

**Office of Senator Susan M. Collins**



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The fiscal year (FY) 2025 federal appropriations process includes opportunities to fund local projects through Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS). This opportunity is only available to nonprofit entities and state and local governments. For-profit entities are not eligible for CDS funding.

Each appropriations subcommittee has issued its own eligibility criteria and information requirements to be submitted with each CDS request. Please consult the relevant sections below, listed by appropriations funding bill and eligible accounts, for additional guidance and instructions on CDS request submissions. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of Senator Collins' State Offices or email [appropriations@collins.senate.gov](mailto:appropriations@collins.senate.gov)

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**NOTE:** The *Build America, Buy America Act* requires that any infrastructure projects funded (in whole or in part) with federal assistance use only iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials produced in the United States.<sup>1</sup> This requirement applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. If you are submitting a CDS request for funding for an infrastructure project, please be advised to take this requirement into account. If you have questions about whether your request seeks funding for an infrastructure project, please contact your nearest constituent service center for assistance prior to submitting your request.

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<sup>1</sup> [IIJA](#), § 70914 (a)

## **AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION**

Requests for CDS will be accepted in the following accounts under the FY25 Agriculture, Rural Development and Food and Drug Administration Appropriations bill. All requests must meet the applicable eligibility requirements for the specified program. If your project requires matching funds or other cost sharing, please demonstrate that you are able to meet that requirement in your application submission.

**Agricultural Research Service (ARS); Buildings and Facilities (B&F).** CDS requests for ARS B&F may only include funding for existing facilities or facilities where funding has been provided in the past. Facilities must be ARS-owned.

**Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS); Salaries and Expenses (S&E).**

CDS requests for APHIS S&E must align with APHIS' mission and must meet environmental review requirements (i.e., NEPA and ESA). Learn more about APHIS' programs [here](#). The period of availability for APHIS CDS funding will be one year (i.e., until the end of the fiscal year).

**Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) Program.** CDS requests through the WFPO account must have a local sponsor. Eligible local sponsors can be 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; or any Indian tribe or tribal organization.

Any individual project may not exceed a watershed or sub-watershed size of 250,000 acres. At least 20 percent of the project's benefits must be directly related to agriculture. If you are submitting a request for CDS through the WFPO account, you must certify that you have been in contact with the Maine Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Office, and confirm that the proposal meets all WFPO project requirements and financial requirements. To contact the Maine NRCS Office, please visit its website:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/contact/state-office-contacts/maine-state-office>

**Rural Development.** USDA Rural Development staff are available to answer specific questions regarding project eligibility for Community Facility and Distance Learning & Telemedicine grants. To contact Maine's USDA State Office, please visit the following website:

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/me/maine-contacts>

In addition to certifying that applicant contribution requirements will be met, please also certify in your application that you have contacted the Maine USDA Rural Development office and have confirmed that the proposed project meets the program's eligibility requirements.

- **Community Facilities (CF) Grants.** CDS requests funded under this account must meet applicant contribution requirements (must be a cash match contribution, not in-kind), which vary based on area population. Towns with populations over 20,000 are not

eligible for this program. For a full list of eligible entities, uses, and limitations, please see [7 CFR Part 3570](#). This program will fund **up to** 75% of total project costs, with match requirements based on population size as follows:

- Maximum of **75 percent** when the proposed project is located in a rural community having a population of **5,000** or fewer;
- Maximum of **55 percent** when the proposed project is located in a rural community having a population of **12,000** or fewer;
- Maximum of **35 percent** when the proposed project is located in a rural community having a population of **20,000** or fewer.

Funds may not be used for the following activities:

- To reimburse funds for projects already constructed/acquired or projects that will be completed by the passage of the final bill.
- To pay initial operating expenses or annual recurring costs, including purchases or rentals that are generally considered to be operating and maintenance expenses (unless a CF loan is part of the funding package).
- To fund facilities to be used primarily for recreation purposes.
- To fund facilities to be used primarily for business entrepreneur purposes.

