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GUIDANCE**

Eligible CDS Accounts & Requirements

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

Following enactment, CDS recipients must apply for funding through the normal agency application process. Members must certify that a recipient of a CDS can meet ALL program requirements including cost-share or matching requirements. Below are specific requirements for accounts through which Members may make CDS requests. The Subcommittee will not fund CDS items if a recipient CANNOT meet all program requirements.

### **Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities (ARS B&F):**

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 and Plant Health Inspection Service, Salaries and Expenses (APHIS):**

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 will be one-year funding (i.e. until the end of the fiscal year).

### **Natural Resources Conservation Service, Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO):**

CDS recipients for WFPO 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.

Projects are required to complete a four-step process including:

1. Preliminary feasibility study (PIFR)
2. Watershed Plan development
3. Implementation of Watershed Plan
4. Commencement of construction for authorized watershed conservation

If a project is a "new start" it is eligible only for PIFR funding at a level of \$55,000. Funding cannot be requested for stages 2-4 until the PIFR is completed (this includes projects where the PIFR is in progress). Organizations are encouraged to request funding for projects that are nearing the construction stage.

Requests must include the following information:

- Local sponsor
- Confirm coordination with the Natural Resources Conservation Service State Conservationist
- Indicate for which phase of the project funding is requested

## **Community Facilities Grants:**

The following project and applicant eligibility criteria must be met **prior to** a congressionally directed spending request being approved:

The Community Facilities (CF) Grant program has a match requirement on a sliding scale based on the community population size of where the project will be located. CF Grants can cover up to 75 percent of the total project costs. Rural Development (RD) verifies an applicant's population size from the most recent census. **In order to determine whether a project is eligible, the applicant is required to reach out to your state RD office.** Contact information for the state offices can be found at this link:

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/offices/state-offices>.

This program will fund **up to** 75% of total project costs, with match requirements based on population as follows (Towns with populations over 20,000 are not eligible for this program):

- 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.

In general, CF matching funds must come from a non-Federal source (must be a cash match; it cannot be in-kind). However, there are two exceptions: (1) sometimes a Federal source will state that it can be used as a match for Federal Grants and (2) when a Federal source loses its Federal identity --- such as CDBG funds that are distributed through a Governor's office (not the CDBG entitlement funding) --- a CF project having these funds as a part of the capital stack can be a part of the applicant required contribution. **While an applicant does not need to have its match in hand at the time of submission, they must have their match at the time of obligation.** If applicants fail to have their match within three years of enactment of the final bill, funds may be swept back into the general CF account.

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.

CDS requests will be considered outside of the CF state allocations. Therefore, the sole cap that will determine the maximum grant assistance is the match requirement as described above. **The average CF CDS project size funded in previous years was \$1,000,000.** When considering which CDS requests to submit to the Subcommittee, this is a good baseline to use.

In order to best determine the eligibility of the request, the following information must be provided:

- Recipient
- Intended use of funds and how the completed construction/acquisition will be used. Please provide as much detail as possible. For example, "the funding will be used to build three new classrooms to teach English." A full list of eligible entities, uses, and limitations can be found here: [7 CFR Part 3570](#)

- Both the requested CDS dollar amount and the total cost of the project (in thousands of dollars)
- Project location

**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; and
- To fund facilities to be used primarily for business entrepreneur purposes.

Applicants must meet environmental review requirements (i.e., NEPA). Applicants must complete an application through USDA if awarded a CDS in the final bill.

- Note: there are several set-asides within the CF grant program, but congressionally directed spending requests will only be eligible for the general CF Grant program.
- **Due to the complexity of these grants, all applications should be vetted through your state RD office – the Subcommittee will not consider projects that are ineligible.**
- RD publishes its grant awards for all its programs on their website: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/grant-awards>. Once you download the excel spreadsheet, you can filter for just CF Grants.

**Rural Development, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants:**

The following project and applicant eligibility criteria must be met **prior to** a congressionally directed spending request being approved:

- There is a flat 15 percent match (matching funds cannot come from another Federal source).
- Full list of eligible entities, uses, and limitations can be found here: [7 CFR Part 1734 Subpart A and B](#).
- The maximum grant size is \$1,000,000.
- Even though for-profit entities are eligible for this program, they are not eligible for congressionally directed spending requests.
- **Broadband deployment is not an eligible use of funds for DLT.**
- Applicants must complete an application with RD if awarded a CDS in the final bill.

For both CF and DLT Grants, state directors and local specialists are available to answer specific questions regarding eligibility of a proposed project. You can find their contact information at this link:

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/offices/state-offices>. In addition to certifying that the matching requirements will be met, **requesting organizations must certify that the potential recipient has contacted their local office and confirmed the proposed project meets the program’s eligibility requirements.**

## COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

*CJS CDS projects should not be viewed as continuous funding sources and should be distinct from competitive grant opportunities at the relevant agencies. As a general matter, funding should be for one-time costs that do not create permanent resource requirements for the recipient. CDS projects should be viewed as a way to jump start or complete an activity – not sustain it over time. Successful CDS requests will match the project to the authorization or mission of an agency or account and have the support of local officials or communities.*

### **Department of Commerce; National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Scientific and Technical Research Services (STRS); External Projects**

The Subcommittee will accept CDS requests for NIST STRS. Projects should address scientific, technological, and standards-related research and technology development, limited to equipment, initial salaries, and limited contracting. There must be a clear, demonstrable nexus to the research component of the project and to a NIST research program. **Construction projects will not be accepted.** NIST allows minor alterations in terms of “retrofits,” based on how the agency utilizes STRS internally, including electrical and/or HVAC upgrades, and other minor modifications (e.g., expanding a door or putting up a partition wall). Anything that could be considered new construction (e.g., pouring a foundation or erecting walls or a roof) is not allowable.

