

Congressman Juan Ciscomani

FY2026 Appropriations Programmatic and Language Request Form

This form is based on Fiscal Year 2025 guidance and is not the official guidance for Fiscal Year 2026 from the House Appropriations Committee. The information required is subject to change.

The deadline to submit programmatic request forms to Congressman Ciscomani's office is **pending** formal notice from the Appropriations Committee on internal deadlines. Please submit your requests as soon as possible and refer back to this form regularly for deadline updates.

This form is NOT for Community Project Funding (CPFs) Requests, information regarding CPFs will be made available when we have official guidance from the House Appropriations Committee.

Submit one form for each request. For example, if you are requesting a funding increase with supportive report language, submit two separate requests. Please do not combine requests.

My staff in Washington, D.C. are available to have a phone call or a meeting on any appropriations-related questions. Please call our office at (202) 225-2542 or email Gabbi Sheitelman at gabbi@mail.house.gov to be connected with the appropriate staffer for your request.

Required

1.Organization Completing Application:

Irrigation and Electrical Districts Association of Arizona

2.Requesting Organization Contact Information (Name, Affiliation, Email, Phone Number):

Ed Gerak, Executive Director, ed.gerak@ieda-az.org, 623-248-1374

3.Requesting Organization Mailing Address:

Irrigation and Electrical Districts Association of Arizona

PO Box 2583

Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

4. Select the Subcommittee of jurisdiction for this request:

Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies

5. Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies

Department of the Interior

6. Please identify the type of request:

NOTE: Each request requires an individual form, if you have multiple requests please fill out a separate form for each – this includes programmatic requests with language associated.

Bill Language

7. Description of Language Request:

Please give a brief justification for your request.

The request would direct the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to unlock and allocate existing stranded funds within the Colorado River Dam Fund for the operation, maintenance, cleanup actions, and capital improvements of Hoover Dam. These funds will help alleviate the financial burden on hydropower customers, stabilize energy costs, and ensure the dam remains a reliable and efficient power source for western states.

However, Hoover Dam's aging infrastructure requires significant upgrades to maintain reliability. Hydropower customers are contractually obligated to fund maintenance, repairs, and replacements, but they are also facing rising costs due to reduced hydropower generation caused by a prolonged drought. Unlocking stranded funds will help mitigate these cost increases.

Since 2000, approximately \$2 million annually has been collected from ratepayers by the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) and deposited into the Colorado River Dam Fund. These funds, however, have not been used by Reclamation for Hoover Dam maintenance. Meanwhile, the dam requires \$110 million in major plant investments over the next five years and an additional \$117 million over the following six years, all of which must be paid by its customers. We are seeking the inclusion of bill language to ensure that WAPA and Reclamation will utilize all ratepayer and Hoover contract funds for Hoover Dam project purposes, as originally intended under the Boulder Canyon Project Act. Unlocking approximately \$52 million in stranded funds will provide critical financial relief for hydropower customers while supporting ongoing operations, infrastructure investment, and plant improvements at Hoover Dam.

8. Previous Language Request:

Please list the fiscal year and provide the exact report or bill language as it appears in most

recent House, Senate, or Conference report:

N/A

9.Exact Language Request

Please include the exact language you are requesting.

“Sec. –The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to expend all monies in the Colorado River Dam Fund that were and hereafter are recovered on a non-reimbursable basis, for any authorized activity, including operations, maintenance, investigation and cleanup actions, and capital improvements, within the Boulder Canyon Project at Hoover Dam or on land used for the construction and operation of the Hoover Dam, in consultation with the Boulder Canyon Project contractors as identified in the Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011 (Public Law 112–72).”

10.Are you making this request to other offices? If yes, please list all offices receiving this request:

Yes, Senator Kelly & Senator Gallego's offices

11.Of the requests made by this group in this bill, this request ranks as priority [] of [] total requests:

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12.Why is the request a good use of taxpayer dollars? Please fully state your justification for use of federal taxpayer dollars:

This request does not utilize taxpayer dollars but frees previously deposited stranded funds at Hoover Dam for the purpose for which they were deposited; operation, maintenance and repair. The Bureau of Reclamation seeks Congressional authorization to be able to access these funds.

These funds would help stabilize the electrical rates that Arizonans are paying from Hoover, which has seen a reduction in generation of 48% since 2000 due to the impact from drought.

13.Impact on Arizona's 6th Congressional District and other comments/miscellaneous information:

Power from Hoover Dam is allocated to and assists approximately 90% of the privately held land in Arizona, including multiple Irrigation and Electrical Districts in CD-6.