

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN JAMES (MI-10)

FY 2024 Community Project Funding Request Form

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Acceptance of a request does not guarantee submission to the Appropriations Committee. One request form per email, please.

Office deadline for Community Project Funding requests is 5:00 PM ET on Friday, March 17, 2023.
Forms received after the deadline will not be considered.

Note: Only non-profit entities, public institutions, and state and local government entities are eligible to request projects. Projects cannot be designated for private individuals or for-profit entities. Submissions must include proof of community support. The Subcommittee will only accept legally eligible requests under the following accounts:

- Department of Transportation - Airport Improvement Program (AIP)
- Department of Transportation - Highway Infrastructure Projects
- Department of Transportation - Transit Infrastructure Projects
- Department of Transportation - Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements
- Department of Transportation - Port Infrastructure Development Program
- Department of Housing and Urban Development - Economic Development Initiative (EDI).

If you have questions about the appropriations community project submission process, please contact our office to discuss. Completed forms should be returned to PolicyRepJames@mail.house.gov. Please delete all non-applicable fields when returning your request.

Entity Requesting Funds (legal name of the non-federal project sponsor, no abbreviations; non-profits must attach evidence that the organization is a registered non-profit under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986):

City of Sterling Heights

Primary Point of Contact (name, email, phone number, organization address):

Mark Vanderpool, mvanderpool@sterlin-heights.net, 586-446-2305, 40555 Utica Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Project Priority (if non-federal sponsor is submitting more than 1 project):

Priority #1 of 1

Short description of the project to appear in the report:

This project will reconstruct 4.5 miles of Clinton River Road from Canal Road to Hayes Road in the City of Sterling Heights. Clinton River Road is an important collector road connecting directly to major arterial roads State Route 59 and Schoenherr Road that are part of the National Highway System. The project will include the construction of a new paved bicycle/pedestrian path for non-motorized users, storm sewer and drainage improvements, utility relocations, and updated signage. Clinton River Road provides a direct connection for over 3100 households, to 2 High Schools, 4 City Parks,

multiple SMART bus routes, places of worship, and 4 major non-motorized trail networks, including Michigan's 2000-mile Iron Belle Trail.

Total Project Cost (including breakdown of federal/non-federal shares):

\$10,000,000 - Project Total

Requested Amount:

\$8,000,000 – Requested Amount

Sources of funding for the full share of the cost of the project if amount received is less than amount requested:

City of Sterling Heights

Complete Description of Project (limit 1000 characters, including spaces):

The reconstruction of 4.5 miles of Clinton River Road will transform, protect and enhance the quality of life for all by improving access to fair and equitable transportation. This multi-modal corridor project improves the pavement condition, roadway safety, and links together residential neighborhoods to SMART bus routes, abundant recreational opportunities, and high schools through bike lanes and sidewalk completion with mid-block crossings. This corridor connects to Clinton Township at the easterly limits and the City of Utica at the westerly limits that has unique destinations including downtown Utica, Jimmy Johns Field, and a canoe launch. The Clinton River is adjacent to the roadway and the project will include the latest storm-water management techniques to improve water quality of the river while preserving the natural watercourse habitat for wildlife and improving the rivers use for recreational activities.

The website address of the proposed recipient:

www.sterling-heights.net

Have you met with Rep. James and/or staff to discuss this project?

Yes, a meeting with Representative James was held on March 13, 2023.

What other funding avenues have been pursued by the requesting entity for this project (i.e. grants, budget increases, existing programmatic funding, competitive funding opportunities, etc.)?

There have been no other funding avenues pursued for this project.

If there are additional costs necessary to complete the project, have those been secured?

The City of Sterling Heights will provide the funding for the additional costs.

Does the entity plan to make grants to other entities from the funds provided and if so, to which entities?

No.

Why is the project a priority the community? Briefly explain the potential benefits to the community.

The Clinton River Road Corridor Improvement Project will significantly improve traffic congestion and safety for the 9,600 average daily users (source: SEMCOG) of this two-lane roadway that is past its useful life and in dire need of rehabilitation. The road project will benefit the over 500 commercial and industrial businesses in Sterling Heights within a 2-mile radius from the corridor and create an alternative means of transportation with a new parallel bicycle/pedestrian pathway for non-motorized users.

Has any funding for the project been included in any presidential budget and if so, how much, in which fiscal year, and in which agency or agencies and program(s)? Where possible, please also include a citation of the specific page numbers where funding for the project can be found in the presidential budget.

No funding for the project has been included in any presidential budget.

Has the project received federal funding before and if so, how much, when, and from which agency or agencies and program(s)?

No. This project has not received prior federal funding.

