

Community Project Funding Requests Submitted to the U.S. House Committee on Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024

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.

1. Project Name: STAG, City of Island Park

Recipient Address: 3753 US-20, Island Park, Idaho 83429

Project Sponsor: City of Island Park, Idaho

Requested Amount: \$6,560,000

Grant Type: Drinking Water SRF

Description: This funding would be used to construct a new single municipal water system in Island Park, Idaho, to replace numerous disparate small systems. Funding would cover a new well, water storage tank, and booster pump station; 8,500 linear feet of water main; nearly 200 service lines with meters; and a SCADA system for monitoring and control of the water system. Island Park, a gateway community to Yellowstone National Park, currently has over 50 separate public water systems, many of which have experienced multiple instances of bacterial contamination over the past several decades due to the geology and environment. Replacing these many small, inadequate systems with one municipal system with access to deeper aquifers, guarantee a year-round water supply, and reduce the risk of further contamination caused by the number of individual holes drilled into the aquifer.

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2. Project Name: STAG, City of Preston

Recipient Address: 70 West Oneida, Preston, Idaho 83263

Project Sponsor: City of Preston, Idaho

Requested Amount: \$5,128,000

Grant Type: Drinking Water SRF

Description: This funding would be used to build a new water storage tank in Preston, Idaho. Preston's water is currently delivered to the city from a mountain spring through a 14-mile pipeline. The community has experienced two water line breaks in the past year, resulting in an inadequate water supply for residential use and emergency services, including fire protection. Preston is a small but quickly growing community. Its water storage capacity is currently 13% under capacity and projected to be 24% under by 2041. This project would ensure that the community has the reliable and sufficient water they need now and into the future.

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- 3. Project Name:** STAG, City of Rexburg
Recipient Address: 35 N 1st E, Rexburg, ID 83440
Project Sponsor: City of Rexburg, Idaho
Requested Amount: \$9,184,480
Grant Type: Clean Water SRF
Description: This funding would be used to upgrade the Headworks facility at the City of Rexburg Wastewater Treatment Plant and replace the regional sewer interceptor, lift station, and pressure sewer line that convey wastewater from northeast Rexburg and the towns of Sugar City and Teton to the treatment plant. The sewer lines and lift stations are shared by all three communities and are approaching capacity, have serious corrosion issues, and are in need of replacement. The current Headworks is not large enough to reliably treat current and future flows. This project would ensure that the system can both meet current needs and be prepared for projected growth in this area.

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- 4. Project Name:** STAG, City of Pocatello
Recipient Address: 911 N. 7th Avenue, Pocatello, ID 83201
Project Sponsor: City of Pocatello, Idaho
Requested Amount: \$3,300,000
Grant Type: Clean Water SRF
Description: This funding would be used to install approximately one mile of gravity sewer main within the City of Pocatello, which would provide the backbone needed to extend service to the City's sewer system to the Johnny Creek area of Pocatello. This area is made up of about 850 residences, about 220 of which are not connected to the municipal sewer system. A significant number of these homes have failed or failing septic systems, and more failures are expected until this part of the community can be connected to a new, modern municipal sewer system. This funding will complete phase one of the larger project.

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- 5. Project Name:** Rock Creek Conservation Project
Recipient Address: 203 Main Avenue E Twin Falls, ID 83301
Project Sponsor: City of Twin Falls, Idaho
Requested Amount: \$4,000,000
Grant Type: NRCS
Description: The funding would be used to enhance water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and provide flood control benefits in the lower Rock Creek watershed in Twin Falls County, Idaho. This project will help alleviate flooding while also providing sediment removal and total phosphorous reduction from agricultural runoff. If awarded, this funding will assist the City of Twin Falls continue its mission to support efforts in environmental stewardship by completing

projects such as removal of invasive vegetation, water quality improvements through stream alteration and sedimentation cells and help improve historic pollution issues.

