# Community Project Funding Request Form

## General Information

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**Please provide your cell number in case we need to reach you for an emergency.**

**Email**

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- [ ] Agriculture (Accounts: Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities; Rural Development, Rural Community Development Grants; Rural Utilities Service, ReConnect Grants)
- [ ] 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).
- [ ] 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).
- [ ] 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
- [✓] No

**Department of Housing and Urban Development**

**Economic Development Initiative (EDI)**
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 ....

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE: Provide $ ,000,000 for Missouri State University, in Springfield, Missouri, for facility improvements at the William H. Darr College of Agriculture.

The need for an agriculture workforce in Missouri is substantial, with more than 1,700 annual openings statewide for jobs directly related to agriculture. By expanding the William H. Darr College of Agriculture, MSU will work to meet the state’s agricultural workforce needs by expanding in four phases: (1) partnering with Springfield Public Schools to construct a K-12 magnet school at the Darr Agricultural Center; (2) expanding MSU’s animal science facilities by constructing a small animal education center; (3) supplementing crop and plant science facilities by adding a precision agriculture educational building; and (4) constructing a modernized livestock show facility to improve opportunities for students to engage with the university’s substantial cattle operations.

Justification: MSU’s William H. Darr College of Agriculture is one of the largest non-land grant agriculture schools in the nation. This project addresses the need to create job training and education opportunities in order to reverse the shortfalls of qualified graduates in the agricultural sector in Missouri and across the United States.
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

☒ No

If yes, please provide details on the nature of the relationship.

Name

Ryan DeBoef

Name of the Person Submitting This Form

Date

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Missouri State University
William H. Darr College of Agriculture

Summary

Missouri State University (MSU) requests FY 2022 Community Project Funding for facility improvements at the William H. Darr College of Agriculture. The planned facility improvements address the need to create job training and education opportunities in order to reverse the shortfalls of qualified graduates in the agricultural sector in Missouri and across the United States.

Goals and Objectives

Missouri’s need for an agriculture workforce is substantial. The state has more than 1,700 annual openings for jobs directly related to agriculture.

MSU’s William H. Darr College of Agriculture is one of the largest non-land grant agriculture schools in the nation. By expanding the Darr College of Agriculture, MSU will work to meet the state’s agricultural workforce needs.

Through this facility improvement project, the Darr College of Agriculture will expand in four phases:

- **Phase 1** – MSU will partner with Springfield Public Schools to construct a K-12 magnet school at the Darr Agricultural Center. The total cost for this project is $6.7 million and is being funded almost entirely by a generous contribution from the Darr Family Foundation. Construction for this project is already underway.

- **Phase 2** – MSU will expand its animal science facilities by constructing a small animal education center. The total cost for this project is $4 million. The Darr Family Foundation has contributed $900,000 to fund this project, and the university seeks funding for the remaining $3.1 million.

- **Phase 3** – MSU will supplement its crop and plant science facilities by adding a precision agriculture educational building. The total cost for this project is $2.5 million.

- **Phase 4** – MSU will construct a modernized livestock show facility to improve opportunities for students to engage with the university’s substantial cattle operations. The total cost for this project is $3 million.

Community Support Funding Request

Missouri State University requests $1,000,000 for the above-referenced facility improvements at the William H. Darr College of Agriculture.
Rep. Billy Long Questions for HUD/EDI – Darr Ag Project

Community project questions in the database for EDI:

**Project Name**

William H. Darr College of Agriculture facility improvements, Springfield, Missouri, Greene County, MO-7

**General description of the project and why it is needed**

Missouri State University (MSU) requests FY 2022 Community Project Funding for facility improvements at the William H. Darr College of Agriculture. The planned facility improvements address the need to create job training and education opportunities in order to reverse the shortfalls of qualified graduates in the agricultural sector in Missouri and across the United States.

**What are the benefits of this project and why is it a priority?**

Missouri’s need for an agriculture workforce is substantial. The state has more than 1,700 annual openings for jobs directly related to agriculture. Expanded job training and education opportunities are needed in order to reverse the shortfalls of qualified graduates in the agricultural sector in Missouri and across the United States.

MSU’s William H. Darr College of Agriculture is one of the largest non-land grant agriculture schools in the nation. By expanding the Darr College of Agriculture, MSU will work to meet the state’s growing agricultural workforce needs.

The project includes the following components:

- MSU will partner with Springfield Public Schools to construct a K-12 magnet school at the Darr Agricultural Center. Construction for this project is already underway.
- MSU will expand its animal science facilities by constructing a small animal education center.
- MSU will supplement its crop and plant science facilities by adding a precision agriculture educational building.
- MSU will construct a modernized livestock show facility to improve opportunities for students to engage with the university’s substantial cattle operations.

**Amount requested for the community project and the total project cost.**

**Community Project Funding Request:** $1,000,000

**Total Project Cost:** $16,200,000
Can the project obligate all appropriated funds within 12 months after enactment? If not, what would be the expected date of obligation?

Yes.

Estimated start and completion dates.


Has the request been submitted to another Subcommittee or Committee this fiscal year? If yes, which one(s)?

No.

Does the project have other public (federal, 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. Missouri State University and its partners and donors will be responsible for nonfederal contributions to the cost of the project.

Does the project require an environmental review? If so, what is the status and/or outcome of the environmental review and NEPA category of action (if applicable)?

Environmental review is likely.

Is the project primarily a service, new construction, rehabilitation, land or site acquisition, planning, or economic development project?

New construction and facility expansion.

Does the project primarily benefit persons of low-income or tribal communities?

The project will benefit low-income students.

Does the project impact beneficiaries of HUD’s rental assistance programs (owners, public housing agencies, service providers, or tenants)?

No.

Who are the community partners participating in this project?

Missouri State University  
City of Springfield, MO  
Springfield Public Schools, MO  
Darr Family Foundation

If the project includes new construction or land or site acquisition activities, does it comply with local zoning requirements?
The project complies with local zoning requirements.

Is the project included or supported by an identified priority area within the community’s HUD Consolidated Plan? If yes, please provide a link to the plan.

No.

Is the project intended to address issues related to climate change or resiliency, civil unrest, or inequities?

No.
April 8, 2021

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

Dear Congressman Long:

I respectfully urge your support for Missouri State University’s request for Community Project Funding for facility improvements at the William H. Darr College of Agriculture to enhance training and education in the agricultural sector.

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I respectfully urge your support for our request for $1,000,000 for the above referenced facility improvements at the William H. Darr College of Agriculture. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dear Congressman Long:

On behalf of the Darr Family Foundation and William H. Darr, I respectfully urge your support for Missouri State University’s request for Community Project Funding for facility improvements at the William H. Darr College of Agriculture to enhance training and education in the agricultural sector.

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John E. Jungmann, Ed.D.
Superintendent