

## Federal Grants

Nevadans across our state work hard to provide health care programs, build and invest in our infrastructure, develop new technologies that make Nevada a center for innovation, and so much more. In many cases, these programs are supported by federal grant funding.

### WAYS WE CAN HELP

#### ➤ *Identifying Grant Opportunities*

There are many sources of grant funding, and identifying the right opportunities can be difficult. My staff is here to help constituents find the appropriate funding sources to meet their needs. My website and the Governor's Office of Federal Assistance are also helpful tools for finding grant opportunities. Please note that federal grants are not for individuals.

#### ➤ *Letters of Support*

Some applications require letters of support. If you are applying for a federal grant and need a letter of support, please fill out the help form on our website. It's best for applicants seeking letters of support to complete the form early in the process. Please present a summary of your application, a draft letter, and any information that you would like use to consider.

#### ➤ *Tracking Grant Awards*

If you have applied for a federal grant and need to inquire about the application status, we can help you get more information about specific grants. Please contact my office if you want more information about a specific grant award.

#### ➤ *General Assistance*

There is no one-size-fits-all approach for grant applications. If you have any issues or problems that arise during the grant application process, my staff is happy to help troubleshoot, brainstorm ideas, and answer any questions that you may have. In order to best serve you, please fill out the Grants Help Form on my website or email my staff. The Nevada Governor's Office of Federal Assistance is another great resource Nevadans can use in the grant application process.

## Community Projects

Community Project Funds are set aside by Congress annually. Instead of applying to a federal agency, Members of Congress request them on behalf of constituents. This funding is competitive - only 1% of discretionary funds are reserved for these projects.

### PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

Community projects must meet requirements associated with the federal program that the funds come from. Projects are subject to the same environmental, labor, reporting, and other requirements as competitive grants. The Senate Appropriations Committee determines the programs available for community project requests. Projects that can demonstrate readiness, community buy-in, and substantial benefit are most likely to be funded. One exception is the Senator does not accept requests directly from non-profit organizations.



### HOW TO REQUEST A PROJECT

My office accepts project requests on my website. Submissions typically take place in the first quarter of each year. Full instructions for submission are on the submission portal.

### HELPFUL TIPS

- *Discuss the project in advance with my staff*
- *Work to get matching dollars for the project*
- *Request funding amounts that can be expended in one fiscal year*
- *Contact the relevant federal agency to discuss the project's eligibility, environmental status, or other important details*
- *Review the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) associated with the relevant grant program*
- *Projects that are requested by the Senator are not guaranteed to be funded*

## Appropriations

My office accepts programmatic appropriations requests for federal discretionary programs. These requests can also include report or bill language - directing an agency to take, or not take, certain actions as part of the legislation funding their activities.

### COMMUNITY PROJECTS vs. PROGRAMMATIC REQUESTS

While a community project directs a federal agency to fund a specific project, a programmatic request asks the Appropriations Committees to fund a program in general.

For example, a programmatic request would ask that the EPA's State and Tribal Assistance Grant Program be funded at a certain level, while a community project would ask for a small portion of those funds to be spent on a wastewater system upgrade in Nevada.

### REPORT AND BILL LANGUAGE

Report and bill language accompany funding legislation and direct or encourage agencies to take, or not take, specific actions.

For example, a report might direct an agency to conduct a study of an issue or encourage an agency to implement already passed legislation by a certain date. Programmatic requests can include requests for bill and report language.



### MAKE A PROGRAMMATIC REQUEST

Senator Cortez Masto accepts programmatic requests on her website. Submissions typically take place each spring. Submission instructions can be found on the submission portal.

## Examples of Federal Funding Secured by Sen. Cortez Masto

### GRANTS EXAMPLES

- \$31 million to support Nevada public safety and victim services programs for police departments, courts, non-profits, and Tribes.
- \$14.9 Million to boost regional workforce system in Northern Nevada.
- \$2 million to Bridge Counseling Associates to provide mental health services to Nevadans.
- \$24 million for road improvements in Ely.
- \$12.9 million in projects to support economic investment in Las Vegas' historic Westside.
- \$107 million invested in private sector battery manufacturing to create jobs in Nevada.
- \$6.7 million in grants for affordable housing, double what Nevada usually receives.
- More than \$1 million to Nevada organizations working to support trafficking victims.

### COMMUNITY PROJECT EXAMPLES

- Las Vegas Metro PD - Technology Training Center Equipment - \$3 million
- Henderson - Workforce Training - \$2 million
- Ely - Central Ely Sewer Upgrade - \$3.3 million
- Carson City - Quill Water Treatment Plant Filtration Upgrade - \$2 million
- CCSD Social Workers - \$950,000
- Washoe RTC - Arlington Avenue - \$2 million
- Fallon - Highway 50 - \$1.616 million
- City of North Las Vegas – Police Officer Wellness Program - \$145,000
- Lander County - Austin Clinic - \$800,000
- Washoe County - Northern Nevada HOPES Cares Campus Clinic - \$2 million
- Nye County – Tonopah Child Development Center - \$1 million

## Need Assistance?

If you need assistance or have any questions about federal grants, community projects, or programmatic requests, you can reach out to my office for support.



### CONTACT MY OFFICE

- *Email my team for support*

For assistance with the grants, community projects, or appropriations, email my team at the following addresses:

Grants@cortezmasto.senate.gov  
Appropriations@cortezmasto.senate.gov

- *Visit my website*

Visit [www.cortezmasto.senate.gov](http://www.cortezmasto.senate.gov) for information and resources about how my office can assist you.

- *Call or meet with my office*

Sen. Cortez Masto has an office in Washington, D.C., as well as in Reno, Las Vegas, and a traveling mobile office for rural communities.

D.C. - (202) 224.3542  
Las Vegas - (702) 388.5020  
Reno - (775) 686.5750

### OTHER RESOURCES

- *NV Office of Federal Assistance - [ofa.nv.gov](http://ofa.nv.gov)*

The Nevada Governor's Office of Federal Assistance is a great resources Nevadans can use in the grant applications process.

- *Senate Appropriations Committee - [appropriations.senate.gov](http://appropriations.senate.gov)*

The Senate Appropriations Committee website is a great resource for Nevadans to use to help navigate government appropriations.

*Catherine*  
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