



Senator Collins' FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Request Application

Name & Contact Info	Mailing Address	Permanent Address
Name:	Street 1:	Street 1:
Phone:	Street 2:	Street 2:
Phone:	City:	City:
Email:	State/Zip:	State/Zip:

* indicates a required field.

Section 1. Project Recipient

Please use the legal name of the entity requesting funds through Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS).

1. Requesting Entity *

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2. Are you a nonprofit or government entity? *

For-profit entities are not eligible for CDS requests.

Yes No

3. Head of Requesting Entity *

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4. Head of Requesting Entity Email Address

i.e. your-email@mail.com

5. Requesting Entity Mailing Address *

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6. Requesting Entity Employer Identification Number (EIN) *

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7. Project Point of Contact (POC) Name and Title *

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8. Project POC Email Address *

i.e. your-email@mail.com

9. Project POC Phone Number *

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10. Project Name *

11. Project Website

if applicable

Section 2. Project Location

Please include the location(s) for this project. List all cities, towns, and counties as applicable.

1. Is the project statewide? *

Yes No

2. City/Town *

Please indicate the City/Town where the project would take place.

3. County in Maine *

Please select the county or counties that would be served by this project.

Androscoggin County Aroostook County Cumberland County Franklin County Hancock County
 Kennebec County Knox County Lincoln County Oxford County Penobscot County Piscataquis County
 Sagadahoc County Somerset County Waldo County Washington County York County

Section 3. Project Details

1. CDS Request Amount *

Please state the dollar amount of your organization's Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) request.

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2. Project Purpose *

Please provide a brief description (1-2 sentences) on how Congressionally Directed Spending for this proposal would be used (e.g. to build a new fire station, to upgrade communications equipment, to improve drinking water/wastewater infrastructure, etc.).

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3. Project Justification and Benefit to the Taxpayer *

Please indicate why this project deserves federal funding, and what unmet needs would be served if the project receives a CDS award.

4. Jobs Created *

Please provide a rough estimate of how many jobs would be created if this project received federal funding. If no new jobs would be created, please list 0 or N/A.

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5. If funded, will the project become self-sustaining after a defined period of time? *

If yes, please describe how the project would become self-sustaining and by what period of time.

6. Estimated Start Date for the Project (if applicable)

Please indicate a date. If you would not start the project until you receive federal funding, please state that.

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7. Estimated Completion Date for the Project (if applicable)

If completion date is dependent on your organization receiving federal funding, please indicate that.

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8. Could the project proceed if the Appropriations Committee cannot fully fund the request? *

If yes, please specify the funding amount at which the project could proceed.

9. Is any part of this request subject to outside approval? *

For example, will the project, a local match, or any project component(s) be subject to approval, vote, or referendum by the town, city, county, or leadership board associated with the requesting entity, etc. If yes, please describe and indicate the date(s) by which approval would be needed.

10. Was this request submitted to Senator Collins' Office last year (FY25) for consideration? *

Yes No

10.1 Did Senator Collins submit this request to the Appropriations Committee last year (FY25)?

Yes No

11. Was this request submitted to Senator Collins or another congressional office for consideration in prior fiscal years? *

If yes, please indicate the year and the congressional office.

12. Has this project or initiative received federal funds (outside of the Congressionally Directed Spending opportunity) in the past? *

If yes, please describe the federal funding sources the project or initiative has received, and what year the federal funding was awarded.

13. Has this project or initiative received Congressionally Directed Spending funds in the past? *

If yes, please identify the fiscal year and the amount received. Please also indicate the congressional office that supported the request.

14. Has your organization received Congressionally Directed Spending funds in the past? *

If yes, please identify the fiscal year and the amount received. Please also indicate the congressional office that supported the request.

15. If applicable, please identify the state plan on which this project is included.

For example, the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP); the Highway Improvement Plan (HIP); the Airport Improvement Plan (AIP); the Clean/Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Intended Use Plan (IUP); etc.

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16. Project Ranking

If you are submitting multiple requests, please provide the prioritized ranking of this project.

Select one: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Section 4. Budget

NOTE: The *Build America, Buy America Act* ([P.L. 117-58 § 70914](#)) (a) 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. 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.**

1. Budget Estimate *

Using mm/dd/yyyy format, please indicate how current the following budget estimates are.

	mm/dd/yyyy
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2. Soft Costs *

Examples of soft costs include costs for design, permitting, planning, etc. Please list the soft costs associated with the project and list the status of each component of the budget (e.g., not yet begun, in progress, completed).

3. Acquisition Cost(s) *

Examples of acquisition costs include the purchase of a building, facility, equipment, technology, etc. Please list the acquisition costs associated with the project and list the status of each component of the budget (e.g., not yet begun, in progress, completed).

4. Construction/Renovation Costs *

Please list the construction and/or renovation costs associated with the project and list the status of each component of the budget (e.g., not yet begun, in progress, completed).

5. Other Costs

Please list other costs associated with the project and list the status of each component of the budget (e.g., not yet begun, in progress, completed).

6. Total Cost of the Project *

Your answer should equal the sum of questions #2 - #6 of this section. The total cost of the project may be more than your request for Congressionally Directed Spending, depending on the scope of the project.

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7. What other sources of funding has your organization already secured for this project?

Other sources of funding may include federal funding (grants, tax credits), state or local funding, private funding, etc. Please provide other sources of funding the program has already received along with the status of the funding (e.g., application submitted, funding awarded, funding received).