Applicants must meet environmental review requirements (i.e., NEPA). 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.

- **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants.** CDS requests funded under this account require a 15 percent nonfederal match (matching funds cannot come from another federal source). A full list of eligible entities, uses, and limitations can be found here: [7 CFR Part 1734 Subpart A and B](#). Broadband deployment is not an eligible use of funds for DLT.

## COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND SCIENCE

Requests for CDS will be accepted in the following accounts under the FY25 Commerce, Justice, and Science (CJS) Appropriations bill. Requests for CDS through this bill should fund local projects that further the missions of CJS agencies by increasing the understanding of the oceans and the atmosphere, protecting our communities, and promoting space- or standards-related science. All requests must meet the applicable eligibility requirements for the program in which the request is made.

### Department of Commerce

**National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST); Scientific & Technical Research Services (STRS); External Projects.** CDS requests through this account should address

scientific, technological, and standards-related research and technology development. There must be a clear, demonstrable nexus to the research component of the project and to an NIST research program. Construction projects will not be accepted.

**NIST; Construction of Research Facilities.** CDS requests through this account should support nonfederal research facilities, including for projects at research institutions and colleges and universities. However, given the significant investments necessary for construction projects, only a very limited number of projects will be supported on an annual basis.

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); Operations, Research, and Facilities (ORF); Special Projects.** CDS requests through this account should address fisheries, marine mammals, ocean, coastal issues, climate, weather, atmospheric research, data acquisition, and forecasting programs. Construction projects are not accepted.

### **Department of Justice**

**Office of Justice Programs; State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance; Byrne Discretionary.** CDS requests through this account should support additional equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice systems. All projects must have a nexus to the criminal justice system, and funding cannot be used for land acquisition or construction. For additional guidance on allowable expenses, please refer to the most recent [Byrne Discretionary solicitation](#). CDS requests funded in a final bill will be subject to the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#).

**Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS); Law Enforcement Technology.** CDS requests through this account should support the development of technologies and automated systems to assist law enforcement agencies in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime. Recipients shall include state, local, Tribal, and territorial governments and their public agencies (for example, police and/or sheriff's departments). Allowable activities are limited to the statutorily allowable purpose areas under the [COPS Office statute](#), including the procurement of equipment, technology, or support systems, and the development of new technologies to assist recipient entities in reorienting the emphasis of their activities from reacting to crime to preventing crime. Funding cannot be used for land acquisition or construction. For additional guidance on allowable expenses, please refer to a recent [COPS Technology and Equipment Program solicitation](#). CDS requests funded in a final bill will be subject to the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#), and the applicable Award Owner's Manual.

### **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)**

**Safety, Security and Mission Support (SSMS).** CDS requests through this account should focus on science education, research, and technology development related to NASA's mission. Medical research projects, Space Grant projects (which require a funding match), and projects at

NASA-owned Visitor Centers are discouraged. This account cannot fund construction but may be used for equipment, research funding, or education programs.

## ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Requests for CDS will be accepted in the following accounts under the FY25 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill. All requests must meet the applicable eligibility requirements for the specified program. If your project requires matching funds or other cost sharing, please demonstrate that you are able to meet that requirement in your application submission.

**Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation.** For the Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, only authorized projects and programs will be considered for funding. Below are the eligible accounts for CDS.

- Corps of Engineers: Investigations
- Corps of Engineers: Construction
- Corps of Engineers: Operation & Maintenance
- Corps of Engineers: Mississippi Rivers & Tributaries: Investigations
- Corps of Engineers: Mississippi Rivers & Tributaries: Construction
- Corps of Engineers: Mississippi Rivers & Tributaries: Operation & Maintenance
- Bureau of Reclamation: Water and Related Resources

**Department of Energy.** CDS requests through this account should be in line with current Department of Energy missions that focus on transformative science and technology research, development, and demonstration under the five topic areas listed below. This includes requests that are not eligible for funding through tax credits or other federal incentives.

