

Pilot Program for Water Resources Projects for Small or Disadvantaged Communities

Overview: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is launching a pilot program to fully fund small water resources projects for economically disadvantaged communities. Project proposals are due by August 21, 2023. Details on how to apply and what information is needed in project proposals is described below. A more detailed description of the requirements for a project proposal can be found in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2020 Section 165 policy guidance issued on June 12, 2023. That guidance can be found at: https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Project-Planning/Legislative-Links/wrda_2020/

Background: Project proposals under this pilot program are for projects under the Continuing Authorities Program (CAP). Under CAP, the Corps can plan, design, and implement certain types of water resources projects without additional project specific congressional authorization. The purpose of the CAP is to plan and implement projects of limited size, cost, scope, and complexity. While CAP projects typically require a cost-share with a non-Federal sponsor, this pilot program will fully fund the selected projects.

How to Apply: You may submit proposals in writing using any of these methods:

- Mail: HQ, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: Ms. Amy Babey, at 441 G Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20314.
- E-mail: wrda20cap165a@usace.army.mil. Please include Section 165 Project Proposal in the subject line of the message.

Due to security requirements, we cannot receive proposals by hand delivery or courier.

Applicable CAP Authorities and Descriptions:

AUTHORITY	PROJECT PURPOSE
Section 14 , Flood Control Act of 1946, as amended	Emergency stream bank and shoreline protection for public facilities, such as roads, bridges, hospitals, schools, lighthouses, and water & sewage treatment plants, that are in imminent danger of failing.
Section 103 , River and Harbor Act of 1962, as amended (amends Public Law 79-727)	Protection of public and private properties and facilities against damages caused by storm driven waves and currents by the construction of revetments, groins, and jetties, and may also include periodic sand replenishment.
Section 107 , River and Harbor Act of 1960, as amended	Improvements to navigation including dredging of channels and widening of turning basins.
Section 111, River and Harbor Act of 1968, as amended	Prevention or mitigation of erosion damages to public or privately owned shores along the coastline when the damages are a result of a Federal navigation project.
Section 204 , Water Resources Development Act of 1992, as amended	Regional Sediment Management and beneficial uses of dredged material from new or existing Federal projects for ecosystem restoration, flood risk management or hurricane/storm damage reduction purpose.
Section 205 , Flood Control Act of 1948, as amended	Local protection from flooding by non-structural measures such as flood warning systems, or flood proofing; or by structural flood damage reduction features such as levees, diversion channels, or impoundments.
Section 206 , Water Resources Development Act of 1996, as amended	Aquatic ecosystem restoration
Section 208 , Flood Control Act of 1954, as amended (amends Section 2, Flood Control Act of August 28, 1937)	Local protection from flooding by channel clearing and excavation, with limited embankment construction by use of materials from the clearing operation only.
Section 1135 , Water Resources Development Act of 1986, as amended	Modifications of USACE constructed water resources projects to improve the quality of the environment. Also, restoration projects at locations where an existing Corps project contributed to the degradation.

Information Required for All Project Proposals:

For project proposals we are looking for the best information you have readily available.

Project proposals will include the following:

1. Name, location, and description of the proposed project.
2. Description of the Economically Disadvantaged Community.
3. A narrative description of the economically disadvantaged community that will be benefited by the proposed project.
4. A description of the non-Federal interest for the proposed project.
5. Description of the need for the proposed project and what the project would provide to the disadvantaged community.
6. Include a map of the project area, if available.
7. A letter of intent (LOI) to partner with the U.S. Army in conducting a study, completing a design, constructing the project. The LOI must include a statement that the non-Federal interest understands and agrees to:
 - Provide 100 percent of the costs for long-term operation and maintenance of the constructed project.
 - Provide all required lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, and disposal areas (LERRDs) required for the project - appropriate costs are reimbursable.
 - Perform and pay for all costs associated with any required hazardous, toxic, and radioactive wastes (HTRW) cleanup and response in, on, or under any real property interest required for the project.
 - Hold and save the United States free from all damages arising from the project that are not due to the fault or negligence of the United States or its contractors.

Additional Material Required for Specific Continuing Authorities Sections:

REQUIRED APPLICANT INFORMATION	CONTINUING AUTHORITIES PROGRAM SECTION								
	Section 14	Section 103	Section 107	Section 111	Section 204	Section 205	Section 206	Section 208	Section 1135
Description of flooding history	X	X				X		X	
Population at risk	X	X				X		X	
Assurance of local capability to establish public use and access to beaches and shores		X							
Description of degraded habitat targeted for restoration							X		X
Casuses of degradation habitat targeted for restoration			+				X		X
List of regionally or nationally significant habitat or natural resources in the project area					X		X		X
Description of structure or facility affected by erosion and proposed for protection - including structure/facility ownership	X			X					
Description of nature of damage caused by the erosion	X			X					
Description of rate and consequences or erosion	X								
Description of Federal navigation project casuing erosion/damage				X					
Description of eexisting facilities and vessel traffic			X						
Description of the navigation problem the project would address			X						

Additional Assistance:

For additional assistance in the application process, contact your local Corps District.

District contact information can be found by entering your location address at:

<https://usace.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7344e62432694199af7790aa47a32fdd>