8. What other sources of funding is your organization planning to apply to for this project?

Is your organization planning to apply for other sources of funding for this project? If yes, please provide the sources of funding, which may include federal funding (grants, tax credits), state or local funding, private funding, etc. Please list the status of the funding (e.g., planning to submit, application submitted, etc.).

9. Project Income *

Does the project require income for sustainability? If yes, please list the sources.

10. Match Funding *

Please answer the following questions in your response:

- What is the dollar amount that your organization is contributing toward the request?
- What are the sources of this match contribution (e.g. private funding, federal or state grants, fundraising, etc.)?
- Do you have the match contribution in hand?
 - If no, please indicate how your organization plans to obtain a matching contribution toward the project.

Section 5. Other

1. If applicable, please list any members of Senator Collins' staff with whom you have discussed this CDS request.

2. Have you submitted this request to other members in the Senate or House for FY26 Consideration? *

Or do you intend to submit this request to other members in the Senate or House for FY26 Consideration? If so, please list their last name(s).

3. Letters of Support Contact Information *

At least three letters of support from people from Maine are required for each CDS request. Please upload those letters on the Application Checklist and list the contact information for each letter of support below, including each contact's email address.

4. Please list all attachments you are submitting with your request *

This should include a list of your letters of support.

Section 6. Attestations

- The fiscal year (FY) 2026 federal appropriations process includes opportunities to fund local projects through Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS). This opportunity is only available to nonprofit entities and state, county, and local governments. For-profit entities are **not** eligible for CDS funding. You certify that (1) you have taken this requirement into consideration when preparing your application, and (2) your organization is **not** a for-profit entity.
- This is a highly competitive process, which could take more than a year to complete, and fulfilling all eligibility requirements does not guarantee that funding will be provided through the CDS process. Congress may approve all, some, or none of the funding requested. Submission of an application serves as a commitment on behalf of the applicant that the entity is able to receive and process funding for the stated purpose(s) and in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, including (but not limited to) those detailed in this Attestation.
- 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. This requirement only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. You certify that (1) you have taken this requirement into account when determining the amount of funding that you are seeking as part of this request, and (2) you understand that, if your organization is awarded CDS funding for infrastructure projects, you must adhere to *Build America, Buy America Act* requirements in order to accept funds.

- The *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) requires every federal agency to follow a specific planning process to ensure that agency decision-makers and applicants have considered and the general public is fully informed about, with the opportunity to comment on, the environmental consequences of a federally funded action. This review and consultation process is used to evaluate the impact a project and its alternatives may have on the environment. The review process is required for federally financed projects – including CDS awards – to ensure that the proposed project does not have a negative impact on the surrounding environment and that the property site itself will not have an adverse environmental or health effect on end users.
 - Not every project is subject to a full environmental review (i.e., every project’s environmental impact must be examined, but the extent of this examination varies), but every project must be in compliance with NEPA and other related federal and state environmental laws. For instance, construction or renovation activities are likely to require a higher level of NEPA review than equipment purchases or training activities. You certify that (1) you have taken this requirement into consideration when preparing your application, and (2) you understand that, if your organization is awarded CDS funding, you must adhere to the awarding agency’s NEPA processes and requirements.
- The *National Historic Preservation Act* (NHPA) requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. Federal agencies must consult with parties who have an interest in the effects of the undertaking in order to identify the affected historic properties, assess the effect of the undertaking on historic properties, and seek ways to avoid, minimize, or treat any adverse effects on historic properties. You certify that (1) you have taken this requirement into account, and (2) you understand that, if your organization is awarded CDS funding for a project that affects historic properties, you must adhere to the awarding agency’s NHPA processes and requirements.
- Requesting entities must comply with the federal procurement standards from [2 CFR 200.317-327](#). This includes General Procurement Standards ([2 CFR 200.318](#)), Competition ([2 CFR 200.319](#)), and Procurement Methods including procurement transactions being conducted in a manner that provides full and open competition and is consistent with the standards of ([2 CFR 200.320](#)). You certify that, if your organization is awarded CDS funding, you will work with the federal agency administering your award to ensure compliance with all applicable procurement requirements.
- Certain federal programs require matching funds or an applicant contribution from a non-federal source in order to accept CDS funds, if awarded. You certify that (1) you have taken this requirement into account, and (2) you understand that, if your organization is awarded CDS funding through a federal program that requires matching funds, you will have the necessary matching funds on-hand by the time the funds are awarded in order to draw down the CDS funding.
- Some projects may require additional approvals within, or outside of, your organization (e.g., from a city council, state regulator, or board of directors). You certify that you will contact your nearest constituent service center to withdraw your request if a necessary approval is not granted or is revoked at any time while your CDS request remains under consideration.
- FY 2026 starts on October 1, 2025. However, the appropriations bills containing any FY 2026 CDS requests approved by the Appropriations Committee may not be enacted by that time. For instance, FY 2024 started on October 1, 2023, but the FY 2024 appropriations bills were not enacted until March 2024. You certify that you have taken potential delays into account when preparing your request.
- Finally, you certify on behalf of the requesting organization that you acknowledge that submitting a request is not a guarantee of funding. However, if after review of your proposal your project advances through the annual Appropriations Committee process, and legislation is enacted into law appropriating funds for this request your organization will be a responsible steward of taxpayer funding and execute your project in accordance with all applicable requirements to the best of your ability.

1. Certification *

By clicking YES, you are certifying that you have read the above information with regard to Congressionally Directed Spending, and, on behalf of the requesting entity, you certify that you have taken the information into consideration prior to submitting a request for Congressionally Directed Spending. You also certify that your organization’s submission serves as a commitment on behalf of the applicant that the entity is able to receive and process funding for the stated purposes and in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations

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