Since March 2020, how much funding has the requesting entity received through COVID-19 relief legislation, subsequent appropriations, and/or the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)? Have any of these funds gone towards this project, and if not, why? How much of this funding has been spent or obligated?

The City of Sterling Heights received \$19.8 Million in Covid-19 relief funds. All of these funds have been allocated to other priorities.

Please indicate whether you have submitted a request for this same project to any other Member of Congress. If so, please list the Members and staff points of contact:

No.

COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST CATEGORY QUESTIONS

DOT – HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Highway Infrastructure Projects are capital projects eligible under title 23 of the United States Code. Eligible projects are described under Section 133(b) of title 23, United States Code, as amended by title III of division A of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Tribal and territorial capital projects authorized under chapters 1 and 2 of title 23, United States Code, are also eligible.

All projects must be:

- Capital projects or project-specific design for a capital project.
- Supported by the state or Tribal government that would administer the project. Inclusion on a Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) would satisfy this requirement.
- Administered by public entities or Tribal entities.

The Subcommittee will not fund activities that are administrative in nature even if they are eligible expenses under the statutory citation. These include general operating expenses, and planning activities required under sections 134 and 135 of title 23, United States Code. Applicants should be aware that Highway Infrastructure Projects have a non-Federal cost share calculated on a sliding scale. The [cost-share](#) requirements are defined in statute and vary based on activity, location, and other factors.

Additionally, most projects will be subject to various Federal requirements such as competition in contracting, Buy America, and the National Environmental Policy Act. The Committee strongly potential funding recipients to reach out to their state departments of transportation to determine the eligibility and viability of projects.

- **Project Name (EXAMPLE: Main Street widening and resurfacing, City, State, Congressional District) and a brief description about the project and why it is needed?**

Clinton River Road Corridor Improvement, Sterling Heights, MI, Congressional District 10, The roadway is in poor condition with no current funding available. This Community Project Funding can directly improve the mobility and functionality of this corridor for over 3,000 households, 4 places of worship, 2 High Schools, 4 City Parks, access to 4 major non-motorized trail networks, and connection to State Highway M-59.

- **Amount requested for the project and total project cost (Provide the amount of the total cost of the project as outlined in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), if applicable.)**

- \$0 - Requested, \$0 – Total

The Clinton River Road project is not included in the SEMCOG TIP, but SEMCOG supports the project's inclusion in the TIP shall written notice of funding award has been received.

- **Type of project eligible under 23 USC 133(b) (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program); 23 USC 201 (Federal Lands and Tribal Transportation Programs); 23 USC 202 (Tribal Transportation Program); or 23 USC 165 (Territorial and Puerto Rico Highway Program).**

The project is eligible under 23 USC 133(b) (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program).

- **Estimated start and completion dates (Appropriated funds for these projects cannot be used for costs incurred prior to project authorization, which occurs when a project sponsor signs a grant agreement with or receives an allotment by a federal agency.).**

Start date: January 2024

Completion Date: January 2026

- **Has the request been submitted to a federal agency for non-earmarked funds, or to another Subcommittee or Committee this fiscal year? If yes, which one(s)?**

No. This project has not been submitted to any other federal agency or to another Subcommittee or Committee.

- Please provide a history of federal funding for the project, if any. Include both formula funds and any discretionary grants (EXAMPLE: FY20 TIGER/BUILD Grant: \$10 million; FHWA Formula Funds: \$5 million).

This is the first request for federal funding for this project.

- Does the project have other public (state, local) and/or private funds committed to meet match or cost-share requirements for costs related to construction, operations, and maintenance? If so, what is the source and amount of those funds?

Yes, City of Sterling Heights will provide the required 20% match for this project in the amount of \$2 million

- If the request does not fully fund the project, describe where the remaining funding comes from to complete the project (EXAMPLE: State funds will compose 10 percent of the remaining cost and previously identified federal formula funds (STBG) will make up the rest).

If this project is not fully funded the project has the ability to be phased to achieve the maximum benefit possible for the corridor and the surrounding area.

- Is the project on a STIP or a TIP? If yes, please provide a link to the plan.

No, The Clinton River Road project is not included in the SEMCOG TIP, but SEMCOG supports the project's inclusion in the TIP shall written notice of funding award has been received.

- Please provide the STIP or TIP ID Number and specify which plan the ID Number comes from. Example below.