- Renewable and Clean Energy Projects
- Electricity and Energy Resiliency Projects
- Cybersecurity and Energy Security Projects
- Nuclear Energy Projects
- Fossil Energy or Carbon Management Projects

For the Department of Energy account, projects must follow statutory cost sharing requirements as required by section 988 of the *Energy Policy Act of 2005*. In short, the amount of required cost sharing will depend on the scope and technological maturity of the project:

- Research or development activities of a basic or fundamental nature: no minimum cost share.
- Research or development activities of an applied nature: minimum 20 percent cost share.
- Demonstration or commercial application: minimum 50 percent 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.

Funds may not be used for the following activities:

- 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.
- Clean energy projects that do not provide a transformative or emerging technological solution (for example, solar panels, battery storage, or light bulb upgrades without any transformative technology or integrated energy system associated with it).
- Planning studies for NetZero goals, for example “City of X seeks \$500K for a NetZero planning document/report.”

## FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Requests for CDS will be accepted in the following accounts under the FY25 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill. All requests must meet the applicable eligibility requirements for the specified program. If your project requires matching funds or other cost sharing, please demonstrate that you are able to meet that requirement in your application submission.

**Small Business Administration (SBA); Administrative Provision.** CDS requests through this account should support small businesses, encompassing entrepreneur training, counseling, and research. Please be advised: SBA CDS funding is not intended for the provision of seed capital for small businesses, nor for sub-grants or loans, or the construction or acquisition of facilities.

**National Archives and Records Administration, National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC).** CDS requests through this account should 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. In considering how to develop your project, please review the NHPRC "[Eligibility](#)" page on NARA’s website.

**National Archives and Records Administration, Repair and Restoration.** CDS requests through this account should dedicate funding for one or more of the 15 presidential libraries established under the *Presidential Libraries Act*.

**General Services Administration (GSA); Federal Buildings Fund, Construction and Acquisition or Repairs and Alterations Accounts.** CDS projects include all Construction projects and Major Repairs projects not requested in the FY25 GSA budget request, unless



projects were partially funded in a previously enacted FSGG Appropriations bill. Construction projects typically include federal courthouses, federal buildings, or land ports-of-entry. Repairs projects must be federally owned properties in need of major repairs or alterations and are typically federal buildings or federal courthouses. ***Please note:*** *Eligible projects do not include state or county facilities, DOD facilities, VA facilities, or transportation infrastructure facilities.*

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

CDS projects should focus on evidence-based drug-related projects, such as primary prevention of substance use disorder. 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 proposed implementing a comprehensive mix of strategies. Also, Drug-Free Communities (DFC)-funded coalitions recently trained by CDC to implement Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) as part of their substance use prevention efforts are recommended. Allowable expenses include staff salaries and benefits for time spent on the project, building rent, and equipment. Unallowable expenses include (but are not limited to) real property purchases and construction or renovation accosts.

***Please note:*** *Programs should not be substance specific. Treatment programs are not eligible for CDS under this account.*

## HOMELAND SECURITY

Requests for CDS will be accepted in the following accounts under the FY25 Homeland Security Appropriations bill. All requests must meet the applicable eligibility requirements for the specified program. If your project requires matching funds or other cost sharing, please demonstrate that you are able to meet that requirement in your application submission.

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)**

**Projects.** CDS requests through this account 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 2023 [NOFO for the “Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program”](#) (the NOFO for FY24 projects is expected to be issued in the coming weeks, but requirements are unlikely to change).

For any projects designated for funding in the final fiscal year 2025 *Homeland Security Appropriations Act*, the state agency responsible for administering mitigation grants in the requestor’s state must submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and that entity will serve as the administrative agent for the grant. Therefore, all project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate state agency affirming that it believes the project is eligible. In addition to the PDM grant program requirements listed above, the Subcommittee will principally seek to satisfy requests for eligible projects that are important to states and local communities but which may not receive adequate attention under the larger Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program.

