

U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell
Fiscal Year 2025 Congressionally Directed Spending Guidance

At this time, it is expected that the Senate Committee on Appropriations will be accepting requests known as congressionally directed spending (CDS) requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. CDS is a type of federal grant, with the primary difference being the recipients, amounts, and purposes are specifically listed in eligible annual appropriations bills. The normal rules associated with receiving a federal grant also apply to CDS, including non-federal matching fund requirements, environmental compliance, and in some cases submitting a grant application to the relevant federal agency upon receiving a CDS award. Please note that the Senate Appropriations Committee only considers community-initiated project requests for specific accounts and maintains a highly selective process for approving requests.

Please also note that the House of Representatives refers to CDS requests as community project funding (CPF) requests and maintains a different submission procedure than the Senate. For more information, please contact your relevant federal representative. You are encouraged to submit your project in both processes. For those who participated in this process for FY 2024, please note that those requests do not carry over to FY 2025. Projects submitted for consideration in FY24 may be resubmitted for FY 2025.

NOTE: As of this time, the Senate Appropriations Committee has not released updated guidance for FY 2025 and Congressional Leadership has not formally agreed to accept CDS for FY 2025. However, it remains likely that the Committee will continue to include them. Should this change, applicants will be contacted with updated information about the status of their application.

Only non-profits (501(c)(3)s), federal, state, local or tribal governments, or public institutions are eligible to receive funds. Construction projects for museums, pools, and parking lots are **not** eligible.

For questions or assistance – please email appropriations@cantwell.senate.gov.

Submission Requirements

- Only completed applications will be considered – please ensure all questions are answered in the application form including relevant sub questions required under specific programs.
- Applications must have at least two letters of support from the community to demonstrate broad community support.
- Applicants under USDA Rural Development’s Community Facilities Grant program must contact Washington state’s USDA Rural Development Office in advance of applying to ensure eligibility under the program.
- Applicants under FEMA’s Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program or Emergency Operations Center grant program must contact the Washington Emergency Management Division to obtain a letter of support affirming it believes the project is eligible under the program.
- Only authorized projects and programs will be considered for funding under the Army Corps of Engineers or Bureau of Reclamation accounts.

Fiscal Year 2025 Accounts

Note: Since the Senate Committee on Appropriations has not yet released updated instructions or guidance for the FY 2025 appropriations process, this application is based on the available accounts and information for the FY 2024 process. These accounts are subject to change as additional information is released from the committee. Should you submit an application under an account that becomes unavailable, staff will contact you directly to discuss.

Agriculture & Rural Development

- Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, S&E (APHIS)
- Watershed Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO)
- Rural Development, Community Facilities grants
- Rural Development, Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband grants
- Agricultural Research Stations, Building and Facilities (ARS)

Commerce, Justice, & Science

- Department of Commerce; National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST); Scientific and Technical Research Services (STRS); External Projects
- Department of Commerce; NIST; Construction of Research Facilities
- Department of Commerce; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); Operations, Research, and Facilities (ORF); Special Projects
- Department of Justice; Office on Justice Programs; State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance; Byrne Discretionary
- Department of Justice; Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS); COPS Law Enforcement Technology
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA); Safety, Security, and Mission Support

Energy & Water Development

- Corps of Engineers: Investigations
- Corps of Engineers: Construction
- Corps of Engineers: Operations & Maintenance
- Corps of Engineers: Mississippi Rivers & Tributaries
- Bureau of Reclamation: Water and Related Resources
- Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
- Office of Electricity (OE)
- Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (CESER)
- Office of Nuclear Energy (NE)
- Office of Fossil Energy (FE)

Financial Services & General Government

- Small Business Administration, Administrative Provision
- National Archives and Records Administration, National Historical Publications and Records Commission
- National Archives and Records Administration, Repair and Restoration
- General Services Administration, Federal Buildings Fund, Construction and Acquisition
- Office of National Drug Control Policy – Prevention Grants

Homeland Security

- FEMA - Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grants
- FEMA - Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grants

