# Community Project Funding Request Form

## General Information

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- □ DoD **(Accounts: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Army; Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Navy; Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Air Force; Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Space Force; Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Defense-Wide).**
- X E&W **(Accounts: Corps of Engineers – Investigations; Construction; MS River and Tributaries; Operation and Maintenance. Bureau of Reclamation – Water and Related Resources).**
- □ FSGG **(Accounts: Small Business Administration; Small Business Initiatives).**
- □ Homeland Security **(Accounts: Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants; Nonprofit Security Grants; Emergency Operations Center Grants).**
- □ Interior **(Accounts: Federal land acquisitions through the Land and Water Conservation Fund; EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants for certain water infrastructure projects; Certain State and Private Forestry projects within the U.S. Forest Service).**
- □ MilCon-VA **(Accounts: Army; Navy and Marine Corps; Air Force; Defense-Wide; Army National Guard; Air National Guard; Army Reserve; Navy Reserve; Air Force Reserve).**
- □ T-HUD **(Accounts: Dept. of Transportation – Local Transportation Priorities; Dept. of Transportation – Airport Improvement Program (AIP); HUD – Economic Development Initiative (EDI)).**

### Department or agency:

(e.g., Department of Health and Human Services; Department of Labor)

### Account

(e.g., SAMHSA; Employment and Training Administration, etc.)

### Are you aware of another Member making a request for the same project?

□ Yes
Request

Your request should be no more than five or six sentences in length and correspond to the format below. It should include a description of the purpose as well as a justification for why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds.

Name of Program (Name of Agency): AMOUNT for the PROGRAM, which [DESCRIPTION IN FIVE OR SIX SENTENCES]

Example: SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION - MENTAL HEALTH (Department of Health and Human Services): Provide $500,000 for a substance abuse treatment program in City, State, which will ....

ENERGY & WATER

CORPS OF ENGINEERS - CONSTRUCTION

Provide $2.6 million to construct a regional detention basin and upgrade sanitary sewer to mitigate flooding and improve water quality of Jordan Creek in Downtown Springfield, Missouri.

This project is a key component of Springfield’s strategy to revitalize Springfield’s center city by “daylighting” Jordan Creek and transforming it into an economic development amenity.

Once complete, this stormwater basin will increase flood storage and reduce peak discharges downstream, greatly minimizing flood depths and frequency of flooding through the City’s center city. This project will also replace 2,100 feet of shallow and broken vitrified-clay sanitary sewer pipe to reduce the frequency of sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) at and upstream of this project area.1

The City partnered with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on a Flood Risk Management Study for Jordan Creek in the early 2000’s, which identified five new stormwater detention basins which would have the greatest impact on flood control with the least amount of cost.2 Design is complete for this project, which is included in the City’s approved Comprehensive Plan and Capital Improvements Program, and the City is currently working to acquire easements.

Disclosures

Do you or your organization have any financial, business, or other relationship with Congressman Long, members of his family, or any member of his congressional or campaign staff?

☐ Yes

X No

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1 This project is outlined in the City of Springfield’s approved Supplemental Overflow Control Plan as a Targeted SSO Reduction project from FY2021-2025.

2 The study found the benefit to cost ratio for all 5 regional detention basins to be 1.8. The report concluded these five basins would result in an annual reduction in damages downstream of $800,000. The City constructed the first basin in 2016.
If yes, please provide details on the nature of the relationship.

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April 7, 2021

The Honorable Billy Long
2454 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Long:

As the principal advocate for business in the Springfield region, the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce supports the City of Springfield’s request for $2,600,000 in Community Project Funding for the construction of a regional detention basin and sanitary sewer upgrade to mitigate flooding and improve water quality of Jordan Creek in Downtown Springfield, Missouri. This project complements the Daylighting of Jordan Creek, which was identified as a priority in a Chamber-led community visioning process in 2018. “Daylighting” refers to removing the creek from its underground box culvert and returning it to a natural channel flowing through downtown.

During heavy rain events, Jordan Creek currently overflows its 1930s-era stormwater box, causing significant flood damage in downtown Springfield. The community has committed to a long-term effort to “Renew Jordan Creek” back to its natural state, designed with surrounding park space that can handle increased flows during heavy rains and serve as a downtown amenity during the times when there is no flooding.

Through the Chamber’s visioning process, business and community leaders identified the City’s Renew Jordan Creek efforts as a transformational project to continue the revitalization of downtown Springfield. Our abundant supply of clean water for industry, households, and outdoor recreation is truly one of the Ozarks’ greatest assets. This project will play a key part in bringing properties out of the downtown floodplain to facilitate further development and economic growth in the Southwest Missouri region, and ensure that the water flowing through and out of Springfield is cleaner than ever.

We respectfully urge your support of the City of Springfield’s request for federal Community Project Funding to help fund the construction of a regional detention basin and sanitary sewer upgrade to mitigate flooding and improve water quality of Jordan Creek. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Matt Morrow, President
Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce

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Photos: Businesses, residents clean up after flooding near downtown

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Heavy rainfall Sunday night gave way to warm sunshine on Monday afternoon in Springfield, but not everyone could enjoy it.

Many who own homes, cars and businesses downtown spent the day cleaning up from substantial flooding.

Areas near downtown and east Springfield saw 5 inches of rain in about two hours on Sunday evening, according to meteorologist Rob Frye with the National Weather Service, making some roads impassable.