### **Department of Commerce; NIST; Construction of Research Facilities; Extramural Construction**

The Subcommittee will accept CDS requests for NIST Extramural Construction projects for non-Federal 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.** Requesting organizations are strongly encouraged to contact Member office staff to discuss individual projects prior to submission.

### **Department of Commerce; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); Operations, Research, and Facilities (ORF); Special Projects**

The Subcommittee will accept CDS requests for NOAA ORF. Projects should address fisheries, marine mammals, ocean, coastal issues, climate, weather, atmospheric research, data acquisition, and forecasting programs. **Construction projects will not be accepted.**

### **Department of Justice; Office on Justice Programs; State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance; Byrne Discretionary**

The Subcommittee will accept CDS requests for Byrne Discretionary projects. Projects should provide additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information 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](#). The Subcommittee strongly encourages requesting organizations to review the guide and manual prior to project submission. Requesting organizations should refrain from specifying brand names for equipment to ensure fair and open competition.

## **Department of Justice; Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS); COPS Law Enforcement Technology and Equipment**

The Subcommittee will accept CDS requests for COPS Law Enforcement Technology and Equipment for 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. 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. The Subcommittee strongly encourages requesting organizations review the guide and manual prior to project submission. Requesting organizations should refrain from specifying brand names for equipment to ensure fair and open competition. Requesting organizations are cautioned against requests for vehicles and vessels that carry with them a high maintenance cost at the conclusion of the CDS request. Agencies should consider the full range of potential legal, constitutional, and civil liberties and privacy implications associated with generating, acquiring, or using technology or data.

## **National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Safety, Security and Mission Support**

The Subcommittee will accept CDS requests for NASA SSMS. Projects should focus on science education, research, and technology development related to NASA's mission. Medical research projects and projects at NASA-owned Visitor Centers or a State's designated Space Grant Consortium will not be funded. **This account cannot fund construction but may be used for equipment, research funding, or education programs.**

## ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

The Subcommittee will *only* consider CDS requests for items in the following accounts:

- 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: “Energy Projects” Account will include the following topic areas:
  - Renewable and Clean Energy
  - Electricity and Energy Resiliency
  - Cybersecurity and Energy Security
  - Nuclear Energy
  - Fossil Energy or Carbon Management

### **Special Guidance for Corps of Engineers & Bureau of Reclamation Projects**

**For the Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, only projects and programs previously authorized by will be considered for funding.** For the Corps of Engineers, with the exception of Operation and Maintenance, an authorized project or program that has not received funding in prior years is considered a new start.

It is the practice of the Subcommittee to 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. CDS requests for both the Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation are provided to the agencies (both prior to Senate mark and at conference) for technical assistance to verify authorization and capability. This means that at conference CDS amounts can be reduced from Senate or House mark levels based on a reduced capability, as determined by the agencies.

It is extremely beneficial to contact the local Corps or Reclamation District to verify CDS request capability, authorization, and project name prior to submittal.

### **Special Guidance for Department of Energy CDS Requests**

While the Subcommittee will consider requests in the Department of Energy, it is expected to provide **very few such items**. Requests must fit under at least one of the five topic areas listed above and be submitted to the “Energy Projects” account. Further, please carefully review the list below that lays out what type of CDS projects are not eligible for funding as the Subcommittee has updated this list. Even if you successfully funded a project in this account in prior fiscal years, new criteria changes may make that project not eligible this year.

Successful projects will 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 above. This includes requests that are not eligible for funding through tax credits or other federal incentives.

Further, the Subcommittee **will not fund the following projects:**

- Projects that do not follow statutory cost sharing requirements. Statutory cost sharing requirements may apply to these projects, as required by section 988 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. A step-by-step document explaining the cost share rules according to the Department is included as an addendum to this guidance. 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.
- 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 show 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.”

### **Cost Sharing DOE Financial Assistance Awards**

Statutory cost sharing requirements are typically applicable to DOE Projects awarded under financial assistance instruments (grants and cooperative agreements under EAct 2005, §988). The amount of required cost sharing depends on the scope and technological maturity of the project:

#### Categories:

- Research and development projects - minimum 20% cost share
- Demonstration or commercial projects - minimum 50% cost share
- Outreach and educational projects - no minimum cost share
- Fundamental science projects - no minimum cost share

Some projects may contain elements of more than one of the categories shown above. Therefore, some projects may have a blended cost share.

DOE financial assistance actions are subject to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, at 2 CFR Part 200, as amended by 2 CFR Part 910.

The Uniform Administrative Requirements defines Research and Development (R&D) and Demonstration as follows:

- 2 CFR 200.1: Research and development (R&D) means all research activities, both basic and applied, and all development activities that are performed by non-Federal entities. The term research also includes activities involving the training of individuals in research techniques where such activities utilize the same facilities as other research and development activities and where such activities are not included in the instruction function. “Research” is defined as a systematic study directed toward fuller scientific knowledge or understanding of the subject studied.  
“Development” is the systematic use of knowledge and understanding gained from research directed toward the production of useful materials, devices, systems, or methods, including design and development of prototypes and processes.
- 2 CFR 910.130(e): Demonstration means a project designed to determine the technical feasibility and economic potential of a technology on either a pilot or prototype scale.

