

CONGRESSIONAL BRIEF

The New “Community Projects”

117th Congress

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“With visionary leadership and investment in our communities, we can unleash untapped potential across our Capital Region and help our people, businesses, and industries grow and thrive.”

❖ Paul Tonko

Unlocking America’s economic potential

- In 2021, the American Society of Civil Engineers gave America’s infrastructure a **C- grade**
- **27% of America’s roads** are in poor condition, costing drivers \$625 per year in vehicle repairs
- As many as **63 million people** were exposed to unsafe water more than once in the past decade
- **One in five children** lack high-speed internet connections needed to access virtual schooling
- Approximately **45% of Americans** have no access to public transportation

Federal investment spurs local growth

- Communities that invest in infrastructure attract new families, jobs, businesses, and opportunities
- In 2019, New Yorkers sent nearly **\$23 billion more to the federal government than they got back in federal support**
- \$1 of infrastructure spending can increase economic production in the short-term by \$1.50
- Public infrastructure spending increases production in the private sector by 17%

Congress is ready to invest in America

Community Project Funding

- ❖ The new “Community Project” review process is competitive, transparent & fair
- ❖ Projects were submitted to the House Committee on Appropriations for consideration
- ❖ Each member was able to submit up to **10 Community Project requests** for FY 2022
 - Submitted projects must be published on each Member’s official website including details such as funding levels requested and expected benefits or impact
 - Only non-profit organizations, public institutions and state & local programs and projects are eligible; projects are restricted from receiving most other federal funds

Congressman Tonko’s “Community Project” finalists for NY-20 would deliver vital investments in drinking water, broadband, renewable energy & more across our region!

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