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

- WWI: EPA, Water and Wastewater Infrastructure
- HPF: National Park Service, Historic Preservation Fund
- SPF: U.S. Forest Service, State and Private Forestry
- Land Management Agencies, Construction
- Bureau of Indian Affairs, Operation of Indian Programs, Special Initiatives
- EPA, Science and Technology, Research: National Priorities
- EPA, State and Tribal Assistance Grants

Labor, HHS, & Education

- Employment and Training Administration
- Health Resources Service Administration
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (combining mental health, substance abuse treatment, and substance abuse prevention)
- Administration for Children and Families – Child Abuse Prevention and Social Services Research and Demonstration
- Administration for Community Living—Aging and Disability Services Programs
- Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE)
- Rehabilitation Services—Demonstration and Training
- Higher Ed—Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE)

Transportation-HUD

- Transportation Planning, Research, and Development (TPR&D) for transportation research projects
- Grants-in-Aid for Airports (Airport Improvement Program or AIP) for airport capital projects
- Highway Infrastructure Programs (HIP) for highway capital projects
- Transit Infrastructure Grants (TIG) for transit capital projects
- Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement Program (CRISI) for rail capital projects
- “Facilities and Equipment (F&E)” for terminal air traffic control facility replacement projects eligible under part A of subtitle VII of title 49, United States Code
- Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Economic Development Initiatives (EDI) for economic development projects

Account-Specific Guidance

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration

APHIS - Salaries and Expenses

- Must meet environmental review requirements (i.e. NEPA and ESA)
- Please know that several specific APHIS programs require cost-matches.
 - Generally speaking, APHIS comes with a 25% cost-match.
 - Grasshopper/Mormon Cricket – 50% cost share on state land, 33% of the cost on private land.
 - Brucellosis – 40% match by the state.
 - Wildlife Services – 50% match.

WFPO

- CDS recipients for WFPO must have a local sponsor. Eligible local sponsors include any State, political subdivision, soil or water conservation district, flood prevention or control district, or combinations thereof; any irrigation or reservoir company or water users' association; any Indian tribe or tribal organization.
- Require technical review from Washington NRCS office.
- 25% match.

Rural Development - Community Facilities Grants

- Require technical review from Washington Rural Development
- Full list of eligible entities, uses, and limitations can be found in 7 CFR Part 3570
- Up to a 25% cost share, which can come from other federal sources.
- Towns with populations over 20,000 are not eligible for this program.
- This program is subject to the Build America Buy America Act requirements which will apply to the total project cost, not just the federal cost-share portion.
- Rural Development (RD) will verify an applicant's population size from the 2020 Census.
- Funds may not be used to reimburse funds for projects already constructed/acquired or projects that will be completed by the passage of the final bill.
- Funds may not be used primarily for recreation purposes or primarily for business entrepreneur purposes.

Rural Development – Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband (DLT) Grants

- There is a flat 15% match (matching funds cannot come from another Federal source).
- Full list of eligible entities, uses, and limitations can be found in 7 CFR Part 1734 Subpart A and B.
- The maximum grant size is \$1,000,000.
- Broadband deployment is not an eligible use of funds for DLT.

Commerce, Justice, Science

NIST STRS External Projects

- Projects should address standards-related research and technology development. Refer to project examples from the FY2022/2023 process.
- Construction projects are ineligible.

NASA Safety, Security, and Mission Support

- Construction projects are ineligible.
- Medical research, Space Grant, and NASA-owned Visitor Centers projects are ineligible.

NOAA ORF Special Projects

- Projects should address fisheries, marine mammals, ocean, coastal issues, climate, weather, 4 atmospheric research, data acquisition, and forecasting programs.
- Refer to project examples from the FY 2022/2023 process.
- Construction projects are ineligible.

Byrne Discretionary

- Projects should provide additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice systems.
- For eligibility guidance, please see requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and the DOJ Grants Financial Guide.
- Funding cannot be used for land acquisition or construction.