### **Cost Sharing or Cost Matching**

The terms “cost sharing” and “cost matching” are often used synonymously. Even 2 CFR 200.306, “Cost Sharing or Matching” uses both of the terms in the title specific to regulations applicable to cost sharing. DOE almost always uses the term “cost sharing,” because it conveys the concept that non-federal share is calculated as a percentage of the Total Project Cost. An exception is the State Energy Program Regulation, which is subject to 10 CFR Part 420. Specifically, in accordance with 10 CFR 420.12, “State Matching Contribution” is calculated as a percentage of the federal funds only, rather than the Total Project Cost.

### **How Cost Sharing Is Calculated**

As stated above, cost sharing is calculated as a percentage of the Total Project Cost. Following is an example of how to calculate cost sharing amounts for a project with \$1,000,000 in federal funds with a minimum 20% non-federal cost sharing requirement:

Formula: Federal share (\$) divided by Federal share (%) = Total Project Cost

Example: \$1,000,000 divided by 80% = \$1,250,000

Formula: Total Project Cost (\$) minus Federal share (\$) = Non-federal share (\$)

Example: \$1,250,000 minus \$1,000,000 = \$250,000

Formula: Non-federal share (\$) divided by Total Project Cost (\$) = Non-federal share (%)

Example: \$250,000 divided by \$1,250,000 = 20%

### **What Qualifies For Cost Sharing**

While it is not possible to explain what specifically qualifies for cost sharing in one or even a couple of sentences, in general, if a cost is allowable under the cost principles applicable to the organization

incurring the cost and is eligible for reimbursement under a DOE grant or cooperative agreement, then it is allowable as cost share. Conversely, if the cost is not allowable under the cost principles and not eligible for reimbursement, then it is not allowable as cost share. In addition, costs may not be counted as cost share if they are paid by the Federal Government under another award unless authorized by Federal statute to be used for cost sharing.

The Cost Principles, 2 CFR 200, Subpart E explains what is allowable as cost share specific to the type of organization that is receiving funds under the grant or cooperative agreement, though are generally the same for all types of entities. The specific rules applicable to:

- State and Local Governments and Indian Tribes are found at 2 CFR 200.416;
- Institutions of Higher Education are found at 2 CFR 200.418; and
- For-profit Organizations are found at 2 CFR 910.130.

In addition to the regulations referenced above, other factors may also come into play such as timing of donations and length of the project period. For example, the value of ten years of donated maintenance on a project that has a project period of five years would not be fully allowable as cost share. Only the value for the five years of donated maintenance that corresponds to the project period is allowable and may be counted as cost share.

Additionally, DOE generally does not allow pre-award costs for either cost share or reimbursement when these costs precede the signing of the appropriation bill that funds the award. In the case of a competitive award, DOE generally does not allow pre-award costs prior to the signing of the Selection Statement by the DOE Selection Official.

Following is a link to the Uniform Administrative Requirements. You can click on the specific section for each Code of Federal Regulations reference mentioned above.

[Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards](#)

[Federal Agency Regulations for Grants and Agreements – Department of Energy](#)

As stated above, the rules associated with what is allowable cost share are generally the same for all types of organizations. Following are the rules found to be common, but again, the specifics are contained in the regulations and cost principles specific to the type of entity:

1. *Acceptable contributions.* All contributions, including cash contributions and third party in-kind contributions, must be accepted as part of the recipient's cost sharing if such contributions meet all of the following criteria:
  - a. They are verifiable from the recipient's records.
  - b. They are not included as contributions for any other federally-assisted project or program.
  - c. They are necessary and reasonable for proper and efficient accomplishment of project or program objectives.
  - d. They are allowable under the cost principles applicable to the type of entity incurring the cost as follows:
    - i. *For-profit organizations.* Allowability of costs incurred by for-profit organizations and those nonprofit organizations listed in 2 CFR 910.130 is determined in accordance

with the for-profit costs principles in 48 CFR Part 31 in the Federal Acquisition Regulation, except that patent prosecution costs are not allowable unless specifically authorized in the award document.

- ii. *Other types of organizations.* Allowability of costs incurred by other types of organizations that may be subrecipients under a prime award is determined in accordance with [2 CFR 200, Subpart E](#).
- e. They are not paid by the Federal Government under another award unless authorized by Federal statute to be used for cost sharing or matching.
- f. They are provided for in the approved budget.

## 2. *Valuing and documenting contributions*

- a. *Valuing recipient's property or services of recipient's employees.* Values are established in accordance with the applicable cost principles, which mean that amounts chargeable to the project are determined on the basis of costs incurred. For real property or equipment used on the project, the cost principles authorize depreciation or use charges. The full value of the item may be applied when the item will be consumed in the performance of the award or fully depreciated by the end of the award. In cases where the full value of a donated capital asset is to be applied as cost sharing or matching, that full value must be the lesser or the following:
  - i. The certified value of the remaining life of the property recorded in the recipient's accounting records at the time of donation; or
  - ii. The current fair market value. If there is sufficient justification, the contracting officer may approve the use of the current fair market value of the donated property, even if it exceeds the certified value at the time of donation to the project. The contracting officer may accept the use of any reasonable basis for determining the fair market value of the property.
- b. *Valuing services of others' employees.* If an employer other than the recipient furnishes the services of an employee, those services are valued at the employee's regular rate of pay, provided these services are for the same skill level for which the employee is normally paid.
- c. *Valuing volunteer services.* Volunteer services furnished by professional and technical personnel, consultants, and other skilled and unskilled labor may be counted as cost sharing or matching if the service is an integral and necessary part of an approved project or program. Rates for volunteer services must be consistent with those paid for similar work in the recipient's organization. In those markets in which the required skills are not found in the recipient organization, rates must be consistent with those paid for similar work in the labor market in which the recipient competes for the kind of services involved. In either case, paid fringe benefits that are reasonable, allowable, and allocable may be included in the valuation.
- d. *Valuing property donated by third parties.*
  - i. Donated supplies may include such items as office supplies or laboratory supplies. Value assessed to donated supplies included in the cost sharing or matching share must be reasonable and must not exceed the fair market value of the property at the