**FEMA; Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program.** CDS requests through this account 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 fiscal year 2023 [NOFO for the “Emergency Operations Center Grant Program”](#) (the NOFO for FY24 projects is expected to be issued in the coming weeks, but requirements are unlikely to change). For any projects designated for funding in the final fiscal year 2024 *Homeland Security Appropriations Act*, the state administrative agency (SAA) must submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and that agency will serve as the administrative agent for the grant. Therefore, all project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate SAA affirming that it believes the project is eligible.

## INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT

Requests for CDS will be accepted in the following accounts under the FY25 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill. All requests must meet the applicable eligibility requirements for the specified program. If your project requires matching funds or other cost sharing, please demonstrate that you are able to meet that requirement in your application submission.

**NOTE:** Requests for CDS submitted under Interior and Environment appropriations accounts will be asked to complete a supplemental questions form.

**Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); Water and Wastewater Infrastructure, State and Tribal Assistance Grants.** CDS requests through this account can include construction of, and modifications to, municipal sewage treatment plants and drinking water treatment plants. In general, local and/or municipal projects should be included on a state’s most recently finalized Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan (IUP) or meet eligibility requirements for funding under State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) guidelines. You must identify whether the project is a Drinking Water or Clean Water project in your application. There is a minimum 20 percent cost share requirement for any state or local water infrastructure grant funded through CDS. For more information on CDS requests previously funded through this account, please visit [here](#).

**Indian Health Service (IHS); Sanitation Facilities Construction (SFC).** CDS requests through this account must be for projects included on the Indian Health Services’ (IHS) Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS) list.

**National Park Service (NPS); Historic Preservation Fund (HPF).** CDS requests through this account should meet the eligibility requirements of [existing HPF competitive programs](#). Competitive grant programs are limited to preservation – new construction, reconstruction, and acquisitions of historic properties or historic collections are not eligible. The maximum CDS funding amount is \$500,000 for any HPF project, and there is a one-one match requirement with nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions. All HPF grantees, including successful CDS recipients, must meet standards set by the Secretary of the Interior and comply with the [audit requirements](#). For the Save America's Treasures (SAT) HPF competitive grant program, the property must be listed as an historic place on the National Register of Historic Places or as a National Historic Landmark.

**U.S. Forest Service, State and Private Forestry (SPF); Forest Resource Information and Analysis.** CDS requests through this account should provide technical and financial assistance grants to nonfederal forest landowners, including state, tribal and local governments. Activities within this account include forest health management, cooperative fire protection, wood innovation, and urban and community forestry. Requests should contribute to meeting the goals of the State's Forest Action Plan, conserve and steward working forests or open space, protect forest health from insects and disease, meet urban and community forestry goals, create opportunities for innovative wood use, improve fire mitigation efforts, or otherwise benefit communities and forested lands.

**Projects on Agency Lists.** Only requests for projects that are not included in the President's budget request or for funding levels that are above the amounts provided in the President's budget request will be considered, with a strong preference for projects included on agency-submitted priority lists.

- **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF):** Note that while third party organizations may advocate for specific projects, the CDS recipient for federal acquisition is the federal agency that will eventually manage the land (BLM, FWS, NPS, or USFS), or in the case of the Forest Legacy Program, the state.
- **Legacy Restoration Fund (LRF):** Pursuant to the *Great American Outdoors Act of 2020* (P.L. 116-152) and the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024* (P.L. 118-42), prioritized project lists for deferred maintenance projects to be funded by the National Parks and Public Lands Legacy Restoration Fund will accompany the President's budget request for BLM, FWS, NPS, USFS, and BIE schools. There will be a high bar for considering any projects not present on the current year's lists. Note that the CDS recipient is the federal agency.
- **Land Management Agencies, Construction (LMCON):** The four land management agencies (BLM, FWS, NPS, and USFS) receive annual appropriations for new construction and other capital improvement projects and typically include a short list of specific projects in the President's budget request. Note that the CDS recipient is the federal agency.

**Land Management Agencies, Local Projects and Research.** CDS requests for funds must be relevant to the specified mission area within the bureaus listed below and contribute to responsible stewardship of land, wildlife, and recreation resources or contribute to priority research areas that inform stewardship of those resources. Proposed projects should contribute to local, state, and federal efforts to benefit species, habitat, and/or enhanced stewardship of land and water resources.

