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Dear El Pasoan,

I am pleased to share this resource guide regarding how to request Community Project Funding (CPF) through the annual appropriations process for fiscal year 2023. This guide is an effort to streamline the process and is a tool to empower you with the best information available. My team and I will do everything possible to work for projects that will be beneficial to our community.

In this guide, you will find an overview of the appropriations process, the Community Project Funding process, answers to many frequently asked questions, and a brief overview of alternate federal funding sources.

I firmly believe that our local leaders, stakeholders, and advocates know exactly what our community needs and that is why I am excited to use Community Project Funding requests to ensure we support your priorities.

My team and I are looking for your recommendations on projects that will fill a clear and present need in the community, be administered by a local/state government entity or eligible nonprofit, be located in El Paso County, and enjoy significant support from the community. This year my office will be submitting 15 projects to the Appropriations Committee for consideration of funding. To see which projects were submitted by my office last year and were successfully funded, click [here](#). If you would other projects from across the country that were accepted in the final Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2022, click [here](#).

As you prepare your requests, please keep in mind that my office will receive far more Community Project Funding requests than can be fulfilled. As a result, many deserving, appropriate, and eligible projects will not be provided federal assistance in fiscal year 2023. That is why it is extremely important that every project and requestor continue to pursue other grant and federal/state/local funding opportunities where available. My team and I are here to help you secure this important funding as well. To learn more about other federal grants, please click [here](#).

Thank you again for your interest in this year's Community Project Funding process. My team is available to answer your questions as needed. I look forward to working with you to bring needed federal resources to El Paso County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Veronica Escobar". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Veronica Escobar  
Member of Congress