time of the donation.

- ii. Normally only depreciation or use charges for equipment and buildings may be applied. However, the fair rental charges for land and the full value of equipment or other capital assets may be allowed, when they will be consumed in the performance of the award or fully depreciated by the end of the award, provided that the contracting officer has approved the charges. When use charges are applied, values must be determined in accordance with the usual accounting policies of the recipient, with the following qualifications:
  - 1. The value of donated space must not exceed the fair rental value of comparable space as established by an independent appraisal of comparable space and facilities in a privately-owned building in the same locality.
  - 2. The value of loaned equipment must not exceed its fair rental value.
- e. *Documentation.* The following requirements pertain to the recipient's supporting records for in-kind contributions from third parties:
  - i. Volunteer services must be documented and, to the extent feasible, supported by the same methods used by the recipient for its own employees.
  - ii. The basis for determining the valuation for personal services and property must be documented.

## FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

### **Small Business Administration, Administrative Provision**

Projects supporting 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.

#### **Additional notes:**

SBA projects should generally align with SBA's existing mission. To review the types of activities funded through SBA, please review this [CRS report](#).

#### ***Example projects:***

- Funding for non-profit to implement small business programing for veterans within community.
- Funding for a non-profit to implement training on small business succession planning.
- Funding for training, programing, and renovations at small business incubator/accelerator.

Generally, subcommittee staff and agencies will use the following guidelines to determine eligibility of projects:

- **What is ineligible**
  - No funds for seed capital for small businesses.
  - No funds for recipient to make sub-grants of any kind.
  - No funds for recipient to make loans of any kind.
  - No funds for construction or acquisition of facilities (renovations to a preexisting building are allowed).
  - No funds for projects primarily directed at workforce development or job training.
- **What is eligible**
  - Funds in support of small business/entrepreneur training, technical assistance, and programming
  - Funds for small business incubators and accelerators.
    - Incubators/accelerators **should:** (1) be run by non-profit, educational institution, or government entity and be broadly available to the community, (2) include wraparound services (education, training, programming, mentoring), and (3) include a graduation model (established policy in place regarding circumstances and timeline for small business exit from incubator/accelerator).
- **Other considerations**
  - Please ensure your submission includes a detailed budget breakdown, categorized by distinct costs.
  - Funding needs to be spent in accordance with applicable Federal laws and regulations.
  - If CDS funds are awarded, the recipient will still need to submit documents to SBA.
  - Ensure that SAM.gov registration is active and up to date for recipient, and that your organization has a Unique Entity Identifier number.
  - The period of performance default is 1 year, and cannot exceed 5 years.
  - Grant recipients are subject to audits and review by SBA's Inspector General and the Government Accountability Office.

### **National Archives and Records Administration, National Historical Publications and Records Commission**

Projects to 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, Repairs and Restoration**

Projects that dedicate funding for one or more of the 15 presidential libraries established under the Presidential Libraries Act

### **General Services Administration, Federal Buildings Fund, Construction and Acquisition or Repairs and Alterations**

CDS projects include all Construction projects and Major Repairs projects not requested in the FY27 GSA budget request, unless projects were partially funded in a prior 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

*All award recipients for both FEMA accounts must provide a non-federal entity contribution supporting **25% of the total project cost**. The non-federal entity contribution can be cash (hard match) or third-party in-kind (soft match), with the exception of construction activities, which must be a cash (hard) match.*

### **Federal Emergency Management Agency, 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, hazard mitigation plan, and environmental and historic preservation requirements. Full requirements can be found in the fiscal year 2023 [NOFO for the “Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program”](#).

For any projects designated for funding in the final fiscal year 2027 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.**

### **Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) 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 fiscal year 2023 [NOFO for the “Emergency Operations Center Grant Program”](#).

For any projects designated for funding in the final fiscal year 2027 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

### **Environmental Protection Agency, STAG, Clean Water SRF, Clean Water CDS**

### **Environmental Protection Agency, STAG, Drinking Water SRF, Drinking Water CDS**

*About the Program:* The Subcommittee anticipates that 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. The Subcommittee will be limiting water infrastructure grants only to projects that are publicly-owned or owned by a non-profit entity. Privately-owned projects are NOT eligible for water infrastructure grants.

The Subcommittee has previously considered projects benefiting both a clean water and drinking water system. Any such project must meet the qualifications below and must be requested under the Clean Water CDS account. CDS projects included in a final bill will go through the federal grant award process and CDS projects will be subject to applicable requirements including those related to federal grants, domestic preference, and the National Environmental Policy Act.

#### **State and Local Projects**

The Subcommittee will accept 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)**.

