

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Notice of Funding Opportunity

AGENCY: Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, Department of Defense

ACTION: Notice of Funding Opportunity Number OLDCC-24-F-0001

NOTICE: The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-47) provides \$100 million for this program.

SUMMARY: This Notice of Funding Opportunity announces availability to obtain funding from the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation under the Defense Community Infrastructure Program to assist state and local governments, and not-for-profit, member-owned utilities in addressing deficiencies in community infrastructure supportive of a military installation. For purposes of the Defense Community Infrastructure Program, “Community Infrastructure” includes projects related to transportation; schools; hospitals; police, fire, or emergency response, or other community support facilities; and utility projects (e.g., water, wastewater, telecommunications, electric and natural gas facilities). The facility or project itself must be owned by a state or local government, or a not-for-profit, member-owned utility. The facility addressed in the application must not be located on a military installation unless it is on property under the jurisdiction of a military department that is also subject to a real estate agreement (including a lease or an easement) held by an eligible community. This Notice includes proposal requirements, deadline for submitting proposals, and criteria that will be used to select proposal respondents that will apply for a grant under this program.

Defense Community Infrastructure Program grants may supplement funds available under Federal programs administered by agencies other than the Department of Defense. Additionally, subject to statutory authority, the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation may transfer funds to another Federal agency for that agency’s award to state or local governments. School construction or renovation projects for a facility listed in the April 2019 “Secretary of Defense 2018 Public Schools on Military Installations Prioritized List” are not eligible.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- a. Federal Awarding Agency: Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, Department of Defense.
- b. Funding Opportunity Title: Defense Community Infrastructure Program.
- c. Announcement Type: Notice of Funding Opportunity.
- d. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 12.027.
- e. Key Dates: The Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation previously held a pre-proposal webinar on January 25, 2024, and will hold an additional pre-proposal webinar at 3 p.m. EDT on April 18, 2024, to review goals and objectives of this Notice of Funding

Opportunity and answer questions from interested respondents. Details about participation in the pre-proposal webinar are available at the Defense Community Infrastructure Program link (<https://OLDCC.gov/defense-community-infrastructure-program-dcip>). Complete proposals for Defense Community Infrastructure Program grants must be submitted to the funding opportunity number on Grants.gov by 5 p.m. PDT on June 17, 2024 (the Proposal Deadline). Proposals will initially be screened to ensure completeness and eligibility. Complete and eligible proposals from eligible entities will then be evaluated against the criteria in Section E. of this Notice. A final proposal ranking will then be provided to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Energy, Installations and Environment) for approval. Once approved, the listing will be provided to the Director, Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, to invite a formal grant application on or about August 8, 2024. All grant agreements must be issued and countersigned prior to September 17, 2024, to ensure the appropriated funds are obligated no later than September 30, 2024.

A. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Section 2391(d) of Title 10, United States Code (10 U.S.C. § 2391(d)), authorizes the Secretary of Defense to “make grants, conclude cooperative agreements, and supplement funds available under Federal programs administered by agencies other than the Department of Defense to assist State and local governments to address deficiencies in community infrastructure supportive of a military installation.” Community infrastructure projects are transportation projects, community support facilities (e.g., schools, hospitals, police, fire, and emergency response), and utility infrastructure projects (e.g., water, wastewater, telecommunications, electric, gas, etc.) that are located off of a military installation or on property under the jurisdiction of a Secretary of a military department that is subject to a real estate agreement (including a lease or easement), and are owned by a state or local government or a not-for-profit, member-owned utility service.

This Notice identifies the criteria established for the selection of community infrastructure projects. Proposals will be competitively scored across these criteria, identified in Section E., paragraph 1. of this Notice. Program funding at \$100 million is available and will expire if not obligated prior to the close of business on September 30, 2024.

Project proposals must include a letter of support from the local installation commander representing the installation benefitting from the proposed project. Letters of support must, at a minimum, indicate the benefitting installation’s need for the project, willingness to support the civilian execution of the project to the extent practicable, including assisting the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation with technical review and execution of any required National Environmental Policy Act documentation for the proposed project, and, where applicable, indicate if the proposed project is defense-related critical infrastructure. For proposals for projects that will contribute to the training of cadets enrolled in an independent program at a covered educational institution, the letter of support must include the support of an installation commander for an installation benefitting from the proposed project, regardless of the distance between the covered educational institution and the installation benefitting from the project.

B. FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION

Proposals will be competitively scored by the Defense Community Infrastructure Program Review Panel against the selection criteria provided in Section E., paragraph 1. of this Notice. The Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation will only accept proposals submitted through Grants.gov for the Defense Community Infrastructure Program through 5 p.m. PDT on June 17, 2024 (the Proposal Deadline). The Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation will then invite successful respondents to complete a grant application on or about August 8, 2024, based on their proposal's ranking by the Defense Community Infrastructure Program Review Panel. These applications will be invited in the order of the ranked proposals. If the program's limited funding precludes an award sufficient to support the next project in order of ranking, the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation will invite the applicant with the highest scoring project that can be supported with funds that remain.

In the event a respondent is unable to submit an invited grant application, or if it is determined that the invited respondent's application materially differs from the proposal that was considered and ranked by the Defense Community Infrastructure Program Review Panel, another respondent may be invited to submit an application as a potential replacement. To receive a grant award, an eligible respondent must submit both a successful proposal and subsequently submit an acceptable grant application that are materially the same in project scope and status of environmental compliance and permits.

No award under this program may exceed \$20 million or be less than \$250,000. The Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation will determine the final amount of each award based on the recommendation of a Defense Community Infrastructure Program Review Panel, the availability of appropriations, and the provisions of Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200 - Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 C.F.R. Part 200) in the review of an invited grant application, including consideration of the reasonableness, allowability, and allocability of the proposed funding.

Award amounts requested in a proposal may not be modified during the subsequent grant application and award process by the applicant. However, if the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation transfers awarded funding to another Federal agency pursuant to statutory authority, and if that agency charges a cost for the administration of the project, the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation may reduce the amount of funds available for awards to fund the reimbursement.

All proposed projects must be construction-ready and result in a stand-alone project that produces complete and usable facilities, improvements to existing facilities, or that completes a distinct, definable phase of a larger project which will be completed during the period of performance of the grant agreement. For a project to be viable, the applicant and subsequent Grantee must demonstrate throughout the term of the award that project activity can be completed so all awarded funds can be disbursed no later than June 30, 2029.