- **BLM, Management of Land and Resources, Land Management Priorities.** Project requests may be considered for activities related to wildlife and aquatic habitat management. These projects must occur on or have a nexus to BLM lands.

- **NPS, National Recreation and Preservation, Statutory and Contractual Aid.** Project requests may be considered for activities relating to operating, managing, and preserving resources, including as authorized by law.
- **FWS, Resource Management, Stewardship Priorities.** Project requests may be considered for fish and aquatic conservation, habitat conservation, recovery, and restoration activities.
- **USGS, Surveys Investigations and Research, Status and Trends.** Project requests may be considered for high priority and core science research and activities related to ecosystem and water resources.

**Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA); Operation of Indian Programs, and Special Initiatives:**

BIA provides direct services and funding for compacts and contracts for Tribes to provide programs for a wide range of activities. While the Subcommittee will not consider CDS projects for individual tribes, the Subcommittee may consider requests from other eligible entities that honor the commitment to invest in Tribal communities, create economic opportunities, foster cultural heritage, promote efficient and effective Tribal governance, and conserve natural resources.

**EPA; Science and Technology, Research: National Priorities.** CDS requests through this account should be for high priority lines of research related to environmental quality and human health.

**EPA; State and Tribal Assistance Grants, STAG Infrastructure Grants.** CDS requests through this account should be related to existing funding categories and activities within the STAG account that will result in improvements in environmental quality and/or human health.

## **LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION**

Requests for CDS will be accepted in the following accounts under the FY25 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill. All requests must meet the applicable eligibility requirements for the specified program. If your project requires matching funds or other cost sharing, please demonstrate that you are able to meet that requirement in your application submission.

### **Department of Labor (DOL)**

**Employment and Training Administration (ETA).** CDS requests through this account should clearly articulate a project purpose and be focused on meeting the employment and training needs of workers. Generally these projects should include direct services which could include career services, training services (including work-based training), supportive services, and other permissible services, as they are defined in the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act*.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Generally these are defined in [20 CFR § 678.430](#), [20 CFR § 680.200](#), and [20 CFR § 680.900](#).

Typical activities include training unemployed individuals to increase their skills and obtain employment and enhancing the skills of incumbent workers to get higher-paying jobs.

CDS funding may be used for the purchase of equipment, but generally only if it is an incidental part of the larger project to provide direct services (a similar standard applies to curriculum development). If a larger portion of the CDS funding is expected to be used for equipment or curriculum development, please articulate so in your application and provide a detailed justification for why such investments are necessary to meet the employment and training needs of individuals.

CDS funding through the ETA account cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities or the purchase of land or buildings.

### **Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)**

**Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).** CDS requests through HRSA must fall under one of the following categories:

- **Health Facilities Construction and Equipment.** CDS can be requested for the cost of limited-scope construction, renovation, or capital equipment purchase for facilities for health, mental health, or substance use disorder services, training of health professionals, or medical research. Examples of eligible facilities include hospitals, health centers, and clinics; skilled nursing facilities; mental health centers; facilities for schools of medicine, nursing, or other health professions; and medical research laboratories. In addition to construction and renovation, CDS funding can be used to acquire capital equipment, such as lab equipment, x-ray machines, or telehealth and information technology. The Committee will not consider a CDS request for federal funding within this account that exceeds \$15 million. Equipment-only CDS requests—that is, requests not involving construction—are permissible. Generally, any equipment having a useful life of more than one year and a unit cost of at least \$5,000 will be eligible as capital equipment. In addition, equipment with lower costs may also be eligible, provided that it is treated as an item of capital expense under the recipient institution’s pre-existing, written accounting policies. Equipment expenses for health information systems and electronic medical records systems are permitted expenditures. The costs of expendable supplies such as pharmaceuticals, lab chemicals, or office paper are not eligible.