There is a minimum 20% cost share requirement for any state or local water infrastructure grant funded through congressionally directed spending. For example, a \$1 million project could receive a maximum of \$800,000 from the federal government, with the remaining \$200,000 the responsibility of the CDS recipient. In almost all cases, other federal funds cannot be used to meet this 20% cost share. Please note that only the non-federal portion of assistance provided by a State Revolving Loan Fund can be applied towards a project's matching requirement.

For State and Local Grants for Drinking or Clean Water Projects, requesting organizations **must** confirm this status with the state before finalizing your submission:

1. Is the project on the state's most recently finalized Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan? Required YES or NO

#### **Requesting organizations must answer each of the following questions in the order listed below:**

1. What is the project purpose, e.g., drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and/or water quality protection?
2. How will the project help the recipient meet applicable water standards—e.g. improve drinking water quality or improve surface/groundwater quality?
3. Is this project primarily to support existing water needs or to support future growth? Note that projects primarily to support future growth are typically ineligible for State Revolving Funds. Is this request seeking funding for planning and design, construction, or both?
4. Describe the project recipient—are they a municipality? Public water system? Other public entity?

5. What is the total estimated cost of the project, based on the facilities plan or preliminary engineering report?
6. What is the amount requested for the project?
7. Is the amount requested scalable to a lower amount and if so, what is the minimum amount?
8. Please list any funding received from federal appropriations, including the fiscal year and source of funding (Clean Water SRF, Drinking Water SRF, STAG grants, USDA Rural Development Program, FEMA, or others)?
9. Does the community have a financing plan certified by an authorized local official demonstrating how it will cover the matching funds of 20% or more?
10. What are the anticipated non-federal sources of funding for this project?
11. What is the project's status (for example, preliminary engineering, initial planning and design, final design completed, construction initiated)?
12. Has the community ever received state or federal funding for water infrastructure projects (not limited to the specific project)?

Note that SRF projects have very specific eligibility requirements and the Subcommittee will not consider projects that do not meet those requirements. The following table lists some of the project types that are ineligible for SRF funding:

<b>Projects that generally are NOT eligible for SRF funding</b>			
<b>Clean Water / Waste Water</b>		<b>Drinking Water</b>	
1.	Land, except for projects described in the subsequent table under eligibility #11	1.	Dams or rehabilitation of dams
2.	Operations and maintenance costs	2.	Operations and maintenance costs
3.	Non-municipal point source control	3.	Water rights, except if the water rights are owned by a system that is being purchased through consolidation as part of a capacity development strategy or if the water rights purchase is covered by EPA's DWSRF Class Deviation for Water Rights 2019
4.	Acid drainage correction	4.	Reservoirs, except for finished water reservoirs and those reservoirs that are part of the treatment process and are located on the property where the treatment facility is located
5.	Ambient water quality monitoring	5.	Laboratory fees for monitoring
6.	Flood Control Projects, unless the project is otherwise managing, reducing, treating, or recapturing stormwater	6.	Projects needed mainly for fire protection
7.	Privately owned sewer pipes	7.	Projects for systems that lack adequate technical, managerial, and financial capability, unless assistance will ensure compliance
		8.	Projects for systems in significant noncompliance, unless funding will ensure compliance
		9.	Projects primarily intended to serve future growth

The following list provides some examples of the types of projects that are typically eligible for SRF funding and are most frequently funded. This list is not intended to be exhaustive.

<b>Projects that generally ARE eligible for SRF funding</b>	
<b>Clean Water / Waste Water</b>	<b>Drinking Water</b>