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6. **Project Name:** Idaho Center for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment
Recipient Address: 875 Perimeter Dr. MS 3010 Moscow, ID 83844
Project Sponsor: University of Idaho, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences
Requested Amount: \$6,000,000
Grant Type: USDA ARS Building and Facilities account
Description: The University of Idaho (UI) is requesting \$6 million from USDA's ARS Buildings and Facilities account to build a flexible manure handling system at the Idaho Center for Agriculture, Food and the Environment (CAFE) site in Rupert, ID for testing and evaluating manure treatment and nutrient separation technologies. CAFE consists of 640 acres in Rupert, ID with a 2000-cow dairy that broke ground in 2022 and expected to be operational in 2024. CAFE is led by UI with USDA ARS Kimberly scientists heavily involved in the design of the dairy to address the sustainability of agriculture. The additional funding requested for FY 2024 will allow equipment to be used in different combinations and changed to accommodate new technologies.

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7. **Project Name:** Firth Fire Station
Recipient Address: 240 Lincoln Street, Firth, Idaho 83236
Project Sponsor: The Shelley/Firth Fire District
Requested Amount: \$5,868,750
Grant Type: USDA Rural Development Community Facility Grant Program
Description: The funding would be used to construct a new fire station for the Shelly/Firth Fire District. The Firth fire station and most equipment burned in a fire caused by an electrical malfunction. The volunteer firemen now operate from a rented space in a vacant potato warehouse using donated, surplus, and salvaged equipment. This severely impacts the ability to provide for the health and safety services needed for residents.

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8. **Project Name:** Butte County Buildings Infrastructure Project
Recipient Address: 205 W. Grande Ave PO Box 737 Arco, ID 83213
Project Sponsor: Butte County, Idaho
Requested Amount: \$1,851,501
Grant Type: USDA Rural Development Community Facility Grant Program
Description: The Butte County Buildings Infrastructure Project will use funding to replace roofing infrastructure at the Sheriff's Office, Butte County Business Center, and the Health Department; in addition to replacing crumbling sidewalks and parking lots. The current roofs are lacking structural integrity which is key to the safety of the public using the facilities. Public elections are held in the Business Center and the leaking has deteriorated the sheetrock and window

support in rooms that are designated polling places. Crumbling sidewalks and parking lots increase the public risk of safely entering buildings

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9. **Project Name:** Mackay Dam Rehabilitation Project
Recipient Address: 4040 Guard St. Building 600, Boise ID 83705
Project Sponsor: Idaho Office of Emergency Management
Requested Amount: \$7,082,856
Grant Type: Pre-Disaster Mitigation
Description: This funding would be used to rehabilitate the nearly 100-year-old Mackay Dam by improving the tower, removing and replacing the spillway, relining the outlet tunnel, and moving control works downstream to prevent the dam from overtopping. A recent risk assessment found the dam to be in critical condition and the likelihood of dam failure during a flooding event extremely high, threatening towns throughout Custer and Butte Counties, as well as the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) facility. The Mackay dam not only protects downriver communities, but it also provides water to a largely agricultural economy. A possible dam failure and subsequent flooding would devastate the area and cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars in repairs and rehabilitation costs, as well as lost income from agriculture and tourism. This project has broad local support.

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10. **Project Name:** Industrial Cybersecurity Research Laboratory in Idaho Falls
Recipient Address: 921 S. 8th Ave, Pocatello, ID 83209
Project Sponsor: Idaho State University
Requested Amount: \$2,875,000
Grant Type: USDOC/National Institute of Standards and Technology
Description: The funding would be used to establish and equip a shared industrial cybersecurity research laboratory with five sector-specific cyber-informed engineering research stations, 20 industrial control system component kits, four hardware design and analysis stations, classroom equipment, and private cloud computing to facilitate simulations within and to provide remote access to the laboratory. The project would provide students at multiple Idaho universities the opportunity to research and learn cybersecurity and cyber-informed engineering skills in a simulated environment realistic to the critical infrastructure and industrial systems on which Idaho and the nation depend.