HRSA Health Facilities 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. CDS requests can be used for architectural and engineering costs associated with an eligible construction project, but cannot be used for general feasibility studies or planning and design. For more information on construction and equipment requests, see: <https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/manage-your-grant/training/community-project-funding-congressionally-directed>.

- **Rural Health.** CDS can be requested for projects to improve health care in rural areas. Examples of eligible activities include medical, dental, or mental health care services,

health promotion and education, chronic disease management, telehealth services, and improvements to emergency medical services. CDS funds can be used for services only in areas that meet HRSA's definition of rural. For lists of eligible rural areas and further information regarding that definition, see: <https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/about-us/definition/index.html>. Please include the address of the project's activities in the Project Detail, if different than the legal entity recipient address, for purposes of determining project eligibility.

HRSA CDS recipients may not sub-grant to other organizations or agencies.

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).** CDS requests through this account must fall under one of the following categories:

- **Mental Health.** Projects supporting programs that promote the prevention or treatment of mental health disorders, including rehabilitation, outreach, and other support services.
- **Substance Abuse Treatment.** Projects supporting programs that improve access, reduce barriers, and promote high quality, effective treatment and recovery services.
- **Substance Abuse Prevention.** Projects supporting programs to prevent the onset of illegal drug use, prescription drug misuse and abuse, alcohol misuse and abuse, and underage alcohol and tobacco use.

SAMHSA funding cannot be used for construction (other than a limited amount of renovation necessary to carry out a funded project), and SAMHSA CDS recipients may not sub-grant to other organizations or agencies.

**Administration for Children and Families (ACF).** CDS requests within ACF must fall under one of the following categories:

- **Child Abuse Prevention.** Projects supporting programs to improve the prevention, assessment, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect through research, model service improvement, information dissemination, and technical assistance. Projects must serve or target abused and/or neglected children and their families.
- **Social Services Research and Demonstration.** Projects supporting programs to promote the ability of families to thrive through financial self-sufficiency, and to promote the healthy development and greater well-being of children and families. Projects can serve a diverse population, including low-income individuals, children, youth, families, individuals with developmental disabilities, and Native Americans.

CDS funding within ACF cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities, and ACF CDS recipients may not sub-grant to other organizations or agencies.

**Administration for Community Living (ACL); Aging and Disability Services Programs.** CDS requests under this account should improve the ability of older adults and individuals of all ages with disabilities to live independently and participate fully in their communities. Projects focus on improving access to or the quality of education, training, support services, and independent living services for older adults and individuals with disabilities.



CDS funding within ACL cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities or the provision of medical care, and ACL CDS recipients may not sub-grant to other organizations or agencies.

### **Department of Education (ED)**

**Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE).** CDS requests through this account may address a variety of elementary and secondary education projects, including instructional services, afterschool centers, curricula development, teacher training, acquisition of books and computers, arts education, social and emotional learning activities, full-service community schools, and early childhood education. In general, the focus of elementary and secondary education CDS requests should be providing early childhood or K-12 educational services.

CDS requests to provide and improve special education services at the elementary and secondary levels are also eligible under this heading. These CDS requests may include early intervention services for infants and toddlers, transition services, and postsecondary education services.

Eligible CDS recipients are state education agencies, school districts, colleges and universities, and other public and private nonprofit entities. Generally, CDS intended for individual schools is provided to the applicable school district and not directly to the individual school.

CDS funding within FIE cannot be used for construction or renovation of school buildings, except in the case of minor remodeling or minor alterations in a previously completed building, for example as part of technology upgrades. Daycare and childcare projects that do not include educational services are also not eligible under this account. If a significant portion of CDS funds are expected to be used for the purchase of equipment, make sure to note that in the Project Detail and include a justification for that use of funds.

**Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE).** CDS requests through this account should primarily be focused on improving access to or the quality of postsecondary education. This can include a range of activities as authorized and specified in section 741(a) of the *Higher Education Act* ([20 U.S.C. 1138\(a\)](#)). CDS recipients are usually colleges and universities, but may include other public and private nonprofit organizations.

