

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION ADVISORY SYSTEM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR Washington, D.C. 20210	CLASSIFICATION Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending
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TO: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FY 2026 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING
RECIPIENTS

FROM: MAREK LACO /s/
Acting Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Application Instructions and Program Guidance for Department of Labor for
FY 2026 Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending

1. **Purpose.** To provide guidance to recipients of the Department of Labor’s (Department or DOL) Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending, specified in [Appendix I: Eligible Applicants](#).
2. **Action Requested.** To receive Congressionally Directed funds, eligible applicants¹ specified in Appendix I **must** submit applications responding to this Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL), including all required documents detailed in [Appendix IV](#), to [Grants.gov](#) no earlier than 12:00 am Eastern Time, 30 days after publication and no later than 11:59 pm Eastern Time, January 31, 2027.
3. **Summary and Background.**
 - a. Summary – This TEGL announces application procedures to solicit applications from eligible entities for the Department’s Employment and Training Administration (ETA) FY 2026 Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending grants.
 - b. Background – On February 3, 2026, President Trump signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law 119-75). The legislation authorizes \$95,501,000 for carrying out 108 demonstration and pilot projects overseen by ETA. The purpose and award amount of each recipient is specified in the Explanatory Statement for Division B Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026, Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending Table.

¹ The use of the term “eligible applicants” or “applicants” in this TEGL refers to the Community Project recipients specified in the Explanatory Statement for the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026, Division B – Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026, Community Project Funding/ Congressionally Directed Spending Table, available at 172 Cong. Rec. H1599-H1602 ([daily ed. January 22, 2026](#)).

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To officially receive grant funds, recipients must submit an application that describes the workforce development project. Community Project recipients must design their project to align with the descriptions approved by Congress and reprinted in [Appendix I](#).

4. **Program Authority.** Funds for ETA’s Community Project Demonstration Grants are authorized by Division B of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026. These projects are funded through Section 169(c) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).
5. **Inquiries.** Please direct questions regarding this funding opportunity to Community.Projects.ETA@dol.gov. Applicants should include a contact name, organization name, phone number, and email with all questions to provide a means of response. This announcement is available on [Grants.gov](#) and on the Community Project Grants Community of Practice, [WorkforceGPS - Community Projects FY26](#).
6. **References.**
 - Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law 119-75)
 - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Section 169(c) (Public Law 113-128)
7. **Attachments.**
 - [Appendix I: Eligible Applicants](#)
 - [Appendix II: Award Information](#)
 - [Appendix III: Funding Restrictions](#)
 - [Appendix IV: Application Submission](#)
 - [Appendix V: Application Review and Award](#)
 - [Appendix VI: Administrative and National Policy Requirements](#)
 - [Appendix VII: National Program Requirements](#)
 - [Appendix VIII: Reporting Requirements](#)
 - [Appendix IX: Agency Contacts](#)
 - [Appendix X: OMB Information Collection](#)
 - [Attachment A: Budget Narrative Guidance](#)
 - [Attachment B: Project Abstract and Suggested Template](#)
 - [Attachment C: Grant Management Planning Guidance – Period of Performance](#)
 - [Attachment D: Project Narrative Guidance](#)
 - [Attachment E: Suggested Work Plan Template](#)
 - [Attachment F: Suggested Organizational Chart Template](#)
 - [Attachment G: Performance Measures and Target Goals and Suggested Template](#)
 - [Attachment H: Letters of Commitment Guidance](#)
 - [Attachment I: Financial System Risk Assessment](#)
 - [Attachment J: Application Submission Checklist](#)
 - [Attachment K: Resources](#)