Recipients of grant funding under this program will be subject to grant terms and conditions while undertaking their project. Project cost overruns are the responsibility of the Grantee. The

Grantee's non-Federal project cost contribution for the project, if required, must be available to the Grantee prior to any funds being disbursed to proceed with the project.

If other Federal funding is required to execute the project, the Grantee must have a counter-signed funding agreement in place with the other Federal agency prior to submitting a proposal. Proposals relying on other Federal funding that do not have a counter-signed funding agreement with a Federal funding source will not be considered. Projects must be executed in accordance with an Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation-approved Project Development Schedule. The Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation may terminate an award for non-performance, including failure to comply with the agreed upon Project Development Schedule or with other grant terms and conditions, and/or where the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation determines the circumstances of the awarded project deviate from the information provided in the project proposal. All grants will be administered in accordance with 2 C.F.R. Part 200. Projects receiving Federal award funds are subject to compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. Grant proposers and applicants are responsible for providing documentation required to satisfy requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, Council on Environmental Quality regulations, and required Federal, state, or local permitting—environmental or otherwise.

Awards under this Notice will be issued in the form of a grant agreement, as described by Title 31 of U.S. Code, Section 6304 (31 U.S.C. § 6304), or if supplementing other Federal funds, through a funding mechanism used by the other Federal funding source.

C. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

1. Eligible Proposers

The Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation may award grants under this Notice to state and local governments. "State" and "local governments" are defined in Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, paragraph 1 (2 C.F.R. Part 200.1). The guidance in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, paragraphs 331 through 333 (2 C.F.R. Part 200.331-.333), prescribes how entities eligible to receive funding under the Defense Community Infrastructure Program may act as pass-through entities. For example, not-for-profit, member-owned utilities may receive funding as a sub-recipient to a state or local government, and projects owned by such utilities must comply with Federal Interest rules described in the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation's grant terms and conditions. Proposals must be submitted on behalf of any proposed sub-recipient. Any proposals submitted by a sub-recipient will not be considered.

2. Non-Federal Project Cost Contribution (Local Cost Sharing / Matching)

Except as provided below for projects in rural areas or projects determined to be advantageous for national security reasons, state or local government recipients must agree to contribute not less than thirty percent (30%) of the total funding required for the community infrastructure project.

State or local government funding contributions are not required for proposed community infrastructure projects located in rural areas, defined as a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population of not more than 100,000 inhabitants. Where applicable, proposers must: 1)

state explicitly in their proposal that the proposed project is located entirely in a rural area; 2) identify the city, town or unincorporated area by zip code in which the project is located as well as its population; and, 3) state that the proposer is not required to provide a non-Federal project cost contribution. The absence of a local cost share contribution for a rural area in no way adversely impacts the competitiveness of the proposal.

State or local government funding contributions are not required for proposed community infrastructure projects that are determined to be advantageous for reasons related to national security. In such instances, the proposer must assert in their proposal the basis for this reduction or waiver of the required cost share and include a signed statement from the cognizant Military Department Secretary (i.e., Secretary of the Army, Secretary of the Navy, or Secretary of the Air Force) attesting to the national security need/importance of the proposed project. The absence of a local cost share contribution for a project that is determined to be advantageous for reasons related to national security in no way adversely impacts the competitiveness of the proposal.

Proposals relying on debt financing for any portion of their project must demonstrate how any Federal Interest that is created through the proposed project will be preserved through any subsequent refinancing, foreclosure, or other actions that may change the purpose, life, and/or benefactors of the enhancement that was the basis for the Federal Interest.

All proposed projects, especially those with a proposed zero percent (0%) non-Federal project cost contribution, must ensure all associated costs are eligible (see paragraph 4. of this section). Proposals with ineligible costs proposed to be paid with grant funds will not be considered.

If a recipient intends to use both Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation funding and funding from another Federal agency for the same project, the funding contribution for the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation grant may not be used to satisfy a funding contribution required by the other Federal agency. Additionally, the ability to use other Federal funds as a non-Federal project cost contribution for this program will be determined by the authority and appropriation providing those funds as well as whether the relevant Grantor provides approval.

Any proposal relying on contributions sourced from other Federal funds that have not been awarded through a counter-signed financial award pre-dating the proposal submission will not be considered. All proposals including the participation of other Federal funds as a funding source must include with the proposal a copy of a counter-signed funding agreement with the awarding Federal agency.

If a local project cost contribution is required (or included as part of the proposed budget even if not required) for a community infrastructure project, notwithstanding contributions from other Federal sources that must be awarded and available at the time of the proposal's submission, a selected Grantee must show that local project cost contribution funding is liquid and readily available to the project prior to receiving grant disbursements from the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation. The proposal itself must therefore include evidence that the necessary non-Federal sourced funding will be available to execute the project prior to disbursement of Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation funds. Funding proposed as a source for the

local project cost contribution share must be incurred and expended either within the proposed project period, commencing from the date of award, or no earlier than the date of enactment of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, August 13, 2018.

3. Eligible Projects

Eligible community infrastructure projects are any complete and usable transportation project; community support facility (e.g., school, hospital, police, fire, emergency response, or other community support facility); and utility infrastructure project (e.g., water, wastewater, telecommunications, electric, gas, or other utility infrastructure (with necessary cyber safeguards)) that:

- are on land located off of a military installation or on property under the jurisdiction of a Secretary of a military department that is subject to a real estate agreement allowing the project or facility to be located on military property (including a lease or easement);
- support a military installation;
- are owned by a state, local government, or a not-for-profit, member-owned utility service;
- are supported by the installation commander representing the installation benefitting from the proposed project (please refer to Section D., paragraph 2., part C. for more detail);
- are where ground-disturbing work has not yet commenced; and,
- are construction-ready.

To be eligible, projects that will contribute to the training of cadets enrolled in an independent Reserve Officer Training Corps program at a covered educational institution must meet the requirements listed above.

Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2391(e)(1), the term “military installation” means a base, camp, post, station, yard, center, homeport facility for any ship, or other activity under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense, including any leased facility, which is located within any of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or Guam. It does not include any facility used primarily for civil works, rivers and harbors projects, or flood control projects, but it does include a military facility owned and operated by a U.S. state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or Guam, even though the facility is not under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense, if the Secretary of Defense determines that the military facility is subject to significant use for training by the armed forces.

Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2391(e)(6), the term “covered educational institution” means an educational institution with an independent Reserve Officer Training Corps program to train cadets that also meets each of the following criteria:

- (A) is a part B Institution, as defined in section 322 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. § 1061);
- (B) is an 1890 Institution, as defined in section 2 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. § 7601);

- (C) is not affiliated with a consortium; and,
- (D) is located at least 40 miles from a major military installation.

The location of the proposed infrastructure project contributing to the training of such cadets does not have to be on the campus of the covered educational institution.

Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2391(d)(3), the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation will consider the information provided in the report on strategic seaports required by section 3515 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92; 133 Stat. 1985) when evaluating projects pursuant to the selection criteria provided in 10 U.S.C. § 2391(d)(1)(B). There are eighteen (18) strategic seaports: Port of Anchorage (AK), Port of Arthur (TX), Port of Beaumont (TX), Port of Charleston (SC), Port of Corpus Christi (TX), Port of Everett (WA), Port of Guam (GU), Port of Gulfport (MS), Port of Jacksonville (FL), Port of Long Beach (CA), Port of Morehead City (NC), Port of Oakland (CA), Port of Philadelphia (PA), Port of San Diego (CA), Port of Savannah (GA), Port of Tacoma (WA), Port of Virginia (VA), and Port of Wilmington (NC).

Proposed stormwater management projects involving retrofitting a defense access road to reduce stormwater runoff and ponding or standing water that includes the combination of stormwater runoff and water levels resulting from extreme weather conditions shall be given priority over other proposed stormwater projects, in accordance with 10 U.S.C. § 2815a(c).

Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2391(e)(4)(c), when considering military family quality of life pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2391(d)(1)(B)(iv), the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation will consider the impact of the community infrastructure on alleviating installation commuter workforce issues and the benefit of schools or other local infrastructure located off of a military installation that will support members of the armed forces and their dependents residing in the community.

Proposers are encouraged to highlight how/whether the proposed project supports broader efforts towards minimizing potential interruptions to the installation mission, including energy resilience, and other efforts to better sustain the installation mission. In addition, proposers are encouraged to address the extent to which the project incorporates energy efficiency and/or carbon reduction measures.

Proposers are also encouraged to highlight how/whether the proposed project may be “Defense Critical Infrastructure,” or a non-Department of Defense networked infrastructure asset or facility essential to project, support, and sustain military forces and operations. This includes projects that support systems and assets, whether physical or virtual, where impairment of such systems and/or assets would have a debilitating impact on mission readiness. Please refer to Section D., paragraph 2., parts A., B. and C. for where and how to reference the defense-related critical infrastructure proposed.

If real property is improved and/or personal property, equipment, or supplies are acquired or improved under an award or sub-award, the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation may maintain a “Federal Interest.” This Federal Interest will be derived from the Federal share

of the total project costs, the current fair market value of the property (if encumbered), and any improvements. This will be addressed in the terms and conditions of the award.

4. Eligible Costs

Project proposals must ensure all associated costs are eligible for Defense Community Infrastructure Program funding. Proposals with ineligible costs, including site acquisition (i.e., the purchase of real property) and soft costs, that are proposed to be paid with grant funds will not be considered.

As detailed in Section D., paragraph 2., part H., eligible costs include only hard construction and renovation costs, such as the costs directly associated with project administration, inspection, construction, utilities, and contingency costs required to execute the project, as well as costs of capital equipment affixed to the real property with a depreciable life of not less than seven (7) years. Soft costs, such as those required for planning, design, permitting, and meeting requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act must be funded by non-Federal project cost contribution funds. Construction contingency costs are limited to no more than fifteen percent (15%) of the proposed project. However, all costs must have been incurred and expended either within the proposed project period, commencing from the date of award, or no earlier than the date of enactment of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, August 13, 2018 (including any planning and design cost claimed as non-Federal project cost contribution).

D. PROPOSAL AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

1. Application Package

Proposals must be submitted electronically as described in Section D., paragraph 4.

2. Content and Form of Proposal Submission

Each interested respondent must submit a complete proposal, including a completed Standard Form 424, through Grants.gov not later than the Proposal Deadline date (see Section D., paragraph 4.). Please refer to the instructions provided with the Grants.gov Notice of Funding Opportunity on how to complete the Standard Form 424.

A proposal may not exceed twenty-one (21) pages (single-sided, single-spaced with 1-inch margins, 11-point Times New Roman font), including all maps, drawings, and attachments. The unsigned Standard Form 424, the independent third-party cost estimate to validate the proposed project budget, and documents showing that the project is construction-ready and the availability of any other participating Federal funding do not count against this twenty-one (21) page limit. Proposals that exceed this twenty-one (21) page limit will not be considered. A proposal shall include the following information:

A. Cover Page: All submissions must include a cover page that includes only the information specified under this part, part A. of Section D. of this Notice. Submitters may access at their discretion a document to use for this cover page from this web link: <https://oldcc.gov/defense-community-infrastructure-program-dcip>

1. Proposing Entity Name & Contact Information. Include: entity name and primary point of contact name, e-mail address, organization address, and the organization's Unique Entity Identifier ("Unique Entity ID" obtained from SAM.gov).
2. Project Name. Name the proposal based on: city/county project location (including zip code + four), project type, benefitting installation (e.g., Johnson County Sewer Infrastructure Improvement Project for Fort Blue 44122-5555).
3. Enhancement Submission Type. Indicate the type of community infrastructure project benefitting a military installation (select only one): enhances military value, contributes to training of cadets at an independent program at a covered educational institution, enhances installation resilience, or enhances military family quality of life.
4. Critical Infrastructure. Indicate whether the submitted Military Value proposal includes a non-Department of Defense networked infrastructure asset or facility essential to project, support, and sustain military forces and operations. Note: This should only be indicated if the installation commander letter of support affirms the proposed project defense-related critical infrastructure.
5. Status of Non-Federal Cost Contributions. Indicate (select only one): proposal includes the required at least thirty percent (30%) non-Federal and/or another (non-Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation) Federal grant source project cost contribution; proposal does not include a non-Federal project cost contribution due to a rural location of the project; the proposal does not include a non-Federal project cost contribution but the project is advantageous for reasons related to national security; or, proposal includes a non-Federal and/or another (non-Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation) Federal grant source project cost contribution even though one is not required due to either the project being in a rural area or by being advantageous for reasons related to national security.
6. For projects that include a non-Federal and/or another (non-Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation) Federal grant source project cost contributions, indicate (select all that apply): all proposed non-Federal project cost contributions are currently available and under the control of the potential grantee; all proposed non-Federal project cost contributions are not currently under the control of the potential grantee but will be available for use on the project in time to meet the proposed construction start date; proposed non-Federal project cost contributions include funding from another (non-Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation) Federal grant source that has already been awarded (e.g., financial agreement signed as of the date of this proposal); and/or, proposed non-Federal project cost contribution will be used to pay for costs listed in the project budget that are not allowed to be reimbursed with Defense Community Infrastructure Program grant funds, such as design, planning, environmental, indirect, and other soft costs. Site or land acquisition, whether with Federal, local match, or some combination thereof, is not an eligible activity.