Examples of the types of projects that can be funded under FIPSE include projects to hire and train faculty, establish and improve degree programs, improve teacher preparation programs, develop and improve curricula, upgrade technology, equipment, and telecommunications, provide student support, and implement university partnerships with school districts. If a significant portion of CDS funds are expected to be used for the purchase of equipment, please make sure to note that and include a justification for such use of funds in your application.

CDS funding within FIPSE cannot be used for endowments or for the construction or renovation of facilities, except in the case of minor remodeling or minor alterations in a previously completed building, for example as part of technology upgrades.

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

The following Military Construction accounts are eligible for CDS requests: Army, Navy and Marine Corps, Air Force, Defense-Wide, Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, and Air Force Reserve. Requests may include major construction projects included on the list below, unspecified minor military construction, and planning and design.

### Eligible Lists:

- Future Years Defense Program (FYDP). Each military department, to include the Guard and Reserve as well as Defense-Wide agencies, plans its major military construction program five years into the future. FYDPs identify these future planned projects, which are candidates for CDS requests.
- Unfunded Requirements/Priorities Lists (UFR/UPL). In addition to the annual budget request and as required by law, each military department submits to the congressional defense committees a document identifying unfunded priorities that would be funded if additional appropriations were provided.
- Cost-to-Complete (CTC). Variables such as construction market conditions can affect cost estimating throughout the military construction programming process, and therefore DOD can experience cost increases that cannot be sufficiently covered by available appropriated funding. In these cases, the military departments submit a list of projects – separate from the budget request – that have received an authorization and appropriation but require additional funding to be completed.

Eligible major military construction projects must be:

- Authorized in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 or prior year *National Defense Authorization Act*;
- At 35% design or higher with a DD 1391\*; and
- Prepared to award a construction contract in FY 2024.

\*The DD 1391 form is required by DOD for any military construction project. It contains scope and cost estimates, an assessment of the current requirements, justification for the project, and anticipated contracting and construction timelines. Any project that meets the CDS eligibility requirements should have a DD 1391.

When submitting the request, be sure to complete the following requirements:

- Identify which list (FYDP, UFR/UPL, or CTC) includes the project requested, if major construction;
- Confirm that the project is at 35% design, has a DD 1391 planning document, and attach the DD1391; and
- Confirm that the requested project has either been previously authorized or a request to authorize has been submitted to the Senate Armed Services Committee.



## TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Requests for CDS will be accepted in the following accounts under the FY25 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill. All requests must meet the applicable eligibility requirements for the specified program. If your project requires matching funds or other cost sharing, please demonstrate that you are able to meet that requirement in your application submission.

**Transportation Planning, Research, and Development (TPR&D).** This account funds transportation research projects eligible under title 23 or title 49, United States Code.

- Planning for specific local highway, transit, or rail projects that are eligible under HIP, TIG, or CRISI should not be requested through this account.
- Requests for national or regional research and development projects are encouraged though this account.

**Grants-in-Aid for Airports (Airport Improvement Program or AIP).** This account funds airport capital projects eligible under chapter 471 of title 49, United States Code (<https://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/overview>).

- As AIP CDS follows the existing AIP statute, the federal cost-share requirements still apply to CDS. For large and medium primary hub airports, CDS can cover 75 percent of eligible costs (or 80 percent for noise program implementation). For small primary, reliever, and general aviation airports, CDS can cover a range of 90-95 percent of eligible costs, based on statutory requirements.
- Applications for CDS through this program must include a link to the airport master plan that includes the requested project.
- Applications for CDS through this program must include the total cost of the project and include the airport name (see [NPIAS](#) for airport names).
- Applications for CDS through this account must include the status of the planning and environmental work so staff can assess the readiness of the project. Applications should also include a description of all other sources of funding contributing to the total cost of the project.

**Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP).** This account funds highway capital projects eligible under title 23, United States Code, including, but not limited to, highway and bridge construction projects, planning, environmental review, design, and right-of-way acquisition. Operational expenses are not eligible.