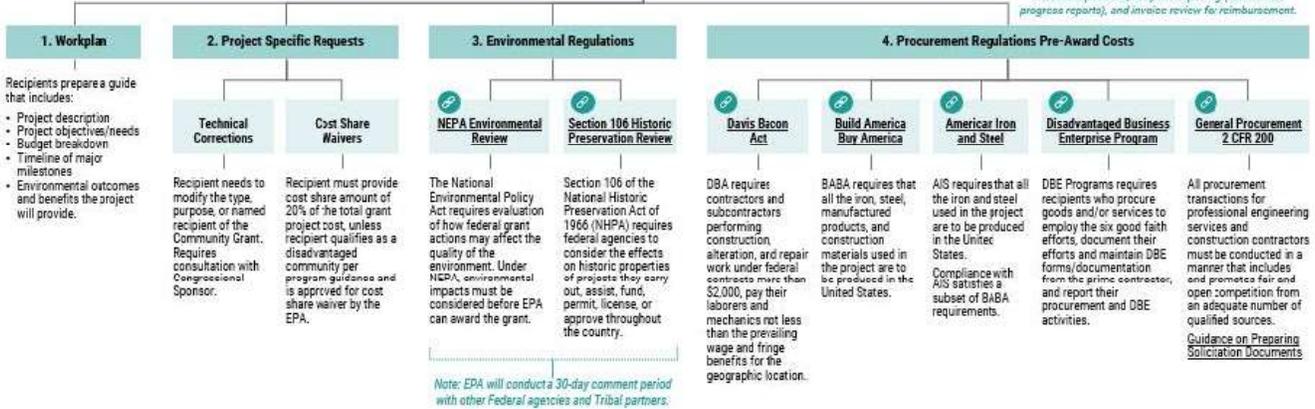
1.	Wastewater treatment plants, including sludge handling facilities.	1.	Facilitate compliance with national primary drinking water regulations or address serious risks to public health including non-regulated contaminants (i.e. PFAS)
2.	Collector Sewers – Small sewers that convey wastewater from residences, commercial establishments, and industrial sites.	2.	Rehabilitate or develop water sources (excluding reservoirs, dams, dam rehabilitation and water rights) to replace contaminated sources
3.	Interceptor Sewers – Large sewers that convey wastewater from collector sewers directly to a wastewater treatment facility.	3.	Install or upgrade treatment facilities
4.	Sewer Pipes – Rehabilitation is only eligible if the pipes are publicly owned.	4.	Install or upgrade storage facilities, including finished water reservoirs, to prevent microbiological contaminants from entering the water system
5.	Outfall Sewer – A sewer that conveys treated wastewater from a wastewater treatment facility to the receiving waters.	5.	Install or replace transmission and distribution pipes to prevent contamination caused by leaks or breaks in the pipe, or improve water pressure to safe levels
6.	Storm Water Management – Measures to manage, reduce, treat, or recapture stormwater or subsurface drainage water (i.e. storm sewers, green infrastructure, etc.).	6.	Projects to consolidate water supplies – for example, when individual homes or other public water supplies have a water supply that is contaminated, or the system is unable to maintain compliance for financial or managerial reasons
7.	Combined sewer overflow (CSO) control and sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) control.	7.	Land is eligible only if it is integral to a project that is needed to meet or maintain compliance and further public health protection
8.	Infiltration/Inflow Correction – Construction activities that prevent surface water or groundwater from entering the sewer system.	8.	Project planning, design and other related costs
9.	Water Security – Installation or upgrade of physical security infrastructure such as lighting, fencing, monitoring and access control. Also, cybersecurity measures, installation of safer treatment technologies, and more secure storage of on-site treatment.		
10.	Septic Tanks – Remediation, rehabilitation, removal and replacement of failing tanks are eligible, as well as installation of new tanks.		
11.	Land – The leasing and fee-simple purchase of land, including surface and subsurface easements, needed to locate eligible municipal or Tribal projects, and land integral to the treatment process. Municipal purchase of land and/or conservation easements for source water protection are also eligible.		
12.	Water Reuse – Projects involving the municipal reuse or recycling of wastewater, stormwater, or subsurface drainage water.		
13.	Capital Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects – e.g., river or streambank restoration, agricultural best management practices (i.e., buffer strips, manure containment structures), wetlands restoration, etc.		

Finally, **please be advised** of the detailed process that must be followed before CDS funding for SRFs can be provided for an individual project:



## Pre-Award Project Requirements

*Note: Procurement regulations will remain active post award. Other post award grant management activities include inspections, recipient reporting (semiannual progress reports), and invoice review for reimbursement.*



## National Park Service, Historic Preservation Fund Projects

*About the Program:* The Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), established to help fund the programs created by the National Historic Preservation Act (Public Law 89-665; 54 USC 300301 et seq.), was designed to preserve historical and archaeological sites in the United States of America. The Subcommittee will accept CDS requests for projects within HPF that meet the eligibility requirements of [existing HPF competitive programs](#).

- The Subcommittee notes that the vast majority of successful HPF projects in prior years have been funded within the Save America’s Treasures (SAT) program.
  - For SAT, the Subcommittee will require that the property be listed as an historic place on the National Register of Historic Places or as a National Historic Landmark. Interested applicants must inquire with their [State Historic Preservation Office](#) to confirm listings and locate the National Register listing number(s).
    - For the purposes of SAT CDS, the listing may be at the national, state, or local level. In addition, a project is eligible if it has received a prior HPF award.
  - SAT projects require a **one-to-one match** with non-federal cash and/or in-kind contributions.
  - **SAT grants are limited to preservation – new construction, reconstruction, and acquisitions of historic properties or historic collections are not eligible.** The [SAT website](#) has more information about eligibility.
- Other HPF competitive programs have varied eligibility requirements which will be the basis of the Subcommittee’s consideration. Competitive grant programs are limited to preservation – new construction, reconstruction, and acquisitions of historic properties or historic collections are not eligible. The HPF [Competitive Grants website](#) has more information about eligibility for each program.
- The maximum CDS funding amount is \$500,000 for any HPF project.
- Each successful CDS recipient funded in a final bill must complete and submit an application containing a detailed scope of work and budget proposal to the National Park Service for review and approval.
- All HPF grantees, including successful CDS recipients, must meet standards set by the Secretary of the Interior and comply with the [audit requirements](#).

Requesting organizations **must** answer each of the following questions in the order listed below:

1. For HPF, if the request is for a property, provide the National Register listing number(s) for the property (either as an individual property or as a contributing resource). **Please provide the listing number.**
2. What type of entity is the recipient (e.g., non-profit organization, state or local government, educational institution, federally-recognized Indian Tribe, Alaska Natives, or Native Hawaiian organizations)? **Please specify.**
3. Does the recipient have in place, or a plan to provide, the one-to-one match with non-federal cash and/or in-kind contribution? **Please answer YES or NO.**
4. Would the requested project fund an eligible activity under the HPF? For SAT, please visit [here](#) and note that new construction, reconstruction, and acquisitions of historic properties or collections are not eligible. Please answer YES or NO.
5. Has the recipient been notified that each successful CDS recipient funded in a final bill must submit an application containing a detailed scope of work and budget proposal to the National Park Service for review and approval? **Please answer YES or NO.**

## **U.S. Forest Service, State, Private, and Tribal Forestry, Forest Resource Information and Analysis**

*About the Program:* The State, Private, and Tribal Forestry account provides technical and financial assistance grants to non-federal 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. There is no matching requirement.