B. Installation Need: A summary of the installation need for the proposed community infrastructure project, and how the absence of the proposed community infrastructure project degrades military value at the military installation, the training of cadets enrolled in an independent Reserve Officer Training Corps program at a covered educational institution and resulting impact to the benefitting installation, military installation resilience, or military family quality of life at a military installation. Please refer to Section E., Application Review Information, paragraph 1., for how military value is considered and prioritized for all proposals. Information on the installation need must also include an assessment of the likely beneficiaries of the project (in addition to the military installation) as well as an assessment of the extent to which the total installation population of military service members (or, if applicable, cadets enrolled in an independent program at a covered educational institution) and/or their families will benefit (e.g., 0-100% of the population). Proposers should include information addressing how the project supports energy resilience and efforts to better sustain the local military mission, including an assessment of the extent to which the project incorporates energy efficiency and/or carbon reduction measures.

If the proposed project is defense-related critical infrastructure, proposers should describe the impact of the project on prevention, remediation, or mitigation of risks resulting from vulnerabilities of critical infrastructure assets. The proposal should capture a holistic assessment demonstrating how the assets or facilities are essential to project, support, and sustain military forces and operations and provide mutual benefit to the military installation. The installation commander's letter of support must affirm a proposed project includes defense-related critical infrastructure as noted in Section D., paragraph 2., part C. of this Notice.

Proposals supporting the training of cadets at an independent program must describe how the infrastructure project will contribute to the training of cadets enrolled in an independent program at a "covered educational institution," and the resulting impact to the benefitting installation, identifying in the proposal the specific covered educational institution and affirming each of the following aspects included in the 10 U.S.C. § 2391(e)(6) definition of a covered educational institution:

- (A) a part B Institution, as defined in section 322 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. § 1061);
- (B) an 1890 Institution, as defined in section 2 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. § 7601);
- (C) is not affiliated with a consortium; and,
- (D) is located at least 40 miles from a major military installation.

Proposals supporting a strategic seaport must meet the requirements of Section E. paragraph 1., number 1., (military value) and also identify: (a) the proposed project is listed in the report on strategic seaports in response to Section 3515 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92; 133 Stat. 1985); and (b) the strategic seaport where the proposed project is located. Additionally, as

prescribed in Section D., paragraph 2., part C. of this Notice (immediately below), all submissions must include a letter of support.

C. Letter of Support: A letter of support from an installation commander of a benefitting installation is required for all proposal submissions. For submissions other than those located on strategic seaports or supporting the training of cadets enrolled in an independent program at a covered educational institution, the letter of support must include: (i) the existing conditions at the local installation that the proposed community infrastructure project will address; (ii) assessment of impact to the local installation, should the proposed project not proceed; (iii) a description of the criticality of the proposed project to the installation's mission and/or operations; and (iv) the extent to which the project incorporates energy efficiency and/or carbon reduction measures. If the proposed project represents defense-related critical infrastructure, proposers must ensure that the installation commander is aware of, and the letter reflects specific support for, the scope of the entire project, including operational benefits or impacts, and that the installation commander is willing to support the community's execution of the project, which should include assisting the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation with technical review and execution of any required National Environmental Policy Act compliance documentation for the proposed project.

A letter of support for a proposed project contributing to the training of cadets enrolled in an independent program at a covered educational institution should come from an installation commander of an installation benefitting from the proposed project, which may not necessarily be an installation located near the covered educational institution, and must include: (i) the existing conditions at the facility that the proposed community infrastructure project will address; (ii) assessment of impact to the training of cadets enrolled in the program and the resulting impact to the installation, should the proposed project not proceed; (iii) a description of the criticality of the proposed project to the installation's mission and/or operations; and (iv) the extent to which the project incorporates energy efficiency and/or carbon reduction measures. Proposers must ensure that the installation commander is aware of, and the letter reflects support for, the scope of the entire project, and that the installation commander is willing to support the covered educational institution's execution of the project (including assisting the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation with any technical review and execution of required National Environmental Policy Act compliance documentation for the proposed project).

A letter of support for a proposed project located on strategic seaports should come from an installation commander representing an installation that would use the strategic seaport for mission requirements and must include: (i) the existing conditions at the port that the proposed community infrastructure project will address; (ii) assessment of impact to major force deployment operations, should the proposed project not proceed; (iii) a description of the criticality of the proposed project to the installation's mission and/or operations; and (iv) the extent to which the project incorporates energy efficiency and/or carbon reduction measures. Proposers must ensure that the installation commander is aware of, and the letter reflects support for, the scope of the entire project, and that the installation commander is willing to support the local community's execution of the

project (including assisting the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation with any technical review and execution of required National Environmental Policy Act compliance documentation for the proposed project).

An installation commander's signature on a letter of support is not prohibited under the Joint Ethics Regulations or Federal ethics regulations provided that the letter complies with and contains only the information requested in Section D., paragraph 2., part C. of the Fiscal Year 2024 Defense Community Infrastructure Program Notice of Funding Opportunity. The letter should indicate the installation's need for the project and its willingness to support the civilian execution of the project to the extent practicable.

In instances where a waiver from identifying a non-Federal project cost contribution source is being requested due to national security needs/importance as addressed in Section D., paragraph, 2. part N. of this Notice, the installation commander letter of support should include information on the status of the request within the respective Military Department.

