

## Community Project Funding Requests for submission to the U.S. House Committee on Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2023.

Thank you to all of the community organizations that submitted projects to be considered for Community Project Funding. While I was limited to submitting 15 projects, I can assure you there were many more deserving proposals that I would have liked to support. The criteria we considered included timeliness of completed applications, eligibility rules, geographic location, the needs of communities, most appropriate use of taxpayer funds, and potential impacts of the requested projects. I look forward to continuing to work with the communities in my district to find future opportunities for additional worthy projects. Please feel free to contact my office with any questions about this process.

### The following projects were submitted by my office for funding by the House Appropriations Committee:

1. **Project Name:** 1<sup>st</sup> Street Reconstruction

**Recipient Address:** 2135 S. Ammon Road Ammon, ID

**Project Sponsor:** City of Ammon

**Requested Amount:** \$5,830,400

**Description:** The project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because 1<sup>st</sup> Street is a principal arterial that is vital to the economic development and quality of life for the region. The section of 1<sup>st</sup> Street that is proposed for reconstruction is in failing condition and unsafe. The current volume-to-capacity ratio is at 1.41, which means that it already is operating above its capacity. Existing farmlands along 1<sup>st</sup> Street and locations further east will continue to grow and 1<sup>st</sup> Street will see a steady growth rate for the next few years, making the need for this project even more pressing. The funding will be used to reconstruct 1<sup>st</sup> Street from Hitt (25th) to Ammon (35th). It will be widened to five lanes, with two lanes in each direction and a center two-way turn lane. A curb, gutter, and sidewalk will be added along the entire section. Sand Creek bridge will be widened to five lanes and will include sidewalks.

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2. **Project Name:** Center Street Railroad Bridge Underpass

**Recipient Address:** 911 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Pocatello, ID 83201

**Project Sponsor:** City of Pocatello

**Requested Amount:** \$5,700,000

**Description:** The funding is designated to repair the abutments, replace the fascia and portals to the sidewalks, and replace the retaining walls and sidewalks leading to the pedestrian tunnels. The existing roadway and pedestrian lighting will be upgraded, and the existing stormwater system will be modified or replaced to handle storm events and a pedestrian bridge more adequately across Center Street will be constructed. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. The Center Street underpass is an essential element of Pocatello's transportation system and one of three principle arterial streets that cross the railroad connecting the downtown area to the rest of Pocatello. A repaired underpass will ensure the safety of the city's 10,000 drivers and pedestrians who use it every day. This project will also enhance business development and community redevelopment in Historic Downtown Pocatello.

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3. **Project Name:** Custer County Court Annex Building  
**Recipient Address:** 801 E. Main Ave. PO Box 385 Challis, Idaho 83226  
**Project Sponsor:** Custer County Commissioners  
**Requested Amount:** \$600,000  
**Description:** The funding will be used to construct a new court annex building in Custer County, Idaho. The current court building in Custer County is non-ADA compliant, is ageing, and has degraded as a result of two major earthquakes in the region. The funding will go towards the construction of a new building that will house the courtroom, judge's chambers, jury room, three court clerk offices, all required bathrooms, and two evidence vaults.

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4. **Project Name:** City of Grace STAG  
**Recipient Address:** 108 E. Center St. PO Box 288 Grace, Idaho 83241  
**Project Sponsor:** City of Grace  
**Requested Amount:** \$2.65 million  
**Description:** The funding is designated to make improvements to the city's wastewater collection and treatment systems. The city has a critical need for electrical improvements at their treatment plants, replacement of their solids dewatering process, replacement of 2,000 feet of collection piping, and the installation of several new manholes. This project aims to address these needs and promote the community's health.

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5. **Project Name:** City of Roberts STAG  
**Recipient Address:** PO Box 242 Roberts, Idaho 83444  
**Project Sponsor:** City of Roberts  
**Requested Amount:** \$2 million  
**Description:** The funding is designated to the City of Roberts to make updates to their failing sewer lines. The City of Roberts' sewer collection system is made up of 2.7 miles of asbestos-concrete pipe and was installed in 1969, however, some of the sewer lines are failing causing raw sewage to back up into residents' homes causing a critical public health concern. The city has developed a plan to make upgrades to their system and this funding will be used in construction of the improvements. The improvements to the city's sewer collection system will help ensure that sewage is not leaking into the ground water and will prevent the backups that are occurring in citizens' homes.

