



C I T Y O F
RENO
Memorandum

DATE: April 21, 2025
TO: Honorable Mayor and Council
THROUGH: Jackie Bryant, City Manager
FROM: Calli Wilsey, Policy and Strategy Director
DEPT: Office of Policy and Strategy
SUBJECT: FY 2026 Community Project Funding Requests

As a part of the 2026 federal appropriations process, northern Nevada’s congressional delegation announced they would be accepting applications for community project funding (CPF) requests. Formerly referred to as “earmarks,” this program allows members of Congress to request funding for projects for government and nonprofit entities.

While Congress considered CPF requests last year (federal fiscal year 2025), none were ultimately funded because Congress passed a continuing resolution that did not include funding for these requests. However, several of the City’s 2025 requests made it through the subcommittees’ review process; therefore, these applications were prioritized for resubmittal this year as well.

Additionally, staff reviewed successful applications from previous years and received feedback from the delegation about the competitive process, including additional rules placed on the program. With this guidance in mind, staff submitted three projects that align with Council priorities, the 2020-2025 strategic plan, the Council-adopted federal legislative platform, and the City’s capital improvement program. The requests also were identified as likely candidates qualifying for funding through the specific federal agency accounts that the House and Senate appropriations committees have declared to be suitable for requests. Staff also partnered with the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County on a joint regional request for funding that would support the rehabilitation of local roads in Reno, Sparks, and unincorporated Washoe County. Please see below for a summary of the applications submitted.

Summary of Reno’s FY26 CPF Requests

Reference #	Project	Amount Requested
1	Reno Police Department – Real Time Information Center (Resubmittal)	\$1,200,000
2	Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center – Wellness Remodel (Resubmittal)	\$3,150,000
3	Virginia Lake Water Quality and Bank Stabilization Improvements (New submittal)	\$5,000,000
4	Regional Partnership for Local Street Rehabilitation (New submittal)	\$6,000,000

1. Reno Police Department – Real Time Information Center

Summary:

The City of Reno Police Department’s Real Time Information Center (RTIC) project will allow the Reno Police Department to purchase equipment and software to create a center that would fully embrace intelligence-led policing, provide enhanced information for response or deterrence of calls for service, increased investigatory capability, and overall greater public safety. The proposal to allocate funding for the establishment of a RTIC heralds a significant technological advancement with far-reaching implications for law enforcement operations and public safety. By centralizing data sources and providing real-time situational awareness, the RTIC stands to revolutionize the department’s ability to respond effectively to incidents and protect the community it serves.

Strategic Plan Goal: Public Safety

Total Project Cost: \$1,200,000

CPF Requested Amount: \$1,200,000

Other Funding Sources: N/A

2. Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center – Wellness Remodel

Summary:

The proposed project includes the modification and remodeling of the aging Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center to establish a comprehensive whole health and wellness hub catering to the diverse needs of youth, families, and seniors. Located in an area lacking access to these services, this request seeks to modify the center into a vibrant space offering a wide array of amenities and services aimed at fostering physical, mental, and social well-being. The remodel will modify the north wing of the facility to allow increased capacity for wellness programming. The project will remove or modify walls, flooring, HVAC ducts, plumbing, and electrical.

Strategic Plan Goal: Economic & Community Development; Arts, Parks, and Historical Resources

Total Project Cost: \$3,150,000

CPF Requested Amount: \$3,150,000

Other Funding Sources: N/A

3. Virginia Lake Water Quality and Bank Stabilization Improvements

Summary:

Virginia Lake is a beloved recreational asset for Reno residents, but it has been facing persistent water quality challenges for years. To address these ongoing water quality issues, the City previously collaborated with scientific panels to explore potential solutions. This project plans to install bank erosion countermeasures, construct wetlands within Virginia Lake to capture nutrients and combat the development of harmful algal blooms, and install a circulation system to increase the benefits of the constructed wetlands. All these measures are aimed at improving the overall water quality of the lake.

Strategic Plan Goal: Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Environmental Sustainability; Arts, Parks, and Historical Resources

Total Project Cost: \$6,000,000

CPF Requested Amount: \$5,000,000

Other Funding Sources: \$1,000,000 (20 percent) match required. Sewer Fund.

4. Regional Partnership for Local Street Rehabilitation

Summary:

The City of Reno partnered with RTC Washoe, the City of Sparks, and Washoe County to develop a joint proposal to fund local street rehabilitation projects. Please see attached from RTC Washoe, who coordinated the joint request, for a description of the projects and the funding breakdown.

Strategic Plan Goal: Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Environmental Sustainability

CPF Requested Amount: \$6,000,000 (\$2,000,000 for each local jurisdiction)

Attachments

- RTC Washoe – 2026 Congressional Directed Spending Summary