D. Project Description: A description of the proposed community infrastructure project, including an explanation of how the project addresses the needs of the installation or cadet training through an independent program at a covered educational institution.

E. Project Engineering Information: A demonstration of the technical feasibility of the construction project.

F. Project Parties: Identification of other parties involved in the project, to include contemplated grant sub-recipients as defined by 2 C.F.R. 200.1.

G. Funding Sources: An overview of all funding sources, including non-Federal project cost contribution source funding, that demonstrates a firm commitment and unconditioned availability (including any eligibility of Federal funds to be counted as the funding contribution) to complete the project; documentation demonstrating that the requested grant funds do not supplant other available Federal funds; and acknowledgement that any cost overruns will be the obligation of the proposer. If other Federal funding is required to execute the project, the Grantee must include with the proposal a copy of a counter-signed funding agreement with the awarding Federal agency. The proposing entity must also state its capability to secure a surety bond (e.g., a bid guarantee, performance bond, and payment bond) prior to the commencement of construction activity as defined by 2 C.F.R. Part 200.326.

All proposals must provide an explanation why a proposed project is not otherwise eligible for consideration under any existing Federal program (including Defense Access Roads, Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity, the Economic Development Administration Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance, etc.). The Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation may contact these Federal programs directly to validate the depictions from a proposal.

H. Project Budget: All submissions must include a project budget that identifies the uses of project funding, including a total project cost, with major cost elements broken out for project administration, inspection, construction, utilities, and contingency costs. If the proposed project is part (a phase) of a larger project, detail must be provided on the status of all funding to complete the total project. Soft planning costs (i.e., costs that are not direct construction costs) required for the planning, design, and execution of the proposed project may be funded by non-Federal project cost contribution funding. However, all costs must have been incurred after August 13, 2018, the date of enactment of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019.

In addition to a project budget included in the twenty-one (21) page proposal, all proposals must include as an attachment an independent third-party cost estimate to validate the proposed project budget. The entity completing the third-party cost estimate must have no relation to the proposer or the proposer's contractors. The name of the entity completing the third-party cost estimate must appear clearly on the cost estimate, and the attachment must be titled, "third-party cost estimate." Proposals lacking budget detail sufficiency and without a third-party cost estimate will not be considered for funding.

I. Project Development Schedule: A sufficiently detailed project schedule must be included that explains the project execution strategy. The project schedule should identify milestones such as final permitting and compliance (including National Environmental Policy Act process), long lead time permits and approvals (specifically environmental), design and contracting, site control, start of construction, and end of construction. The proposer must demonstrate that the project can commence within twelve (12) months upon receipt of a grant; that the grant funds will be spent steadily and expeditiously once the project commences; and that the project can be completed no later than five (5) years following the obligation of Federal funds. Incomplete or inaccurate construction schedules will result in a proposal being removed from further consideration.

J. Environmental Compliance: Construction and ground disturbance may not begin for a grant project until the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation determines that the National Environmental Policy Act documentation is complete and is of sufficient quality to inform a reliable conclusion about the potential environmental impacts of the project. All submissions must include the following information related to meeting the environmental analysis and documentation requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. Submitters may access at their discretion a document to help describe preliminary environmental compliance and National Environmental Policy Act information from this web link: <https://oldcc.gov/defense-community-infrastructure-program-dcip>

1. A narrative describing how environmental analysis and documentation requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act have been or will be met in sufficient detail to support anticipation of a National Environmental Policy Act determination or finding.

2. Provide a list and completion status of all required environmental permits, authorizations, and approvals. If the processes to obtain these permits, authorizations, and approvals is not already complete, proposer must:
 - a. Provide a narrative and timeline for completing all required Federal or state environmental permits, authorizations, and approvals.
3. Any environmental narrative must:
 - a. Explain how all environmental requirements, including permits and review pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, will be completed; and,
 - b. Provide the names and relevant credentials for in-house or third-party consultant environmental professionals pursuing the permits and conducting the review.

The list, timeline, and narrative for environmental requirements should include all required consultation efforts for a proposed project, such as, but not limited to, National Historic Preservation Act, Clean Air Act, and Endangered Species Act consultations. As applicable, also list any other federal or state agencies involved or that have jurisdiction over the proposed project and describe coordination efforts with those agencies and their requirements for National Environmental Policy Act compliance, if applicable.

If awarded a grant, the Grantee will be required to prepare environmental analyses and documentation pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act implementing regulations at 40 C.F.R. 1500-1508. If environmental review was already completed by another agency or the associated military installation for the proposed project, this documentation must be of sufficient quality for the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation to adopt or otherwise use it for its independent determination under applicable laws. In addition, failure to articulate clear consensus on the federal and state/local environmental planning in collaboration with the associated military installation command is grounds for proposal disqualification.

Where applicable, include status on project compliance with other environmental laws that support but are independent of the National Environmental Policy Act process. These include but are not limited to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and Clean Water Act compliance permits. Records of consultations conducted in accordance with relevant statutes and environmental permits must be included with the National Environmental Policy Act documentation.

K. Planning and Permitting Approvals: Based on state statute and project type or size, some construction projects may require review and approval by other entities. If applicable, proposers must identify whether the proposed project is subject to inclusion in state, regional, metropolitan, or local approval regimes, or a certification from another agency (e.g., Metropolitan Planning Organization) of the inclusion of the project in any such planning document. The proposer must demonstrate that conformance with applicable state, regional, and/or local planning requirements is attainable within twelve (12) months of grant award and list all necessary permitting. Specific mention of long

lead-time permits to include Federal organizations and/or those requiring multi-agency consideration or approval (e.g., U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency) must be presented in the proposal within the context of this twelve (12) month period. Failure to identify all necessary permits in submitted proposals will result in a proposal being removed from further consideration.

L. Grants Management: Evidence of the intended Grantee's ability and authority to manage grants; for example, a summary of past Federal funding received, the existence of project staff with federal grant management experience that will manage the project, etc.

M. Submitting Official: Documentation that the Submitting Official is authorized by the proposer to submit a proposal and subsequently apply for assistance.

N. National Security Waiver Attestation (if appropriate): In instances where a waiver from identifying a non-Federal project cost contribution source is being requested due to national security needs/importance, the proposal must include a signed statement from the cognizant military department Secretary attesting to the national security need/importance of the proposed project.