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6. **Project Name:** Family Health Services Helipad and Ambulance Bay  
**Recipient Location:** Near South Beverly Street and State Highway 24 in Shoshone, Idaho 83352  
**Project Recipient:** Family Health Services Corporation: 794 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301  
**Requested Amount:** \$1,547,000  
**Description:** The funding will be used for an emergency services infrastructure project that includes a helipad and a 4-unit ambulance bay attached to the new Family Health Services (FHS) Community Health Center being constructed in rural Shoshone, Idaho – home to over 5,300 residents. This comprehensive emergency services infrastructure project will provide access to crucial emergency medical transport into and out of the rural community to generate favorable health outcomes.

FHS is constructing a new Community Health Center in Shoshone, Idaho on land leased from Lincoln County to meet primary health care needs in a very rural part of Idaho serving as a conduit to the popular Sun Valley area. Emergencies occur often, ranging from vehicle accidents to agricultural-related injuries. The rural location limits quick response/transport in medical emergencies – with the nearest hospitals/ERs respectively 20 and 32 minutes away. The request for \$1,547,000 will fund the construction of a helipad and a 4-unit ambulance bay attached to the new clinic that will be operated by County EMS services.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and will create a robust health services network capable of expediting access to emergency care. The combined helipad and ambulance bay will yield more positive health outcomes and reduce health disparities often inherent in rural communities lacking comprehensive, high-quality emergency response infrastructure.

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7. **Project Name:** Little Wood River, ID  
**Recipient Address:** 308 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Gooding, ID 83330  
**Project Sponsor:** City of Gooding  
**Requested Amount:** \$2,600,000  
**Description:** The project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because the project would replace the walls of the channel that flows through the city of Gooding, Idaho, which was constructed in the 1930's. Many sections of the wall have failed, leading to an increase in localized flood risk and threat to adjacent public infrastructure and private property. It is also leading to long-term undermining of the public roads along its corridor from subsurface erosion.

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8. **Project Name:** Healing Idaho Community Development Project  
**Recipient Location:** Fairfield, ID  
**Project Sponsor:** Camp Rainbow Gold, Inc. - 1020 W. Main St. Boise, ID 83702

**Requested Amount:** \$2,400,000

**Description:** The project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because Camp Rainbow Gold (CRG) is building Idaho's only medically designed, adaptive, and accessible camp to serve nonprofits across the state. The new camp, called Hidden Paradise, will work to serve thousands of children, adults, and veterans from across the state of Idaho and will bring back to life a once thriving and vibrant gathering place in rural Camas County. The scenic 172-acre parcel is nestled up against the mountains outside of Fairfield, ID. When Camp Rainbow Gold purchased the property in 2019, it had been sitting shuttered for nearly five years. Hidden Paradise will not only reinvigorate the Camas County economy, but it will also be available when camps are not in session to host various community events. This project will provide an essential service to children, families, and adults from across Idaho by creating an inclusive space where campers are able to participate in activities with their peers. Many of the campers Hidden Paradise will serve are children, adults, and veterans who have been marginalized or left out due to medical conditions, treatment, or disabilities and have insufficient access to outdoor recreation activities that every child (and adult) deserves. The funding will be used to install a Large Soil Absorption System, which the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has just approved. Funds would be used for new water lines, wells, repairs and for much needed power upgrades to create a safer environment for Hidden Paradise campers.

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9. **Project Name:** Idaho Center for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment

**Recipient Location:** Kimberly, Idaho

**Project Sponsor:** University of Idaho – 875 Perimeter Dr MS 3010 Moscow, ID

**Requested Amount:** \$7.84 million

**Description:** The funding is designated to support the collaboration between the University of Idaho and ARS Kimberly. Researchers at USDA ARS in Kimberly work closely with the University of Idaho faculty to protect the sustainability of agriculture, identify ways to reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses, improve the health of soil and quality of water, and increase the efficiency of irrigation while supporting the critical economic drive in Idaho, Agricultural production. Funding will be prioritized for facilities and equipment that will aid ARS scientists in determining the extent of the impact of dairy production on the environment such that solutions can be credibly developed.

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10. **Project Name:** Idaho Workforce and Public Safety Training Facility Improvements

**Recipient Address:** 6395 W. Gowen Rd. Boise, ID 83709

**Project Sponsor:** Idaho Rural Water Association, Inc.

**Requested Amount:** \$750,000

**Description:** This project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it will be designated to develop indoor/outdoor labs and learning stations in Ada County, Idaho that will be utilized to educate water and wastewater operators across Idaho, including its most rural communities.

Rural communities across Idaho and the United States are experiencing an increased demand for water and wastewater operators, and this project will play a crucial role in educating new and retaining current operators in Idaho. It will also help address community demands for stable, good paying jobs close to home by recruiting, educating, and retaining Idahoans in the industry and enhancing rural economies. The funding would specifically be used to provide site improvements, including the construction of curbs and a parking lot, loading dock, and storage facilities, to provide safer access to these education facilities. Additional resources will be designated to purchase and install the equipment necessary for indoor/outdoor labs to conduct real-world hands-on experience and training.