"That much rain that quickly downtown where there is more concrete and less soil to absorb it, well you see what happened," Frye said.

Boonville Avenue just south of Chestnut Expressway was lined Monday afternoon with business owners pumping water out of their basements or bringing rugs out to dry in the sun.

Ron Leverenz owns Doughboy Military Collectables on Boonville. He said he came to the business on Sunday evening and stayed there all night trying to keep his merchandise away from the standing water inside.

Leverenz said some valuable military uniforms were damaged but he wasn't sure on Monday afternoon how much of his merchandise was lost.

Things were even worse below ground, where Leverenz had several feet of water in his basement.

“It’s gotten to the door before, but this is the worst,” Leverenz said. “It’s never come in before.”

Cheryl Torkelson makes jewelry at the Millet and Hammer artist co-op a few doors down.
Torkelson was using a squeegee to push water out of the building on Monday. She said most of the artwork was unscathed, but there was plenty of damage, especially in the basement of the building where shelves were floating on feet of water.

Ed Kuhlman is a roaster at Heores Coffee on Boonville. He said the business will be closed for at least the next two days as they dry out and sterilize the building.

Kuhlman said a computer, furniture and some documents were all damaged by the water that came into the building, but the coffee was not affected.

Kuhlman said he is from Louisiana so he is used to flooding, but cleaning up is never fun.

Around the corner at Campbell Avenue and Mill Street, a large portion of the roadway was washed away in the flooding. City workers spent the day starting to repair the damage.

Officials say one of the hardest hit areas was the intersection of National Avenue and Chestnut Expressway. On Sunday night, that area looked more like a river than a major thoroughfare.

Josh Boston lives in a loft near the intersection. He said he had several friends over on Sunday evening, and he looked out the window at about 7:30 p.m. to see all of their cars sitting in water up to the wheel wells.

Boston said he rushed outside hoping to move the cars, but it was too late.

On Monday, Boston and his friends had their vehicles towed away to be assessed, but he's pretty sure the 2009 Honda Civic he recently purchased will be totaled.

"It could have been worse," Boston said. "We had a bunch of friends over, so we made the best of it. It is frustrating; it takes time, but we're making the best of it."

The cars were only part of the issue at Chestnut and National. The dumpster from the Kum & Go was apparently swept across National Avenue before coming to rest against a fence in the parking lot of the loft building.

Chain link fences were knocked down near the parking lot, and several vehicles were swept sideways.

Still standing was a small sign that read: "This space is subject to intermittent flooding."

Erin Hedlun, spokeswoman for the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management, said Monday she did not have a dollar estimate for how much damage was
caused by the flooding.

Hedlun said Greene County residents and business owners who had property damaged during the flooding are asked to send an email with details of the damage, the address and photos if possible to info@greenecountyoem.org.

Residents can also report damage by calling 869-6040, but email is preferred.

Sunday was the first day of Disaster Preparedness Week, Hedlun said, and the flash flood event is a good reminder to be cautious during heavy rains.

“It’s important to be aware and be prepared, especially as we move into the spring, severe weather season,” Hedlun said.

The city said Monday the Springfield Fire Department and partner fire agencies performed 48 water rescues in the city limits at a total cost of just over $11,000 to the department in staff time and equipment costs. Many vehicles were seen trapped in the middle of flooded roads.

The Springfield Police Department says it received 176 calls for service between 6 p.m. Sunday and 2 a.m. Monday, many of those calls related to the weather events.

As of 5 p.m. Monday, the city said eight roadways were still closed in Springfield because of flooding.

Luckily, there were no reports of injuries or deaths associated with the flooding.

Flood waters had receded by the time many went to work on Monday morning, but there was dense fog in the area which complicated travel.

The forecast for the rest of the week is much calmer, with most days expected to be sunny and dry. It’s not until the weekend that the National Weather Service says Springfield could see rain again.

To report an overflow to the City of Springfield, call the Citizen Resource Center at 864-1010, visit springfieldmo.gov and click on “Report a Concern” or email city@springfieldmo.gov.

The City of Springfield posted on its website a list of safety tips for cleaning up from flooding.

*News-Leader* reporter Giacomo Bologna contributed to this report.
Cheryl Torkelson uses a squeegee to push water out from business Millet and Hammer on Boonville Avenue on Monday, March 14, 2016. Heavy rains overnight caused flash flooding in low lying areas.

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The interior of a car is coated with mud after it was inundated with water while sitting in the parking lot of lofts at Chestnut Expressway and National Avenue.

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Debris was pushed up against a fence of lofts at Chestnut Expressway and National Avenue.

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Water is pumped from the flooded basement of Doughboy Military Collectables as wet rugs lean up against the building on Boonville Avenue on Monday, March 14, 2016. Heavy rains overnight caused flash flooding in low lying areas.

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Water is pumped from the flooded basement of Doughboy Military Collectables on Boonville Avenue on Monday, March 14, 2016.
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Mill and Hammer uses fans to dry out the inside after floodwaters coated the floor on Monday, March 14, 2016.

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Cheryl Torkelson uses a squeegee to push water out from business Millet and Hammer on Boonville Avenue on Monday, March 14, 2016. Heavy rains overnight caused flash flooding in low lying areas.

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A sign on Heroes Coffee notifies patrons of its temporary closure on Monday, March 14, 2016 due to overnight flooding.

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Springfield Public Works crews dump gravel along railroad tracks on Mill Street after a flash flood washed away much of the gravel on Monday, March 14, 2016.

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