



Senator Van Hollen's FY24 Congressionally Directed Spending Request Form

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indicates a required field.

Section 1. Contact Information for Submitting Organization

May not include outside counsel/lobbyist contact information.

1. Submitting Organization

Fort Ave Community Development Corporation

2. IRS Employer Identification Number (EIN)

12-3456789

3. Is the organization a for-profit entity? NOTE: For-profits are NOT eligible for earmarks.

No

4. Street Address

12345 Fort Ave

5. City

Baltimore City

6. State

MD

7. Zip Code

21215

8. County

Baltimore City

9. Organization Website (or social media link if no website)

<https://www.fortavecdc.com/>

Primary Point of Contact at Submitting Organization (NOT lobbyist)

10. Name

Deb Haynie

11. Title

President

12. Email

deborah_ha@gmail.org

13. Phone Number

Please provide a direct line or cell phone. Please do not provide the main line for your company or organization--we need to reach you personally.

202-224-4654

President/CEO at Submitting Organization

14. Name

Deb Haynie

15 Title

President

16 Email

deborah_ha@gmail.org

17 Mobile Phone Number

202-224-4654

Section 2. Outside Counsel/Lobbyist Contact Information (if applicable)

1. Full name

N/a

2. Firm

n/a

3. Email

n/a

4. Phone

n/a

Section 3. Request Information

1. Name of Proposal

Fort Avenue Community Center and Food Pantry

2. Specific Location in Maryland

Must include physical address where earmark funds will be utilized. If multiple locations, please list organization headquarters.

Funds for this project will be utilized at 12345 Fort Ave in the Shaw Neighborhood of Baltimore City, Maryland 21215

3. County/Counties where project is located

Baltimore City

4. Congressionally Directed Spending Request

Dollar amount

1,500,000

5. Total Cost of the Project

Dollar amount

5,000,000

6. Relevant Appropriations Bill

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD)

7. Specific Account (Do NOT Select "Other")

See list of eligible accounts and specific requirements for proposals in those accounts [here](#) **Not yet updated for FY24.**

THUD: Community Development Fund within the line item Economic Development Initiatives (EDI) for economic development projects eligible under chapter 69 of title 42, United States Code

Please note that **some accounts require additional documentation** beyond what is included in this application form. Please consult the [Appropriations Committee's guidance](#) for specific accounts with additional requirements. Examples of supplemental requirements include letters from state or local agencies, proof that your project is included in a state transportation plan (for certain highway projects), etc.

***NOTE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS:** This year, you can submit requests for highway projects that are not currently on the STIP or TIP, but for which MDOT has provided a letter confirming that: (1) the project is eligible for Federal-aid highway funding under title 23, United States Code; (2) MDOT is willing to carry out the project if funding is enacted; and (3) MDOT will include the project on the STIP or TIP once funding for the project is enacted. This letter from MDOT should be attached with your support letters.

Supplemental documentation can be attached to your application as a PDF using the "additional documentation" upload form on the main page of this application.

8. Priority Ranking of Proposal (if multiple proposals are being submitted) □

If one proposal is being submitted, please enter 1.

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9. Was this request submitted to another member of the Maryland Delegation? □

Yes

9.1 If yes, which member(s)?

Senator Cardin, Representative Mfume,

10. Have you briefed a member of Senator Van Hollen's staff about this request? □

A meeting is not required but is a useful opportunity to discuss your project and answer any questions we may have prior to your submission. If you would like to request a meeting, please email the relevant staffer or call 202-224-4654 to reach the front desk to be connected with the relevant staffer.

Yes

10.1 Please provide the name(s) of the staffer(s) and the date of your meeting.

We met with Elonna Jones and Sung Chung on February 27, 2024

Section 4. Project Description

1. Summary of Proposal □

This is a **short**, paragraph-length description of the project that will be made public in Congressional disclosures. This paragraph should answer the questions of "What would the funding accomplish, who would it serve, and why are funds needed."

Funds will support construction of a facility in the Shaw neighborhood in Baltimore City with a commercial kitchen and food pantry, afterschool tutoring, and job training to serve local families. The Shaw Community has experienced major disinvestment, which is part of the reason for the family poverty and lack of growth.

2. Justification of Request [□]

This section requires you to provide greater detail on your projects such as the justification for why the project is a worthwhile investment for taxpayers, how it will serve low- to moderate-income individuals and historically underserved communities, and specific information required by the Appropriations Committee to be considered. See Committee Guidance.

In addition, this section should also outline what new services or opportunities will be available as a result of the earmark funding, the geographic region you intend to utilize the funding, and any partnerships you have with other organizations to support the project. If requesting additional funds for an ongoing project, please provide the current status or phase of the ongoing project.

What would the funding accomplish?