COPS Law Enforcement Technology

- Projects should support development of technologies and automated systems to assist law enforcement agencies in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime.
- For eligibility guidance, please see the activities allowed under the COPS Office statute, the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and the DOJ Grants Financial Guide, and the applicable Award Owner's Manual.

Energy and Water

Army Corps of Engineers & Bureau of Reclamation

Refer to program requirements on the appropriate agency website. Eligible Corps of Engineers projects should have capability identified for FY 2025. For the Corps and BOR, the Subcommittee will only provide funding which can be executed in the year of appropriation, and therefore CDS eligibility is further limited by the capability of the agency to obligate the funding.

Department of Energy

The Subcommittee will **not** fund the following projects:

- Projects that require multiple years of funding.
- Construction of buildings or new facilities (no brick and mortar), even if it will have clean energy associated with it.
- Vehicle charging projects, unless the project is connected to larger clean energy sources (like a battery) or has clean energy applications beyond the charging station.

- Electrical substation replacement or routine grid upgrades that could otherwise be funded under ratepayer contracts or through existing federal incentives.
- Planning studies for a forthcoming project.
- Projects that do not meet statutory cost sharing requirements as required by section 988 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Research or development activities of a basic or fundamental nature: no minimum cost share.
 - Research or development activities of an applied nature: minimum 20% cost share.
 - Demonstration or commercial application: minimum 50% cost share.
 - Some projects may contain elements of more than one of the categories listed above. Therefore, some projects may have a blended cost share.

Financial Services and General Government

Small Business Administration, Administrative Provision

- Projects in support of small businesses, including but not limited to entrepreneur training, counseling, research, and construction or acquisition of facilities.
- ***Please note:*** *SBA CDS funding cannot be used to provide seed capital for small businesses nor can it be used by the CDS recipient to make grants/loans.*

National Archives and Records Administration, National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC)

- Projects that help ensure online public discovery and use of historical records collections, encourage public engagement with historical records, strengthen the nation’s archival network, or publish documentary editions of historical records.
- This includes initiatives like record digitization, programming, and online availability of records.

Office of National Drug Control Policy, Administrative Provision (Prevention Grants)

- Preferred prevention programs would include community-based coalitions which, as part of their application, propose data-driven, evidence-based prevention interventions; have established measurable objectives; and propose implementing a comprehensive mix of strategies.
- ***Please note:*** *Programs should not be substance specific. Treatment programs are not eligible for CDS under this account.*

Homeland Security

- All proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the Washington Emergency Management Division affirming that it believes the project is eligible.
- The Washington Emergency Management Division—as the state agency responsible for administering mitigation grants in Washington—is expected to submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for requests and serve as the administrative agent for the grant.
- *Pre-disaster Mitigation (PDM) Projects*

- Requested projects must meet the eligibility requirements of the PDM grant program, including the non-federal cost-share requirement, benefit-cost ratio, and environmental and historic preservation requirements.
- Full requirements can be found in the fiscal year 2022 NOFO for the “[Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program](#).”
- *Emergency Operations Center Grant Program*
 - Requested projects must meet the eligibility requirements of the EOC grant program, including the non-federal cost-share requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements.
 - Full requirements can be found in the FY 2023 NOFO for the “[Emergency Operations Center Grant Program](#).”

Interior and Environment

EPA Drinking Water and Clean Water SRF

- The vast majority of CDS requests made to the Interior Subcommittee will be for water infrastructure grants to fund local wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects within the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.
- This includes construction of, and modifications to, municipal sewage treatment plants and drinking water treatment plants.
- Water infrastructure CDS will only be accepted for projects that are publicly-owned or owned by a non-profit entity.
- Privately-owned projects are NOT eligible for water infrastructure grants.
- CDS requests for local and/or municipal projects included on a state’s most recently finalized Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan (IUP) are eligible.
- Projects that are eligible for funding under State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) guidelines (detailed below), but are not on the state IUP list, may still be eligible.