The following limitations apply to these CDS requests:

1. The purchase of equipment must comply with 2 CFR 200.313 and .316, including that the primary recipient is required to manage and track the equipment (they may hold title to the equipment but the Federal government retains an interest).
2. Funds cannot be used for general research, capital improvements, or projects on federal land.
3. Recipients cannot receive funding for the same project that has received funding through other Forest Service grants and agreements.

Requesting organizations should describe how the project will 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**

*About the Programs:* Funding for projects included in the fiscal year 2027 President's budget request should be submitted with the Member office's programmatic requests if the request is for funding at or below the President's budget request level. The Subcommittee will only consider CDS 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. The Subcommittee will have a strong preference for projects included on agency-submitted priority lists.

- **Great American Outdoors Act, Land and Water Conservation Fund:** 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 will accompany the President's budget request in five LWCF accounts. This requirement is delivered in two separate lists: 1) a list of projects proposed for funding in the President's budget request; and 2) a supplemental list of projects that are ready but unfunded. Any funding request for activities not included in the President's budget request must be submitted as a CDS request. These requests must be filed under "Bill-Wide – Multi – Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) – Supplemental Projects, or Supplemental Projects – Not Listed". There will be a high bar for considering any projects not present on the current year's lists. 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, it is the state.
- **Great American Outdoors Act, Legacy Restoration Fund:** 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 Agency Construction:** 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. 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.

Review the prioritized project lists accompanying the current fiscal year budget request to confirm whether the project is included.

- For Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), Legacy Restoration Fund (LRF), or Land Management Agency Construction (LMCON), is the project on the relevant list provided by the administration? **Required YES or NO**

### **Other Accounts**

**The Subcommittee may also consider CDS requests within these accounts, but only on a case-by-case basis. Requesting organizations must provide the relevant project detail as outlined below for ALL requests in these accounts.**

- Type of entity requesting the project (ex. federal agency, state agency, Tribal entity, local city/county agency, university or college, or non-profit organization, etc.).
- Whether the entity has the project on a ranked or otherwise prioritized federal or state list (provide list name and rank) or is otherwise eligible for a specific grant program.
- The land/facility ownership status relevant to the project (ex. Federal, state, tribal or municipal land/facility or other).
- The federal nexus for this project and reason federal funding is necessary.
- The total cost of the project, including any previously awarded federal funds (provide year, amount, and program), matching funds, or partner contributions.
- Timeline for the project, including estimated obligation timeline and start and completion dates for the project.
- Please also note if this project is being submitted to another Subcommittee. If so, include the name of the Subcommittee, program, amount and other relevant information.

### **Land Management Agencies, Local Projects and Research**

In order for requests to be considered within this category, they 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. Project funding is not intended to primarily fund annual operations and maintenance of existing programs at the state, federal, or local level.

- 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, Special Initiatives – project requests may be considered for high priority and core science research, and ecosystem and water resources related activities.

### **BIA, Operation of Indian Programs, 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:**

Project requests may be considered for high priority lines of research related to environmental quality and/or human health.

## LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

### Department of Labor—Employment and Training Administration—Training and Employment Services

CDS requests under ETA (through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) demonstration authority) 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 WIOA (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 requests should include a basic budget that clearly describes how the funds will be used for specific activities to achieve the project's goals.

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 note that in the Project Detail and provide a detailed justification for why such investments are necessary to meet the employment and training needs of individuals.

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

Finally, CDS projects will be expected to have measurable outcomes and demonstrate a linkage with the state or local workforce investment system.

### Department of Health and Human Services—Health Resources and Services Administration—Program Management

CDS requests within HRSA should be submitted through the Program Management account and must fall under one of the following categories. HRSA CDS recipients may not sub-grant to other organizations or agencies:

- **Health Facilities Construction and Equipment**—CDS requests 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 requests 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.

**Department of Health and Human Services—Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration—Health Surveillance and Program Support**

CDS requests within SAMHSA should be submitted through the Health Surveillance and Program Support account and must fall under one of the following categories:

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

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.

**CDS funding within SAMSHA 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.

**Department of Health and Human Services—Administration for Children and Families—Children and Families Services Programs**

CDS requests within ACF should be submitted through the Children and Families Services Programs account and must fall under one of the following categories:

- **Child Abuse Prevention**—projects 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 to promote the ability of families to thrive through financial self-sufficiency in order to reduce poverty and to promote the healthy-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.**

**Department of Health and Human Services—Administration for Community Living—Aging and Disability Services Programs**

CDS requests within ACL should be submitted through the Aging and Disability Services Programs account and must fall under the following category:

- **Aging and Disability Services Programs**—projects to improve the ability of older adults and individuals of all ages with disabilities to live independently and participate fully in their communities. Generally, CDS requests should 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, cannot be used for the provision of medical care, and ACL CDS recipients may not sub-grant to other organizations or agencies.**

**Department of Education—Innovation and Improvement—Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE)**

Elementary and secondary education CDS requests can be designated under this heading for a wide 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 requests intended for individual schools are 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.

## **Department of Education—Higher Education—Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education**

CDS requests through FIPSE 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 CDS requests 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, make sure to note that in the Project Detail and include a justification for that use of funds.

