project | Total Project Cost | Federal Request Cap | Local Match Required | Description |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| EV Charging Stations | \$3,000,000 | \$3,000,000 | 20% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install approximately six Electric Vehicle Charging Stations across the City Transportation Category- Capital Investment Account |
| Airport Solar Project | \$3,500,000 | \$3,000,000 | No Match Requirement Specified | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct El Paso International Airport's first on-site solar installation Energy Category |
| Micro-transit for Transit Dependent Customers | \$900,000 | \$3,000,000 | 20% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide transit-dependent customers with transportation options Transportation Category – Capital Investment Account |
| Resilience HUB | \$1,500,000 | \$1,000,000 | Graduated scale | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish Food Resilience Hub at 900 Wyoming to include a Solar Demonstration and Community Garden Agriculture Category (Community Facilities) |
| Homeless Welcome Center | \$950,000 | \$950,000 | Graduated Scale | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expanded Migrant Services / Homeless Welcome Center Agriculture (Community Facilities) |
| Paso del Norte Trail Expansion | \$1,500,000 | \$1,000,000 | 20% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue trail from Magoffin or Franklin Canal (1 mile) Transportation ED Category (Improvements to Public services) |
| Mountain to River Trail | \$500,000 | \$1,000,000 | 20% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide Connectivity to Tom Mays Park to the Rio Grande Trail Transportation ED Category (Improvements to Public Services) |

Next Steps:

- **Obtain support** from City Council to continue vetting recommended projects and others that may qualify according to the City project selection criteria - not all projects listed here will be submitted
- Staff will **finalize project list** to ensure that they meet federal eligibility requirements for strong proposals
- **Submit projects** prior to April 20 deadline
- **Provide Council a list of final projects selected and submitted**



Requested Action:

Direct the City Manager to identify and submit eligible projects for the FY23 Community Project Funding program ensuring that the projects: (1) align with the City's Strategic Plan goals and objectives; and (2) have match funding available prior to submittal.





Mission

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



Vision

Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government



Values

Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People