

Why GAO Did This Study

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, and accompanying joint explanatory statement, designated \$9.1 billion for 4,963 projects at the request of Members of Congress. These provisions designate a particular recipient—such as a nonprofit organization or local government—to receive an amount of funds to use for a specific project. These provisions are called “Community Project Funding” in the House of Representatives and “Congressionally Directed Spending” in the U.S. Senate.

The joint explanatory statement accompanying the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, includes a provision for GAO to review agencies’ implementation of Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending contained in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022. This report describes the amount of funds for these specific provisions that have been recorded as obligated and outlayed as of the end of fiscal year 2022, as reported by the 18 agencies responsible for distributing and monitoring the funds.

GAO collected budget execution data—obligations and outlays—along with data quality information from each of the relevant agencies. These data reflect agencies’ recorded obligations and outlays as of the end of fiscal year 2022.

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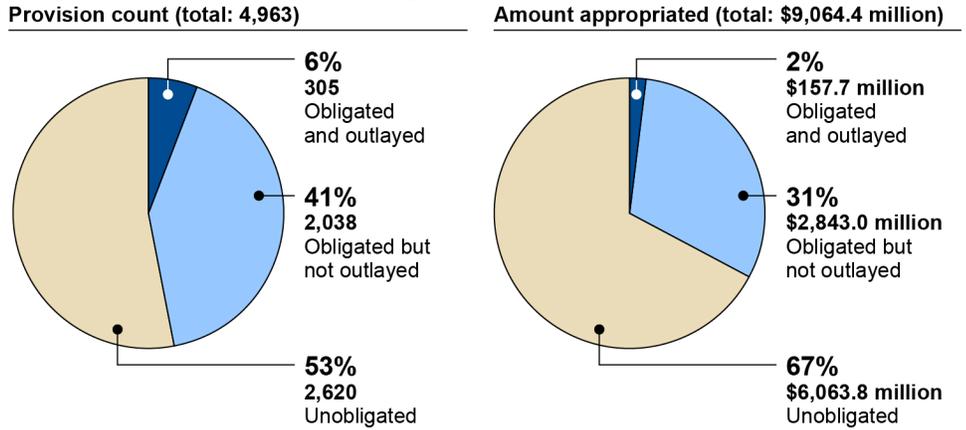
TRACKING THE FUNDS

Agencies Have Begun Executing FY 2022 Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending

What GAO Found

As of the end of fiscal year 2022, agencies recorded obligations (actions that create a legal duty of the government for the payment of goods or services) toward almost half (2,343) of the fiscal year 2022 Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending projects and made outlays (disbursement of cash) toward 305 (about 6 percent) of these provisions. Of the \$9.1 billion in total funds for these provisions, about a third of the funds were obligated, and almost 2 percent were outlayed.

Agency-Recorded Obligations and Outlays for Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending, End of Fiscal Year 2022



Source: GAO analysis of information provided by agencies. | GAO-23-106318

As shown in the table, agencies recorded obligations toward 99.2 percent of the provisions with one-year funding before the funds expired at the end of fiscal year 2022. Agency officials reported they were unable to record obligations toward the remaining 1 percent (13 provisions) because the recipient organizations closed, or the recipients withdrew their applications or declined funding.

Obligations and Outlays for Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending Appropriations by Period of Availability, End of Fiscal Year 2022

Dollar amounts in millions, and percents of row totals are in parentheses

Period of availability	Number of provisions	Number of provisions with funds obligated ^a (percent)	Total funds designated	Amount obligated (percent)	Amount outlayed (percent)
One-Year	1,634	1,621 (99.2)	1,909.4	1,884.1 (98.7)	91.4 (4.8)
Multi-Year	1,864	208 (11.2)	4,267.8	475.4 (11.1)	26.4 (0.6)
No-Year	1,465	514 (35.1)	2,887.3	641.1 (22.2)	39.9 (1.4)

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Note: Percentages are based on total, unrounded amounts of agency-reported obligations and outlays.

^aThis column indicates the number and percentage of provisions for which agencies reported they had either fully or partially obligated the designated funds.