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11. **Project Name:** Jerome Education and Training Center

**Recipient Address:** Jerome, Idaho

**Project Sponsor:** College of Southern Idaho – 315 Falls Ave, PO Box 1238 Twin Falls, ID 83303

**Requested Amount:** \$3,300,000

**Description:** The funding is designated to construct a new education and training facility to support regional needs for the College of Southern Idaho in Jerome, Idaho. The Jerome Education and Training Center would be a 20,000 square foot facility in downtown Jerome, Idaho. Jerome County has experienced record-setting growth in the food processing, dairy, and meat processing industries. The growth of the industry needs has guided the College to plan for an education and training facility to support regional workforce development. Beyond food processing related training and instruction, the College intends for the Jerome Center to also support healthcare training for high school students and other for CNA and Medical Assisting in support of regional needs the center will also serve as a community hub supporting CSI's role as a Hispanic Serving Institution.

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12. **Project Name:** McCammon Fire Station

**Recipient Address:** McCammon, Idaho

**Project Sponsor:** City of McCammon – 802 Front St. McCammon, ID 83250

**Requested Amount:** \$813,750

**Description:** The funding is designated to construct a new fire station in McCammon, Idaho. The City of McCammon's current fire station was originally built to serve as a maintenance shed and currently has no running water and no insulation. Cramped quarters have limited the ability to upsize equipment and effectively deploy engines due to lack of maneuverability. The current station lacks space and function to meet the needs of the growing community safely and effectively. A new facility would allow for increased volunteerism, a site for an ambulance, and allow the city to recruit more firefighters and increase training for volunteers.

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13. **Project Name:** Mackay Dam Rehabilitation

**Recipient Address:** 801 E. Main Ave. PO Box 597 Challis, ID 83226

**Project Sponsor:** Custer County

**Requested Amount:** \$7,082,856

**Description:** This Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant CPF would designate funding to rehabilitate the Mackay Dam, a 100-year-old earthfill structure, constructed for irrigation purposes that currently serves 37,500 acres of farmland. The infrastructure of the dam is ageing and has degraded to the point of critical condition with high risk of failure in the event of flooding. The funding would go towards removing and replacing the primary spillway, relining the outlet tunnel, and moving controls downstream to prevent the dam from overtopping and mitigate the risk of damages from earthquake and flooding to the surrounding communities including Mackay, Arco, Custer, Butte, and the Idaho National Laboratory.

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14. **Project Name:** Rock Creek Conservation and Water Quality Enhancement Project

**Recipient Address:** 203 Main Ave E. Twin Falls, ID 83301

**Project Sponsor:** City of Twin Falls

**Requested Amount:** \$15 million

**Description:** The funding is designated to the Rock Creek Restoration and Water Quality Project to enhance water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, urban outdoor recreational opportunities, and to provide flood control benefits in the lower Rock Creek Watershed in Twin Falls County, Idaho. Through acquisition of property and construction of off-stream ponds, the project will help alleviate flooding while also providing sediment removal and total phosphorus reductions from agricultural runoff. the removal of sediment and the reduction in total phosphorus will further improve water quality in Rock Creek and also contribute to the reduction of nutrients in the Mid-Snake River. The project will connect city owned properties and preserve and provide greater public access to enhanced outdoor urban recreational experiences in the creek corridor.

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15. **Project Name:** Downtown Boise YMCA Catalytic Redevelopment Project

**Recipient Address:** 1177 W. State St. Boise, ID 83702

**Project Sponsor:** Treasure Valley Family YMCA

**Requested Amount:** \$10,000,000

**Description:** The project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because the YMCA is planning the redevelopment of 2.5 city blocks located between State St/Jefferson St and 10th St/12th St in

Boise. By co-locating and co-producing services, the YMCA, alongside their partners in healthcare, education, and the non-profit and government sectors, will provide comprehensive solutions for community challenges, in one of the nation's fastest growing cities. This project will be a catalyst connecting community members to local businesses, hospitals, social, educational, and governmental services, resulting in a thriving economy, connected community, and increased wellbeing for youth, adults, and families. The Downtown Boise YMCA currently serves 17,000 members per year. With completion of the new facility, they anticipate serving 23,000 members, with 1.2 million visits per year. The project's community-based approach will address a wide range of social determinants of health and community needs, such as housing, healthcare, early childhood education and childcare, workforce development, transportation and accessibility, and financial education.

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