The funding being requested will accomplish the following:

1. Enable construction of a larger facility to house an expanded food pantry with cold and dry storage to distribute healthy food to residents of Shaw.
2. We are currently out of space and not able to accommodate all the products we could obtain from local farms and food distributors.
3. The facility will also have a commercial kitchen, where we will work with the nutrition program at The Local University to teach healthy food practices to families, including weekly meal planning.
4. The Community Center component of the building will provide access to computers, afterschool tutoring and job training for your young adults and parents.
5. These programs have given the residents of our community a consistent resource and access to free healthy food and we will be able to expand our programs and services.
6. This Center will enable us to assist families providing access to free healthy food without adding to their household budgets.
7. We will be able to expand partnerships with local farms and groceries for providing the healthy food resource by increasing cold and dry storage of products.
8. These programs have and will continue to be a sustainable resource for access to healthy food and family wellness, which translates into stability in the family and the community.

Who Would the project funded with Congressionally Directed Funds Serve?

The primary neighborhood of focus is identified as Shaw by the Baltimore Neighborhood Indicator Alliance (BNIA). Data obtained from BNIA indicates the total population of the area is approximately 11,800 of which 90% are African-American, 3% Hispanic and another 3% are White. The median household income in this area is \$34,041 as compared to the City median of \$52,318. Children living below the poverty line in the neighborhood represent 30% of all Children under the age of 18. Nearly 19% of Families are living below the poverty line. Nearly 50% of all family households pay more than 30% of their total household income for rent and related expenses. In addition, the City Health Department, in a study with Johns Hopkins Public Health, determined that this neighborhood was one of the poorest in the City and considered to be a Healthy Food Priority Area for increasing access to healthy foods.

Why are funds needed?

The programs implemented in this project are supported by foundations and public funding because they do not generate sufficient, if any, income to support the expense of operating or capital costs to build quality facilities. The Shaw Community has experienced major disinvestment, which is part of the reason for the family poverty and lack of growth. The funds being requested in this application are needed to subsidize the costs of constructing a state-of-the-art food pantry and community center that will support the overall transformation of this community

3. List any organizations or individuals in the community who are supporting the project (not funders-- sources of funding should be provided in the next section of the application) [□]

Councilwoman Julia Roberts – 10th District Council Person
Kaiser Permanente Health - major health institution in Shaw
Shaw Merchants Association
Delegate George Clooney
Pastor Brad Pitt, Shaw Interfaith Church

Section 5. Project Financing

1. Describe any public non-federal and/or private funding that supports this request, and whether or not it is in hand

Requests should provide a full accounting of all funding secured for the project, including non-federal funding such as state, county, or municipal general funds, nonprofit funding, privately raised dollars, or financing mechanisms such as TIFs or loans.

1. The project has been awarded a grant from the City of Baltimore Special Projects Program of \$100,000, which has not been received yet
2. The project has also received \$100,000 from the Local Big Foundation, which has been received

2. Please describe any past federal funding support for this project

The project has not received any federal funding

3. Has this project received past Congressionally Directed Spending in previous years?

If yes, please identify when and how much.

No

4. Is the project eligible for a competitive grant? Has the organization tried to pursue funding through a competitive grant?

1. Yes, the project is eligible for a competitive grant
2. Yes, the project has received a funding award by the City of Baltimore Special Projects program - \$100,000

5. Is additional federal funding required to complete the project? When and how will the project become self-sustaining without the need for Congressional earmarks?

If awarded the requested Congressional earmark funds, there will be no further need of federal funds to complete this project

6. Detailed Budget for requested earmark funds

Please provide a detailed budget for how you will utilize the earmark funding if it is provided.

Federal Congressional Earmark Funds Uses:

Hard Costs Construction - \$1,500,000

7. Detailed Total Project Budget □

Please provide a detailed total project budget that incorporates the earmark funding.

Community Center Sources and Use of Funds Budget

Uses of Funds

Design \$200,000

Hard Costs Construction \$4,000,000

Furniture and Equipment \$500,000

Soft Cost \$100,000

Developer Fees, Overhead, and grant administration \$200,000

Total Uses \$5,000,000

Source of Funds

Federal Congressional Earmark \$1,500,000

New Markets Tax Credits \$1,000,000

Commercial Loan \$2,200,000

Baltimore City Projects Grant: \$100,000

Large Foundation Grant: \$100,000

Other Foundations \$100,000

Total Sources \$5,000,000

8. Is the amount requested scalable to a lower amount and if so, what is the minimum amount? □

If the Committee is unable to provide the full amount requested, would fewer funds still allow you to serve a smaller number of individuals or allow you to advance a construction phase of the project? Does the project have a per-participant cost that can show the scalability of the request?

If the Committee were not able to fund the total amount requested - we would increase the amount of funds to be raised from private foundations and our commercial loan.

At a minimum, if we received \$200,000 we could move forward with the design phase of the project.