- All highway CDS funds will be provided directly to your State Department of Transportation. If a local or county-level government is requesting the CDS, they will be required to coordinate with the State DOT to receive the funding and ensure that a nonfederal match is available.
- If your project is not currently on the STIP or TIP, please provide a letter from the State DOT confirming that: (1) the project is eligible for federal-aid highway funding under title 23, United States Code; (2) the State DOT is willing to carry out the project if

funding is enacted; and (3) the State DOT will include the project on the STIP or TIP once funding for the project is enacted.

- Applications for CDS through this account should include the status of the planning and environmental work in order to determine the readiness of the project. Applications should also include a description of all other sources of funding contributing to the total cost of the project.

**Transit Infrastructure Grants (TIG).** This account funds transit capital projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code.

- Applications for CDS through this account should include a link to the STIP or TIP that includes the requested project.
  - **NOTE:** Transit projects that are not currently on the STIP or TIP may be eligible if a transit agency has provided a letter confirming that: (1) the project is eligible for transit funding under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code; (2) the transit agency is willing to carry out the project if funding is enacted; and (3) the transit agency will include the project on the STIP or TIP once funding for the project is enacted.
- Applications for CDS through this account should list the total cost of the project, which should be consistent with the total cost of the project in the STIP or TIP.
- Applications for CDS through this account should include the status of the planning and environmental work so staff can assess the readiness of the project. Applications should also include a description of all other sources of funding contributing to the total cost of the project.

**Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI) Grants.** This account funds rail capital projects eligible under section 22907 of title 49, United States Code.

- Applications for CDS through this account should include a link to the State Rail Plan that includes the requested project.
  - **NOTE:** Rail projects that are not currently on the State rail plan may be eligible if a State rail agency or State DOT has provided a letter confirming that: (1) the project is eligible for rail funding under section 22907 of title 49, United States Code; (2) the State rail agency, State DOT, or other relevant State agency is willing to carry out the project if funding is enacted; and (3) the State rail agency or State DOT will include the project on the State Rail Plan once funding for the project is enacted.
- Applications for CDS through this account should include the total cost of the project, which should be consistent with the total cost of the project in the State Rail Plan.
- Applications for CDS through this account should include the status of the planning and environmental work so staff can assess the readiness of the project. Applications should also include a description of all other sources of funding contributing to the total cost of the project.

**Economic Development Initiatives (EDI).** EDI projects are funded within the “Community Development Fund” account for activities eligible under section 5305 of chapter 69 of title 42, United States Code, as well as for affordable housing construction. Projects should address affordable housing, community services, and/or economic development, and must be comparable to activities in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program through the

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Eligible EDI activities include, but are not limited to:

- Acquisition of real property;
- Construction, rehabilitation, and improvements to affordable housing;
- Blight removal or remediation;
- Public housing modernization; and
- Construction, rehabilitation, and improvements of public facilities, such as neighborhood centers, parks, and shelter for persons having special needs such as survivors of domestic violence and the homeless, except for buildings for the general conduct of government.

Federal requirements: EDI projects are subject to all general federal requirements, including the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards under 2 CFR Part 200, the *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)*, HUD's NEPA-implementing regulations under 24 CFR Part 50 or 24 CFR Part 58, and all appropriate federal environmental and historic preservation laws, regulations, and Executive Orders. The environmental review must be completed by a "Responsible Entity" (RE), which is a state, unit of general local government, Indian tribe or Alaska Native Village. Nonprofits will need the RE for the location of the project to conduct the environmental review on their behalf.

Applicants must meet environmental review requirements (i.e., NEPA). 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. 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](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/edi-grants)

Other restrictions: Any expenses incurred prior to the enactment of a final FY 2025 appropriations bill cannot be reimbursed with EDI funds. THUD CDS cannot be used for operational expenses or administrative salaries and benefits for EDIs. Examples of these ineligible expenses are costs that cover an organization's day-to-day operations, such as utilities, rent, office supplies and equipment, insurance, and an organization's staff salaries and benefits.