O. Attachments: Attachments should be included in compliance with the overall application page limit as set forth at the start of this section.

Proposals must be complete upon submission. Proposals deemed to be incomplete will not be reviewed. To the extent practicable and subject to the page count restrictions of the proposal, the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation encourages respondents to provide data and evidence of all project merits in a form that is publicly available or verifiable.

3. Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM)

Each Applicant is required to be registered in SAM before submitting its proposal, provide a valid unique entity identifier (UEI), and continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal award or a proposal/application under consideration by the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation. For entities not currently registered with SAM, please be advised to allow two (2) to three (3) weeks to complete the registration process required to submit proposals or apply for funding opportunities. First-time entities applying for Federal funding must register at SAM.gov.

If an applicant has not fully complied with this requirement, the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation will determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive a Federal award and proceed to make a Federal award to another applicant.

4. Submission Dates and Times

The Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation will accept proposals through Grants.gov for the Defense Community Infrastructure Program through 5 p.m. PDT on June 17, 2024 (the Proposal Deadline). After being screened to ensure proposals are complete and are from eligible

proposers, eligible proposals will be scored by a Defense Community Infrastructure Program Review Panel to establish an overall ranked listing. The overall ranking will then be provided to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Energy, Installations and Environment) for approval. Once approved, the listing will be provided to the Director, Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, to invite a formal grant application on or about August 8, 2024. To receive an award, an eligible respondent must submit both a successful proposal and an acceptable grant application.

5. Intergovernmental Review

This program is covered under Executive Order 12372, “Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs,” to foster intergovernmental partnership and strengthen Federalism by relying on state and local processes for the coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance and direct Federal development. The Order allows each state to designate an entity to perform this function. The official list of those entities is available at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/SPOC-4-13-20.pdf>. Applicants located in states that provide a designated entity should contact the listed point of contact for their state for more information on complying with the state’s process under Executive Order 12372. States that do not provide a designated entity have chosen not to participate in the intergovernmental review process. Applicants located in states without a designated entity may submit the proposal directly via Grants.gov.

6. Funding Restrictions

See Section C., paragraph 3., for information on eligible projects.

The Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation may supplement funds available under Federal programs administered by agencies other than the Department of Defense. Additionally, subject to statutory authority, the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation may transfer funds to another Federal agency for that agency’s award to state or local governments, or a covered educational institution. School construction projects that would otherwise meet the statutory criteria for a “community infrastructure project” cannot be for public schools that are identified on the April 2019 Secretary of Defense 2018 Public Schools on Military Installations Prioritized List.

7. Other Submission Requirements

The Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation previously held a pre-proposal webinar on January 25, 2024, and will hold an additional pre-proposal webinar at 3 p.m. EDT on April 18, 2024, to review the Notice of Funding Opportunity and answer questions from interested respondents. Details about participation in the pre-proposal webinar is available at the Defense Community Infrastructure Program link (<https://OLDCC.gov/defense-community-infrastructure-program-dcip>).

E. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

1. Selection Criteria

10 U.S.C. § 2391(d)(1)(B) requires that proposed community infrastructure projects be selected in the following order of priority:

1. Projects that will enhance military value at a military installation, taking into account the four military value criteria provided below in this section;
2. Projects that will contribute to the training of cadets enrolled in an independent program at a covered educational institution;
3. Projects that will enhance military installation resilience, as defined in the statute; and,
4. Projects that will enhance military family quality of life at an installation, taking into consideration the factors described below in this section.

Because proposals for community infrastructure projects that enhance military value at a military installation will be prioritized over all other proposals, if proposals state that the proposed project enhances military value, those proposals will be evaluated first based on the substantive explanation of how the proposed project enhances military value based on the four (4) military value criteria presented below. Proposals that neither identify a military value enhancement submission type (see Section D., paragraph 2., part A., item 3. of this Notice) nor specify how the proposed project enhances military value based on each of those four (4) military value criteria will be evaluated against the remaining priorities, based on how well the project contributes to the training of cadets at a covered educational institution (if applicable), enhances installation resilience or military family quality of life, as detailed below in subsections ii. through iv., respectively, of criterion a) of these selection criteria.

The selection criteria, with relative weights (the more responsive the proposal is to a need in these areas, the higher the score), are:

a) Prioritization of Defense Community Infrastructure Program Enhancement.

- i. Projects to enhance military value: Proposals will be evaluated based on their evidence that the proposed project will enhance each of the following four (4) military value criteria as provided in section 3002 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002, and as published in 69 Federal Register 6948 (February 12, 2004):
 - 1) the current and future mission capabilities and the impact on operational readiness of the Department of Defense's total force, including impact on joint warfighting, training and readiness;
 - 2) the availability and condition of land, facilities and associated airspace (including training areas suitable for maneuver by ground, naval, or air forces throughout a diversity of climate terrain areas and staging areas for use of the Armed Forces in homeland defense missions) at both existing and potential receiving locations;
 - 3) the ability to accommodate contingency, mobilization, and future total force requirements at both existing and potential receiving locations to support operations and training; and,

- 4) the cost of operations and manpower implications.

Should a proposed project be determined not to substantively enhance at least three (3) of the four (4) aforementioned four (4) military value criteria, the Defense Community Infrastructure Program Review Panel will evaluate those proposals against parts ii. through iv. of criterion a), as provided below.

Proposals that enhance military value and are identified as defense-related critical infrastructure will be evaluated based on their evidence of supporting Department of Defense and non-Department of Defense networked assets and facilities essential to project, support, and sustain military forces and operations worldwide.

- ii. Projects that will contribute to the training of cadets enrolled in an independent Reserve Officer Training Corps program at a covered educational institution: proposals will be evaluated based on their evidence that the infrastructure project will contribute to the training of cadets enrolled in an independent program at a covered educational institution and the evidence that the project supports an installation. The location of the proposed infrastructure project contributing to the training of such cadets does not necessarily have to be on the campus of the covered educational institution. However, the project must be tied to a specific, eligible independent cadet program at a covered educational institution and support a military installation.