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DIVISION 1		ROUTE/CITY COUNTY	ID NUMBER	LOCATION / DESCRIPTION	LENGTH (Miles)	TOTAL PROJ COST (THOU)		PRIOR YEARS COST (THOU)
<u>RURAL PROJECTS</u>								
NC 45 BERTIE		R-5809 H141741		HERTFORD COUNTY LINE TO WASHINGTON COUNTY LINE. MODERNIZE ROADWAY.	24.8	23589	2219	

Additional guidance on Community Project Funding requests for eligible accounts:

Proof of Community Support

All submissions may include but are not limited to:

- Letters of support from elected community leaders;

- Press articles highlighting the need for the requested community project funding;
- Support from newspaper editorial boards;
- Projects listed in state intended use plans, community development plans, or other publicly available planning documents;
- Resolutions passed by city councils or boards; and/or
- Other compelling evidence of community support.

March 17, 2023

The Honorable John James
Congressman, 10th District of Michigan
1319 Longworth House Office Building
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Representative James:

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, is pleased to support a funding request by the City of Sterling Heights, Michigan, within the "Community Project Funding Surface Transportation Block Grant Program" for the Clinton River Road Corridor Improvement Project to reconstruct 4.5 miles from Hayes Road to Canal Road. This multi-modal corridor project will improve the pavement condition, roadway safety, and link together residential neighborhoods to SMART bus routes, abundant recreational opportunities, and high schools through inclusion of bike lanes and sidewalk gap completion with mid-block crossings. This project will transform, protect and enhance the quality of life for all by improving access to fair and equitable transportation.

Clinton River Road is a major residential collector road – 9,600 average daily users. The road project will benefit the over 500 commercial and industrial businesses in Sterling Heights within a 2-mile radius from the corridor. This corridor connects to Clinton Township at the easterly limits and the City of Utica at the westerly limits that has unique destinations including downtown Utica, Jimmy Johns Field, and a canoe launch. The Clinton River is adjacent to the roadway and the project will include the latest storm-water management techniques to improve water quality of the river while preserving the natural watercourse habitat for wildlife and improving the rivers use for recreational activities. .

Furthermore, this project will enhance multi-modal connections to the largest redevelopment project in Macomb County. The Lakeside Redevelopment is located along Hall Road which is a vital economic corridor for all of Macomb County, and the continued transformation of Lakeside will lead to additional interest and investment in the corridor. This project is a billion-dollar redevelopment project that will include residences, parks, hotel space, retail, dining, and more. The development of the 110-acre site will reportedly positively impact the region by \$1 billion over the next decade. The plans include adding over 2,800 multi-family apartments (including 750 for senior housing), 150,000 square feet of retail and dining, 60,000 square feet of office space, and a 120-room hotel. The center of the concept is expected to include a large central park with shops, coffee houses, and restaurants.

The project is included in the SEMCOG long-range transportation plan and SEMCOG will support the project's inclusion in the TIP when written notice of funding award has been received.

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We strongly support our local community leaders as they work to replace critical infrastructure and improve the quality of life for the citizens of Sterling Heights and Macomb County, an area which is working hard to maintain and attract vital manufacturing jobs for which a strong functioning transportation infrastructure is a key criterion. I would greatly appreciate your careful consideration of this grant application by the Cities of Sterling Heights.

Please contact me at 313-324-3350 or oleary@semcog.org if you have any question or require additional information.

Sincerely,



Amy O'Leary
Executive Director



MARK A. HACKEL
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

MACOMB COUNTY
OFFICE OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE

MARK F. DELDIN
CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 16, 2023

The Honorable John James
Congressman, 10th District of Michigan
1319 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative James:

I write in support of a grant application by the Cities of Sterling Heights, Michigan, for a \$10,000,000 "Community Project Funding Surface Transportation Block Grant Program" for the Clinton River Road Corridor Improvement Project to reconstruct 4.5 miles of Clinton River Road from Hayes Road to Canal Road and construct bike lanes and complete sidewalk gaps with mid-block crossings.

This project will transform, protect and enhance the quality of life for all living in the community, as well as, those that come to recreate in Sterling Heights. This multi-modal corridor project will include new pavement; roadway safety; links to multiple residential neighborhoods; walking access to SMART bus stops; abundant recreational opportunities; and high school facilities.

This corridor connects to Clinton Township at the easterly limits and the City of Utica at the westerly limits that has unique destinations including downtown Utica, a minor league baseball stadium, and a canoe launch. The Clinton River is adjacent to the roadway and the project will include the latest storm-water management techniques to improve water quality of the river.

Clinton River Road is a major residential collector road – 9,600 average daily users (source: SEMCOG) of this two-lane roadway that is past its useful life and in dire need of rehabilitation. The road project will benefit the over 500 commercial and industrial businesses in Sterling Heights within a 2-mile radius from the corridor and create an alternative means of transportation with a new parallel bicycle/pedestrian pathway for non-motorized users.

