

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CONSTITUENCY PROJECT IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE FEDERATION AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

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[ ] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

1	1. As from the commencement of this Act, there shall be a	Establishment of Constituency Projects
2	provision for Constituency Projects in the Annual Budget of the Federation	
3	by a minimum of 20%.	

4	2. The provisions of this Act shall apply, as more specifically	Object and purpose of the Act
5	provided for in the Act, and shall ensure that specific portion of the Federal	
6	annual budget is devoted to the constituencies for the purposes of	
7	infrastructural development, wealth creation and the fight against poverty at	
8	the constituency level.	

9	3.-(1) The list of proposed Constituency Projects to be covered by	Submission of Constituency proposals
10	this Act shall be submitted by the member of the National Assembly	
11	representing that Constituency.	

12	(2) The member shall submit the project proposal to the
13	Appropriation Committee for input into the budget.

14	4.-(1) The list of projects shall be submitted on Standard	Submission form
15	Constituency Projects submission form set out in the Schedule to this Bill.	

16	(2) All projects to every Constituency shall be listed in the Form
17	together with the amount allocated to such project.

18	5. For every project listed in the form there shall be attached a	Project Description Form
19	Standard Project Description Form set out in the Schedule to this Act.	

Project to be  
Community based

1 6.-(1) Projects under this Act shall be community based in order to  
2 ensure that the prospective benefits are available to a widespread cross-section  
3 of the inhabitants of a particular area.

4 (2) Any funding under this Act shall be for a complete project or a  
5 defined phase of a project and may include the acquisition of land and  
6 buildings.

7 (3) All projects shall be projects as defined under this Act and may  
8 include costs related to studies, planning and design or other technical input for  
9 the project but shall not include recurrent costs of a facility.

10 (4) Funds provided under this Act shall not be used for the purpose of  
11 supporting political bodies or political activities or for supporting religious  
12 bodies or religious activities.

13 (5) Projects may include the acquisition of vehicles, machinery and  
14 other equipment for the constituency.

15 (6) Environmental activities may be considered as development  
16 projects for purposes of this Act provided that the allocation to such activities  
17 does not exceed two per cent of the total allocation of the constituency in that  
18 financial year.

Number of  
Projects

19 7.-(1) The number of projects to be included in the constituency  
20 projects submission form shall be a minimum of five and a maximum of twenty  
21 for every constituency in each financial year.

22 (2) A joint project may be constructed for the benefit of two or more of  
23 the members constituencies subject to the approval of the National Assembly  
24 in those constituencies.

#### 25 IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS

Government  
department to  
implement

26 8.-(1) Projects under this Act shall be implemented by the relevant  
27 department of Government and all payments through cheques or otherwise  
28 shall be processed and effected in accordance with government regulations for  
29 the time being in force.

30 (2) Where a particular project involves several sectors and therefore

1 several Government departments, then the Government department under  
2 which the project is listed shall take lead in the implementation of the  
3 project.

4 (3) Where a project in a constituency involves the purchase of  
5 equipment, such equipment shall remain for the exclusive use of that  
6 constituency.

7 9. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

Interpretation t

8 "community" means residents of a particular geographical area or region  
9 defined as a constituency, location, sub-location or village and having  
10 common interests;

11 "constituency" has the meaning assigned to it in the Electoral Act, 2010;

12 "project" means an eligible development project as described in the Act;

13 "sub-project" means a complete unit or part of a project that can be put to use  
14 towards the achievement of the project objectives.

15 10. This Act may be cited as the Constituency Projects (Budgetary  
16 Provision) Bill, 2016.

Short Title

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to ensure that specific portion of the Federal annual budget is devoted to the constituencies for the purposes of infrastructural development, wealth creation and the fight against poverty at the constituency level.

