



**Northern Illinois
University**

Congressionally Directed Spending

**Leadership Meeting
April 11, 2023**

What is Congressionally Directed Spending*?



- Excerpted from Cornell Law: "... a statutory provision ...at the request of a Senator or ... Member, of the House of Representatives ... authorizing... discretionary budget authority ... for an expenditure."
- Practically speaking: Federal funding sponsored by a Senator or Representative for projects in their districts.

*Also called Community Funding Proposals.

Open and Transparent



COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING PROGRAM

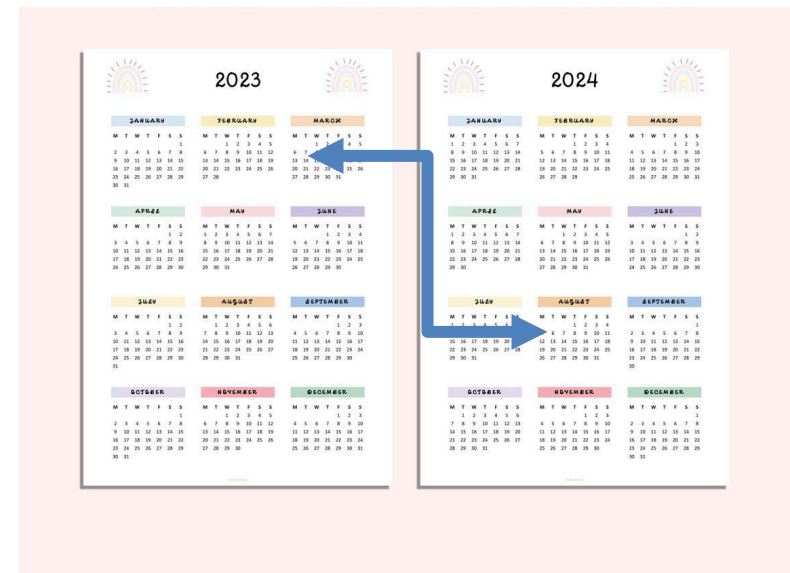
- ✓ Each House Member may submit **up to 10** project funding requests.
- ✓ **Limited to 1%** of overall discretionary spending.
- ✓ All requests must be **posted online**.
- ✓ Member must certify **no financial interest** by Member or immediate family.
- ✓ For-profit entities not eligible (**only government and nonprofits**).
- ✓ Priority given to projects with **evidence of community support**.
- ✓ GAO will **audit** sample of enacted requests.

Process



- February-March:
 - Solicitation
 - Internal Development
 - Submission
- Spring-Fall:
 - Legislation debated
 - Appropriation Committees approve requests
- Fall-Winter:
 - Appropriations approved
- Summer-Fall:
 - Agency Submissions
 - Project start date
- Outcome: Received two in FY22, one in FY23, submitted two for FY24.

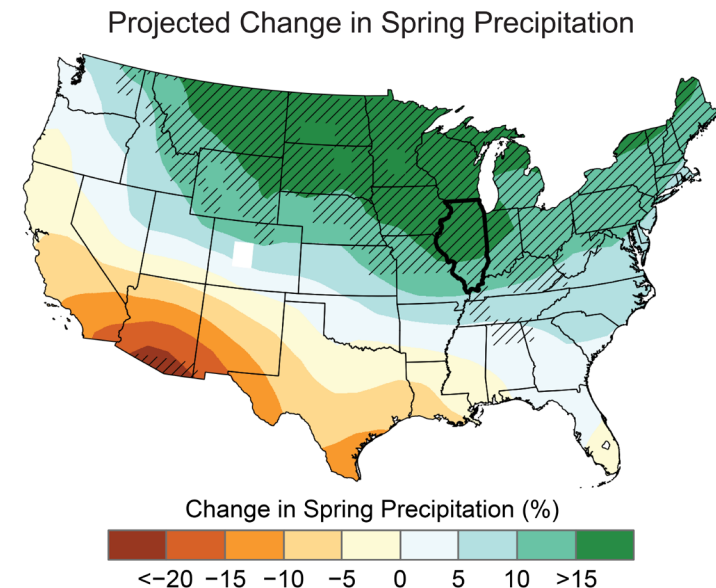
Represents a great deal of work in a short time by **project leads** and **Strategic Development Team**



FY22: Understanding and Mitigating Weather and Climate Risks to Agriculture



- Sponsor: Representative Kinzinger
- Agency: Natl. Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA)
- Funding: \$660k
- Overview:
 - Lead A.Walker, EAE
 - Interdisciplinary: EAE and Comms
 - Determine weather information needs of agricultural community
 - Provide sub-seasonal to seasonal and longer timescale insight into future weather perils



FY22: Northern Illinois Food and Workforce Development



- Sponsor: Senator Durbin
- Agency: Financial Services
- Funding: \$500k
- Overview:
 - OERD, RIPS, CLAS
 - Workforce Development
 - Neighborhood Empowerment
 - Community Health and Wellness

FY23: Fabrication and Training Facility for Semiconductor Chips, Advanced Electronics, and Sensory Systems



- Sponsor: Senator Durbin and Representative Underwood
- Agency: Department of Education
- Funding: \$1.5m
- Overview:
 - Leads: V.Korampally, M.Moghimi
 - Modernize Microelectronics Research and Development Laboratory (MRDL) by procuring chip-manufacturing equipment and develop related processes.
 - Education, serve local industry, and research



FY24: Expanding the Reach of Simulation Training to Ensure a Health Care Professions Workforce of Size and Skill Ready to Meet the Needs of Northern Illinois Communities



- Submitted to Senator Duckworth
- Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration (HHS)
- Funding: \$2.1M
- Overview:
 - Simulation technology to support the Health Technology Center
 - Virtual training environments
 - Mobile simulation lab



FY24: NIU LEAP: Proven Program to Upskill Teacher Aids into Special Education Teachers in Northwest Illinois



- Submitted to Senator Durbin
- Agency: Fund for the Improvement of Secondary Education (FIPSE, DoEd)
- Funding: \$2.2m
- Overview:
 - Fill special education vacancies in NW Illinois
 - Enroll and support teacher aides to earn a two-year bachelor's degree as special education teacher

Summary



- By focusing on needs of students and community, great success with Congressionally Directed Spending.
- Thanks to Strategic Development Team, have a well-developed and responsive approach.
- Two proposals funded in FY22 and one in FY23 for a total of \$3.1M.
- Two FY24 submissions totaling \$4.3M.

History



- FY22 Awarded
 - Understanding and Mitigating Weather and Climate Risks to Agriculture
 - Northern Illinois Food Workforce Development Initiative
- FY23 Awarded
 - Fabrication and Training Facility for Semiconductor Chips, Advanced Electronics, and Sensory Systems
- FY24 Submitted
 - Expanding the Reach of Simulation Training to Ensure a Health Care Professions Workforce of Size and Skill Ready to Meet the Needs of Northern Illinois Communities
 - NIU LEAP: Proven Program to Upskill Teacher Aids into Special Education Teachers in Northwest Illinois