Indian Health Service Sanitation Facilities Construction

- For tribal water CDS projects within the Sanitation Facilities Construction account, only CDS requests for projects included on the Indian Health Services’ (IHS) Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS) list will be accepted.
- In exceptional circumstances, the Subcommittee may consider projects that are eligible for funding under the Criteria for the [Sanitation Facilities Construction Program](#) but are not on the SDS list (see pg. 5-1 through 5-12 of the Criteria).

Labor, Health, Human Services, and Education

No LHHS project may be used to sub-grant.

DOL Employment and Training Administration

- Meet all Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requirements.
- Must direct services to individuals to enhance employment opportunities.
- Demonstrate evidence of a linkage with the state or local workforce investment system.
- Include an evaluation component.

- Equipment purchases and curriculum development can also be used for an incidental part of the project.
- No funding for construction or renovation of facilities or the purchase of lands or buildings.

HHS HRSA

- Health Facilities Construction and Equipment
 - Funding can be used for construction, renovation, or capital equipment purchase for facilities for health, mental health, or substance abuse services, training of health professionals, or medical research. Equipment-only grants are permissible.
 - Funding cannot be used to acquire land or purchase existing buildings, or to pay salaries or other operating costs. Funding cannot be used to pay for work previously completed. Funding cannot be used for general feasibility studies.
 - Costs of expendable supplies such as pharmaceuticals, lab chemicals, or office paper are not eligible.
- Rural Health
 - Grant funds can be used for services only in areas that meet HRSA's definition of rural.
 - For lists of eligible areas and further information regarding that definition, see: <https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/about-us/definition/index.html>.

HHS SAMHSA

- Funding cannot be used for construction (other than a limited amount of renovation necessary to carry out a funded project).
- Needle Exchange: A General Provision prohibits the award of funding for projects which distribute sterile needles or syringes for I.V. drug injection.
- Use of Illegal Substances: A General Provision prohibits the award of funding for projects which promote the legalization of illegal drugs or substances.

HHS ACF

- Projects must serve or target abused and/or neglected children and their families.
- Funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities.

HHS ACL

- Funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities.

ED FIE

- Funding intended for individual schools is provided to the applicable school district and not directly to the individual school.
- Funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of school buildings, except in the case of minor remodeling required as part of technology upgrades.
- Daycare and childcare projects that do not include educational services are not eligible.

ED Rehabilitation Services

- Funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities.

ED FIPSE

- Funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of academic buildings, except in the case of minor remodeling required as part of technology upgrades.

Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development

CDS projects must have a reasonable expectation of being obligated by the end of FY 2026. The Subcommittee will not fund CDS requests for operational expenses or administrative salaries and benefits.

TPR&D

- See projects eligible under title 23 or 49, U.S. Code for guidance.
- Strongly encouraged to provide project website.

AIP

- See projects eligible under chapter 471 of title 49, U.S. Code for guidance.
- Please include a link to the airport master plan in your application.

TIG

- See projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, U.S. Code for guidance.
- Please include a link to Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan or Transportation Improvement Plan in your application.

CRISI

- See projects eligible under section 22907 of title 49, U.S. Code for guidance.
- Please include a link to the State Rail Plan in your application.

FAA Facilities and Equipment (F&E)

- This account is **only** for terminal air traffic control tower facility replacement projects eligible under part A of subtitle VII of title 49, U.S. Code.

EDI

- See projects eligible under chapter 69 of title 42, U.S. Code for guidance.
- Relevant data on how activities or projects benefit primarily low- and moderate-income persons or communities to meet program requirements.
- Please include a link to the project website if available or a link to the HUD five-year Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan if the project is included or complements planned or current projects within these required plans.
- EDIs are subject to other federal requirements including the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards at 2 CFR Part 200, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), HUD's NEPA-implementing and historic preservation laws, regulations, and Executive Orders. To review HUD's current implementation of the EDI program and the applicable Federal requirements, please see HUD's EDI landing page:
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/edi-grants.