Furthermore, this project will enhance multi-modal connections to the 110 acre property that housed the obsolete enclosed regional Lakeside Mall. The project, tying the new use with the old use of property is called Lakeside Redevelopment project. This conversion of shopping mall property into multi-use development is estimated to be over one billion dollars. The plans include adding over 2,800 multi-family apartments (including 750 for senior housing), 150,000 square feet of retail and dining, 60,000 square feet of office space, and a 120-room hotel. The center of the concept is expected to include a large central park with shops, coffee houses, and restaurants.

I strongly support our local community leaders as they work to replace critical infrastructure and improve the quality of life for the citizens of Sterling Heights and Macomb County, an area which is working hard to maintain and attract vital manufacturing jobs for which a strong functioning transportation infrastructure is a key criterion. I would greatly appreciate your careful consideration of this grant application by the City of Sterling Heights.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Hackel
Macomb County Executive

City of Utica

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March 16, 2023

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Congressman, 10th District of Michigan
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman James:

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This multi-modal corridor project improves the pavement condition, roadway safety, and links together residential neighborhoods to SMART bus routes, abundant recreational opportunities, and high schools through bike lanes and sidewalk completion with mid-block crossings. This corridor connects to the City of Utica at the westerly limits which features unique destinations including downtown Utica, Jimmy Johns Field, and a canoe launch at Heritage Park.

The City of Utica is located just across State Highway M-59 within minutes to Sterling Heights North Van Dyke Avenue District which is home to many local businesses and provides access to the Clinton River waterway and paved trail system that links both of our communities.

I strongly support and would greatly appreciate your careful consideration of this grant for our neighbor, the City of Sterling Heights, as they work to replace critical infrastructure and improve the quality of life for the citizens in Macomb County.

Best regards,



Gus Calandrino
Mayor, City of Utica



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Robert S. Monroe
Superintendent of Schools

March 17, 2023

The Honorable John James
Congressman, 10th District of Michigan
1319 Longworth House Office Building
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Congressman James:

Utica Community Schools is pleased to support the grant application by the City of Sterling Heights, Michigan, for a \$10,000,000 “Community Project Funding Surface Transportation Block Grant Program” for the Clinton River Road Corridor Improvement Project to reconstruct 4.5 miles of Clinton River Road from Hayes Road to Canal Road and construct bike lanes and complete sidewalk gaps with mid-block crossings. The City of Sterling Heights will contribute 20% of the total cost of the project - \$2,000,000 – as the non-federal match.

Clinton River Road is a major residential collector road – 9,600 average daily users of this two-lane roadway that is past its useful life and in dire need of rehabilitation. This project will directly benefit all modes of transportation for the nearly 1900 students and administration staff that attend Henry Ford II High School. Furthermore, this project will connect another high school in our district, Stevenson High School, to this corridor through the non-motorized enhancements and established paved pathways.

An important aspect of this project is the multi-faceted approach to improve public safety. Recently, a collaboration between Utica Community Schools and the City of Sterling Heights resulted in a jointly funded traffic safety study of Clinton River Road and Henry Ford II High School. The suggested improvement measures will be incorporated into the roadway design to improve student safety when entering and exiting school.

As superintendent of Michigan’s second largest school district, I strongly support and would greatly appreciate your careful consideration of this grant application by the City of Sterling Heights.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Monroe
Superintendent of Schools

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March 16, 2023

The Honorable John James
Congressman, 10th District of Michigan
1319 Longworth House Office Building
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Congressman James:

The Police Department and Fire Department are mutually in full support of a grant application by the City of Sterling Heights, Michigan, for a \$10,000,000 "Community Project Funding Surface Transportation Block Grant Program" for the Clinton River Road Corridor Improvement Project to reconstruct 4.5 miles of Clinton River Road from Hayes Road to Canal Road and construct bike lanes and complete sidewalk gaps with mid-block crossings. The City of Sterling Heights will contribute 20% of the total cost of the project - \$2,000,000 – as the non-federal match.

Clinton River Road is an essential two-lane artery cutting through our community, navigated by 9,600 average daily users, that is past its useful life and in dire need of rehabilitation. An important aspect of this project is the multi-faceted approach to improve public safety. Recently, a collaboration between Utica Community Schools and the City of Sterling Heights resulted in a jointly funded traffic safety study of Clinton River Road and Henry Ford II High School. The suggested improvement measures will be incorporated into the roadway design. Bike lanes, sidewalk improvements, and mid-block crossings are essential to ensure every one of our residents is safe while using this vital corridor for travel. Public safety will be greatly improved by allowing safe travel of emergency vehicles that heavily rely on this roadway as our only means of east/west travel in this section of our city.

We strongly support and would greatly appreciate your careful consideration of this grant application by the City of Sterling Heights.

Sincerely,

Dale Dwojakowski
Sterling Heights Police Chief

Kevin Edmond
Sterling Heights Fire Chief