**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.

## **TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES**

### **Transportation Planning, Research, and Development (TPR&D)**

- Organizations can request CDS within the TPR&D account for transportation research projects eligible under title 23 or title 49 of the United States Code. Planning for specific local highway, transit, or rail projects that are eligible under HIP, TIG, or CRISI should NOT be included in this account. Organizations are encouraged to request CDS within this account for national or regional research and development projects.

### **Grants-in-Aid for Airports (Airport Improvement Program or AIP)**

- Organizations can request CDS within the AIP account for airport 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.
- Requesting organizations are required to provide the Project Name, Project Purpose, Project Website, Project Detail, CDS Request, Total Cost, Location of the Activity, and Project Recipient Information.
- Requesting organizations are required to provide a link to the airport master plan that includes the requested project.
- Requesting organizations are required to provide the status of the planning and environmental work so the Subcommittee can assess the readiness of the project. Members should also provide a description of all other sources of funding contributing to the total cost of the project.

### **Highway Infrastructure Programs (HIP)**

- Organizations can request CDS within the HIP account for highway 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 the State Department of Transportation. If the 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 a non-Federal match is available. The only exception to this is if the project is intended to be for a Tribal government, in which case you should provide the name and POC information for the relevant Tribal government.
- Requesting organizations are required to provide the Project Name, Project Purpose, Project Website, Project Detail, CDS Request, Total Cost, Location of the Activity, and Project Recipient Information.
- Requesting organizations are required to provide a link to the STIP or TIP that includes the requested project.
  - **For FY 2027, organizations can request funding for highway projects that are not currently on the STIP or TIP but for which a State DOT has provided a letter 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.
- Requesting organizations are required to include the status of the planning and environmental work so the Subcommittee can assess the readiness of the project. In addition, they must provide the STIP or TIP ID number for the project as it appears in the STIP or TIP included d (if the project is already on a STIP or TIP). Requesting organizations should also provide a description of all other sources of funding contributing to the total cost of the project.

### **Transit Infrastructure Grants (TIG)**

- Organizations can request CDS within the TIG account for transit projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code.
- Requesting organizations are required to provide the Project Name, Project Purpose, Project Website, Project Detail, CDS Request, Total Cost, Location of the Activity, and Project Recipient Information.
- Requesting organizations are required to provide a link to the STIP or TIP that includes the requested project.
  - For FY 2027, organizations can request funding for highway projects that are not currently on the STIP or TIP but for which a State DOT has provided a letter 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.
- Requesting organizations are required to include the status of the planning and environmental work so the Subcommittee can assess the readiness of the project. In addition, they must provide the STIP or TIP ID number for the project as it appears in the STIP or TIP included d (if the project is already on a STIP or TIP). Requesting organizations should also provide a description of all other sources of funding contributing to the total cost of the project.

### **Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grants**

- Organizations can request CDS within the CRISI account for rail capital projects eligible under section 22907 of title 49, United States Code.
- Requesting organizations are required to provide the Project Name, Project Purpose, Project Website, Project Detail, CDS Request, Total Cost, Location of the Activity, and Project Recipient Information.
- Requesting organizations are required to provide a link to the State Rail Plan that includes the requested project.
  - For FY 2027, organizations can request funding for rail projects that are not currently on the State Rail Plan but for which 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.
- Requesting organizations are required to provide the status of the planning and environmental work so the Subcommittee can assess the readiness of the project. Members should also provide a description of all other sources of funding contributing to the total cost of the project.

## **Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives (EDIs)**

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.

The Subcommittee strongly encourages Member offices to pursue projects that address affordable housing, community services, and economic development, and are comparable to activities in the CDBG program. 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:** EDIs 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 where the project is located to conduct the environmental review on their behalf. NEW: The Subcommittee strongly encourages Member offices to make EDI applicants aware that, consistent with HUD’s “Build America, Buy America” phased implementation, all FY 2027 EDIs are required to comply with the Build America Preference for iron, steel, construction materials, and manufactured products. Member offices should confirm with organizations requesting EDIs that they will be able to comply with all Federal requirements. 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 2027 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.

Requesting organizations should provide a link to the project website, if available, or if the project is included in an existing CDBG grantee’s Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan, a link to such plan. If neither is available, provide the organization’s website.

Requesting organizations are required to provide at a minimum:

- Brief description of the project;
- Breakdown of how EDI funds will be used;
- Status of the project (planning, design, under construction, etc.) and timeline of its expected completion;

- List of all other sources of funding contributing to the total cost of the project;
- The status of the environmental review work; and
- If the grantee is a nonprofit, if a “Responsible Entity” has been identified to conduct the Federal environmental review should one be necessary for the project.

**National Objective:** Requesting organizations should identify which of the three National Objectives of the broader CDBG program the EDI project and its activities meets and include relevant data or a description indicating **how** it meets such National Objective(s). The three CDBG program National Objectives are:

1. benefit low- and moderate-income persons or communities;
2. prevent or eliminate slums or blight; or
3. address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available.

The most common CDBG National Objective that EDI projects will meet is the benefit to low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons, which depending on the type of project, can be demonstrated through a benefit to a specific service area, serving a limited clientele, housing for certain income households, and the creation or retention of jobs for certain income individuals.

- If using the LMI National Objective, please review this HUD resource: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/cdbg-low-moderate-income-data/>
- If the project is meeting the LMI National Objective through the service area, use the “Map Application” tool to provide the necessary data points on the LMI population in that service area: <https://hud.maps.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=ffd0597e8af24f88b501b7e7f326bedd>