- iii. Projects to enhance installation resilience: proposals will be evaluated based on their evidence that the proposed project will enhance military installation resilience. As defined in 10 U.S.C. § 101(e)(8), the term “military installation resilience” means, “the capability of a military installation to avoid, prepare for, minimize the effect of, adapt to, and recover from extreme weather events, or from anticipated or unanticipated changes in environmental conditions, that do, or have the potential to, adversely affect the military installation or essential transportation, logistical, or other necessary resources outside of the military installation that are necessary in order to maintain, improve, or rapidly reestablish installation mission assurance and mission-essential functions.”

- iv. Projects to enhance military family quality of life: proposals will be evaluated based on their evidence that the proposed project will enhance military family quality of life, alleviate installation commuter workforce issues and benefit schools or other local infrastructure that will support members of the armed forces and their dependents residing in the community.

Scoring:

- i. First Priority: Projects that will enhance military value. (40 - 45 points)
Assessment of project as defense-related critical infrastructure by Assistant Secretary of Defense for Defense Continuity and Mission Assurance. (+ 5 points)
- ii. Second Priority: Projects that will contribute to the training of cadets enrolled in an independent program at a covered educational institution. (34 - 39 points)

- iii. Third Priority: Projects that will enhance installation resilience. (28 - 33 points)
 - iv. Fourth Priority: Projects that will enhance military family quality of life. (22 - 27 points)
- b) The Construction-Readiness of the Project. (1 - 30 points)
- Proposals will be evaluated based on their evidence to commence construction within twelve (12) months of funding, including necessary final design and planning, development of bid solicitation documentation, completed Federal and state/local environmental permits and authorizations, completed National Environmental Policy Act process, site control, and completed local permitting actions. Proposals must provide detail regarding the: (i) proposed project development schedule evidencing ability to commence construction within twelve (12) months of grant award; (ii) budget sufficiency, including the immediate, unconditional availability of all funding sources; and, (iii) reasonable, allowable, and allocable project budget, including costs that are validated by an independent third party.

The Defense Community Infrastructure Program Review Panel will assign points within a range of zero (0) to five (5) for each of the following six (6) elements of construction-readiness:

1. Final design, planning and permitting. Proposals must provide detail on the status of design, planning and permitting that demonstrates the necessary progress to ensure construction commences within one year of funding. All permitting required to proceed with ground-disturbing construction must be listed.
 2. Development of bid solicitation documentation. Proposals must include a third-party cost estimate in accordance with Section D., paragraph 2., part H.
 3. Federal and state/local environmental planning. Proposals must include a status of Federal and state/local environmental planning as described in Section D., paragraph 2., part J.
 4. Site control. Proposals must provide details on the status of site control for the life of the investment, specifically legal documentation such as easements, lease agreements, deeds, or the necessary progress to ensure construction commences within one year of funding.
 5. Availability of all funding sources. Proposals must provide detail regarding immediate and unconditional availability of all project funding; specifically, any non-Federal (local) and/or additional Federal funding project cost contribution funding.
 6. Budget sufficiency. Proposals must provide a reasonable, allowable, and allocable project budget that demonstrates an understanding of eligible costs as referenced in Section C., paragraph 4. and should include costs that are validated by an independent third party.
- c) Assessment of Project Need. (0 - 20 points)
- Proposed projects will be assessed based on their applicability to the factors listed in Section E., paragraph 1., criterion a), factoring in the assessment of the installation

commander's letter of support on (i) the existing conditions, (ii) impact should the project not proceed, (iii) how the proposed project affects installation or program mission and/or operations, and (iv) where applicable, the extent to which the project incorporates energy efficiency and/or carbon reduction measures.

2. Scoring Considerations

Projects that would score in more than one enhancement submission type will be assigned the score associated with the highest value enhancement, but only one value may be assigned for each criterion. Total points available for high, medium and low enhancement scores will vary based on the verified primary enhancement submission type.

3. Review and Selection Process

All proposals received by the Proposal Deadline will undergo an initial screening for completeness and responsiveness to this Notice. All proposals submitted as defense-related critical infrastructure will undergo validation by a designee from the Office of Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Defense Continuity and Mission Assurance (the Mission Assurance office). Concurrently, a cross-Department of Defense/Military Service Military Value Assessment Panel (exclusive of Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation participation) will conduct a military value assessment by reviewing proposal content in response only to criterion a) of Section E., paragraph 1. of this Notice. Proposals determined to represent a military value enhancement submission type will receive a score from the Military Value Assessment Panel and then be referred to the Defense Community Infrastructure Program Review Panel, to include Department of Defense and Military Department staff with technical proficiencies and relevant experience, for scoring against criteria b) and c). All other proposals that do not enhance military value will be referred to the Defense Community Infrastructure Program Review Panel for scoring against parts ii. through iv. of criterion a), before being scored against criteria b) and c) of Section E., paragraph 1. of this Notice.

A final proposal ranking will then be provided to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Energy, Installations and Environment) for approval. Once approved, the listing will be provided to the Director, Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, to invite a formal grant application consistent with the ranked proposals on or about August 8, 2024, and award funding for successfully submitted formal grant applications on or about September 9, 2024. In the event the program's limited funding precludes an award sufficient to support the next project in order of ranking, the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation will invite the applicant with the highest scoring project that can be supported with funds that remain. In the event a respondent is unable to submit a grant application, or it is determined the invited respondent's grant application materially differs from the proposal that was considered by the Defense Community Infrastructure Program Review Panel, another respondent may be invited to submit a grant application based upon their competitive ranking. Grant applicants (Grantees) will need to accept the terms and conditions of these awards prior to or about September 17, 2024, so the funds can be obligated prior to close of business on September 30, 2024. Members of the cross-Department of Defense/Military Service Military Value Assessment Panel and Defense Community Infrastructure Program Review Panel will be subject to a non-disclosure agreement unless released by the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation.

4. Awards Greater than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold

The Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, prior to making a Federal award with a total amount of Federal share greater than the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$250,000), is required to review and consider any information about the applicant that is available in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS), the designated integrity and performance system accessible through SAM.gov or at FAPIIS.gov (see 41 U.S.C. § 2313).

An applicant, at its option, may review information in the designated integrity and performance systems accessible through SAM.gov and comment on any information about itself that a Federal awarding agency previously entered.

The Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation will consider any comments by the applicant, in addition to the other information in the designated integrity and performance system, in making a judgment about the applicant's integrity, business ethics, and record of performance with/under other Federal awards when completing the review of risk posed by applicants as described in 2 C.F.R. 200.206.