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11. **Project Name:** Little Wood River, ID
Recipient Address: 308 5th Avenue Gooding, ID 83330
Project Sponsor: City of Gooding

Requested Amount: \$37.7 million

Grant Type: Army Corps of Engineers/Construction

Description: This funding would be used for the construction portion of a long-standing project to replace the walls of the channel that flows through the city of Gooding, Idaho. Many sections of these walls, which were constructed in the 1930s, have failed, leading to an increase in localized flood risk and threat to adjacent public infrastructure and private property. The failure of the existing walls is also undermining the integrity of the public roads along this corridor. This project has been authorized in WRDA and design and construction were funded in FY23, and the requested funding would complete the project.

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12. Project Name: Workforce Housing for Critically Endangered Species Recovery

Recipient Address: 5668 W. Flying Hawk Lane, Boise, ID 83709

Project Sponsor: Peregrine Fund, Inc.

Requested Amount: \$3.1 million

Grant Type: Economic Development Initiatives

Description: This funding would be used to rebuild seven housing units, repair the only access road, and purchase backup generators to maintain uninterrupted power to sensitive systems. The Peregrine Fund provides workforce housing to propagation staff due to the round-the-clock nature of the work of conserving the critically endangered California condor, and current housing is both dilapidated and in need of expansion. In addition, the local access road, which is critical for EMS and first responders directly related to the safety of more than 50,000 annual visitors, as well as on-site staff, needs milling and repaving. These infrastructure investments ensure that facilities are prepared to continue the work of species recovery for the next three to four decades.

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13. Project Name: Treasure Valley Law Enforcement Childcare Center

Recipient Address: 26103 Harvey Rd. Caldwell, ID 83607

Project Sponsor: National Law Enforcement Foundation

Requested Amount: Request for \$2.65 million

Grant Type: Economic Development Initiatives

Description: This funding would be used to construct a childcare center for law enforcement officers in the Treasure Valley in Idaho. Law enforcement families struggle to find accessible, affordable, and quality childcare options during their shift work, leaving many officers, especially women, unable to continue serving and making a recruiting and retaining crisis in a rapidly growing area worse. This funding would provide for safe and secure childcare and education coverage that matches the needs of law enforcement families and would meet a widely acknowledged need within Idaho law enforcement.

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14. Project Name: Stanley Workforce Housing Economic Development Initiative

Recipient Address: 510 Eva Falls Avenue, Stanley, ID 83278

Project Sponsor: City of Stanley, Idaho

Requested Amount: \$4,000,000

Grant Type: Economic Development Initiatives

Description: This funding would be used to construct affordable housing for up to 80 temporary and permanent employees and their families in Stanley, Idaho. Housing will be built on four acres of land that were transferred by an act of Congress to the City of Stanley for this purpose in 2015 (P.L. 114-46). As the gateway to the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Stanley serves tens of thousands of visitors every year from May to September. High construction costs, the short tourist season, and the lack of available land—Custer County is over 97% federal land—have created a severe housing shortage in Stanley. Of the approximately 650 mostly-seasonal workers in the greater Stanley area, over one third struggle to find adequate housing. This project would provide significant relief to that shortage and, by making year-round housing available, would provide better opportunities for economic growth.

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15. Project Name: Eagle Road Reconstruction Project

Recipient Address: 85 W. Agency Road Building 82, Fort Hall, ID 83203

Project Sponsor: Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

Requested Amount: \$3.85 Million

Grant Type: Highway Infrastructure Programs

Description: This funding would be used to reconstruct a 0.5 mile stretch of Eagle Road between Ross Fork Road and Agency Road on the Fort Hall Reservation. Eagle Road is 0.25 miles off of Exit 80 of Interstate 15 and is a main area for economic development on the Reservation. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because Eagle Road connects to the Tribes governmental offices and to a tribal low-income residential community with more than 100 homes. The project will construct wider lanes for the road; designated bike lanes; sidewalks; curb and gutters with storm drains, bus stop shelters and designated crosswalks. Currently, sections of the road are failing and are unable to support additional traffic and current and proposed economic development projects. The project will also develop streetscapes and continuous sidewalks that will tie surrounding streets together and provide access, livability, and safety for residents and visitors as they walk or bike along this essential transportation corridor.

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