F. FEDERAL AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

1. Federal Award Notices

In the event a grant is awarded, the successful applicant (Grantee) will receive a notice of award in the form of a grant agreement, signed by the Director, Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (Grantor), on behalf of the Department of Defense. The grant agreement will be transmitted electronically. Grants must be awarded and the Grantee must accept the terms and condition of an award prior to or about September 17, 2024, so the funds can be obligated prior to close of business on September 30, 2024. Once obligated, the funding remains available for expenses within five (5) years from the date of award, as approved by the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation in the grant terms and conditions. To support this timeline, no grant awards will support construction completion beyond June 30, 2029. Grantees will need to ensure Federal fund drawdowns are proportional to the non-Federal project cost contribution portion for the total approved project budget.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

A Grantee receiving funds under this opportunity and any consultant or pass-thru entity operating under the terms of a grant shall comply with all Federal, State, and local laws applicable to its activities. Federal regulations that will apply to an Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation grant include administrative requirements and provisions governing allowable costs as stated in:

- 2 C.F.R. Part 200, “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards”
- 2 C.F.R. Part 25, “Universal Identifier and System for Award Management”
- 2 C.F.R. Part 170, “Reporting Sub-award and Executive Compensation Information”
- 2 C.F.R. Part 184, “Buy America Preferences for Infrastructure Projects”

- 2 C.F.R. Part 1104 to 1138, Department of Defense
- 32 C.F.R. Part 28, “New Restrictions on Lobbying”
- Additional requirements include compliance with: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), National Historic Preservation Act, and the Build America, Buy America Act included under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58) signed into law on November 15, 2021. Pursuant to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act:
 - Recipients of an award of Federal financial assistance from a program for infrastructure are hereby notified that none of the funds provided under this award may be used for a project for infrastructure unless:
 - All iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States.
 - Specifically, all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.
 - All manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States.
 - Specifically, the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States; and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent (55%) of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation.
 - All construction materials are manufactured in the United States.
 - Specifically, all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States.
 - The Buy America preference only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. As such, it does not apply to tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought to the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project. Nor does a Buy America preference apply to equipment and furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project but are not an integral part of the structure or permanently affixed to the infrastructure project.

3. Reporting Performance

The Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation requires performance reports in intervals no less frequent than annual nor more frequent than quarterly except in unusual circumstances, for example, where more frequent reporting is necessary for effective monitoring or could significantly affect deliverables. The Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation’s notice of award will include a schedule to identify reporting type, frequency, and due dates. All performance reports will be submitted electronically. The following provides the required criteria for construction grant performance reports:

- The Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation will rely upon on-site inspections and certified percentage of completion data to monitor progress under awards and sub-

awards for construction. The Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation may require additional performance reports when considered necessary. The Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation retains the right to make site visits as warranted.

- Significant Developments. Events may occur between the scheduled performance reporting dates that have significant impact upon the supported activity. In such cases, the Grantee must inform the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation as soon as the following types of conditions become known:
 - Problems, delays, or adverse conditions which will materially impair the ability to meet the objective of the Federal award, especially the agreed upon Project Development Schedule. This disclosure must include a statement of the action taken, or contemplated, and any assistance needed to resolve the situation. Non-compliance with the Project Development Schedule is grounds for termination of the grant award within ninety (90) days of that Project Development Schedule date resulting in the non-compliance.
 - Favorable developments which enable meeting time schedules and objectives sooner or at less cost than anticipated or producing more or different beneficial results than originally planned.

The final performance report will be due one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the period of performance end date. The final performance report must contain a summary of activities for the entire grant period. All required deliverables should be submitted with the final performance report. If a justified request is submitted by a Grantee, the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation may extend the due date for any performance report.

Awards including improvements to real property or acquisition of personal property will be subject to terms and conditions detailing Federal Interest requirements.

Federal funds obligated through these grant awards will not be disbursed until liquidity of the Grantee's approved non-Federal project contribution is evidenced; adequate performance bond for construction activity is posted; all signed sub-recipient agreements for any sub-recipient activity are provided; and site control is evidenced commensurate with the life of the improvements arising from the project.

Evidence submitted by the Grantee demonstrating completion of the project is also required. Examples of such evidence include occupancy permits, state highway permits, multi-agency permits, operational licenses and permits, titles, etc.

4. Financial Reporting

The Grantee will submit an Office of Management and Budget Standard Form 425, "Federal Financial Report," electronically to the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation. Submission due dates will be provided in the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation's notice of award. Interim financial reports are required annually. The final financial report is due one hundred twenty (120) days after the period of performance end date. Grantees will need to ensure their drawdown of Federal grant funds is proportional to the contribution share of the project total cost, ensuring contribution funds are expended proportional to the percentage of contribution funding in the project.

5. Post Award Reporting Requirements

The Grantee must comply with the post award reporting requirements reflected in Appendix XII to 2 C.F.R. 200, Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters.

G. FEDERAL AWARDING AGENCY CONTACTS

Please access the Defense Community Infrastructure Program link on the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation homepage (<https://OLDCC.gov/defense-community-infrastructure-program-dcip>) for general information about both the Defense Community Infrastructure Program and the proposal solicitation period. Requests for further information or for help with problems related to this program should be directed to: COL Sally Hannan, Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, 2231 Crystal Drive, Suite 520, Arlington, VA 22202-3711. Office: (703) 697-2206. Email: sally.c.hannan.mil@mail.mil.

The Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation homepage address is: <https://OLDCC.gov>.

H. OTHER INFORMATION

\$100 million in funding is available for this program. Any changes to the information provided in this Notice will be communicated to interested parties prior to the proposal due date at the pre-proposal webinar described in the Supplementary Information section of this Notice. Interested parties may also sign up for email updates about the Defense Community Infrastructure Program at this web address: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDODOLDCC/signup/14050>

The public information collections outlined herein are approved by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Control Number 0704-0607. Further details on the public burden of each of the information collections associated with this Notice of Funding Opportunity can be found in the notice below.

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AGENCY DISCLOSURE NOTICE

The public reporting burden for this collection of information, OMB 0704-0607, is estimated to average fifteen (15) hours (Grant Proposal), three (3) hours (Grant Application), and two (2) hours (Post-Award Reporting) per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering, and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or burden reduction suggestions to the Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services, at whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil. Respondents should be aware that notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if it does not display a currently valid OMB control number.