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SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

The Agriculture Subcommittee will accept CDS requests for the following accounts:

- Agricultural Research Service, Building and Facilities (ARS B&F)
- National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Research Facilities Act Program (NIFA RFAP)
- Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Salaries and Expenses (APHIS S&E)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service, Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO)
- Rural Development, Community Facilities Grants
- Rural Development, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants

Following enactment of the FY27 funding bill, 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

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.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, RESEARCH FACILITIES ACT PROGRAM (RFAP)

Eligible qualifying institutions (Land Grant Universities, Non-Land-Grant Colleges of Agriculture, and other eligible entities as defined in [7 U.S.C. 6971\(f\)\(1\)\(C\)](#)) may request funds for constructing, purchasing, updating, renovating, or modifying agricultural research buildings to conduct research in the areas of agriculture and food sciences. Funds may be used to fund site design, purchase and installation of permanently affixed equipment for research, as well as for construction or renovation of buildings or sites for agricultural research facilities or other facilities that store agricultural research experimental samples.

CDS recipients must provide a 100% non-federal match for any RFAP award. Recipients cannot move forward without a commitment to match funding before obligation. Not more than 3 percent of the CDS funding shall be available to pay for administrative costs. Construction projects are subject to National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review, and must comply with Build America Buy America requirements.

The Research Facilities Act (7 U.S.C 390d) limits active RFAP awards to one per institution, however the FY26 bill waived that limitation in regard to CDS awards, allowing CDS recipients to also seek competitive RFAP funding. The subcommittee plans to continue this allowance for FY27 RFAP CDS recipients. Learn more about RFAP [here](#).

APHIS SALARIES AND EXPENSES

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](#).

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). Offices are encouraged to request funding for projects that are nearing the construction stage.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANTS

The following project and applicant eligibility criteria must be met **prior to** a CDS 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, your office or 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/state-offices>.

This program will fund **up to** 75% of total project costs, with match requirements based on population as follows:

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

Towns with populations over 20,000 are not eligible for this program. In addition to population density requirements, projects must primarily serve rural communities to be considered. If a project is located in an eligible location, but is adjacent to an ineligible area which would be a primary beneficiary of the services provided, it will be deemed ineligible.

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. Applicants 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.

The average CF CDS project size funded in FY26 was just under \$1,000,000. When considering which CDS requests to submit to the Subcommittee, this is a good baseline to use.

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.

This program is subject to the Build America Buy America Act (BABAA) requirements which will apply to the total project cost, not just the Federal cost-share portion. Applicants must also meet environmental review requirements (i.e., NEPA). Applicants must complete an application if awarded a CDS in the final bill.

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. [Click here for Minnesota contact information.](#)

RURAL DEVELOPMENT, DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE GRANTS

The following project and applicant eligibility criteria must be met **prior to** a CDS 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 generally eligible for this program, they are not eligible for CDS 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

CDS requests should fund local projects that further the missions of CJS agencies by increasing the understanding of the oceans and the atmosphere, protecting our communities, and promoting space- or standards- related science. There must be a clear, demonstrable nexus to the applicable agency’s missions and programs, and the request should articulate that nexus. Funding recipients must be governmental or non- profit entities. Requests should budget for only one year of funding and not multiple years.

The CJS Subcommittee will accept CDS requests in the following accounts:

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

NIST STRS, EXTERNAL PROJECTS

Projects should address scientific, technological, and standards-related research and technology development, limited to equipment 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.

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.

NOAA ORF, SPECIAL PROJECTS

Projects should address fisheries, marine mammals, ocean, coastal issues, climate, weather, atmospheric research, data acquisition, and forecasting programs. Construction projects will not be accepted.

DOJ BYRNE DISCRETIONARY

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. CDS requests funded in a final bill will be subject to the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#). In addition, please note that DOJ has traditionally advised on allowable expenses in the context of what

DOJ deems to be current legal requirements. Refrain from specifying brand names for equipment to ensure fair and open competition.

DOJ 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.

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. In addition, please note that DOJ has traditionally advised on allowable expenses in the context of what DOJ deems to be current legal requirements. Refrain from specifying brand names for equipment to ensure fair and open competition. 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.

NASA SAFETY, SECURITY AND MISSION SUPPORT (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.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

EWD will 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 (except for Reclamation grant programs, i.e. WaterSMART)

Specific Guidance for Corps of Engineers & Bureau of Reclamation CDS Requests:

Only authorized projects and programs will be considered for funding.

It is the practice of EWD to only provide funding that 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.

For the Corps of Engineers, with the exception of Operation and Maintenance and Environmental Infrastructure projects, an authorized project or program that has not received funding in prior years is considered a new start. With few exceptions, a new start requires an identified non-Federal sponsor to be eligible for funding. Limited new starts are expected this year.

We expect a high demand for Corps of Engineers Environmental Infrastructure requests. To assist with review, please include a clear description of the project components (e.g. sewer line, pump station, stormwater treatment, etc.) for which you are seeking funding and provide the increments of work that can be completed in the fiscal year.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

The Subcommittee will accept requests for CDS items only in the accounts listed below:

- Small Business Administration, Administrative Provision
- National Archives and Records Administration, National Historical Publications and Records Commission
- National Archives and Records Administration, Repairs and Restoration
- General Services Administration, Federal Buildings Fund, Construction and Acquisition
- General Services Administration, Federal Buildings Fund, Repairs and Alterations, Major Repairs
- General Services Administration, Federal Buildings Fund, Repairs and Alterations, Basic Repairs
- Office of National Drug Control Policy, Administrative Provision (Prevention Grants)
- Office of National Drug Control Policy, Administrative Provision (HIDTA Grants)

CDS projects should not be viewed as continuous funding sources and should be distinct from competitive grant opportunities at the relevant agencies. CDS projects should be viewed as a way to jump start an activity not sustain it over time.

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.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION, NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS COMMISSION (NHPRC)

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

CDS projects are projects not in either the FY27 GSA budget request or the Judiciary's budget request. Projects that are in either the FY27 GSA budget request or the Judiciary's budget request or were partially funded in a prior enacted FSGG Appropriations Act are considered programmatic, not CDS. Construction projects are for new GSA-owned federal courthouses, federal office buildings, or land ports-of-entry. ***Please note:*** *Eligible projects do not include state or county facilities, DOD facilities, VA facilities, or transportation infrastructure facilities.*

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, FEDERAL BUILDINGS FUND, REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS

CDS projects are projects not in either the FY27 GSA budget request or the Judiciary's budget request. Projects that are in either the FY27 GSA budget request or the Judiciary's budget request or were partially funded in a prior enacted FSGG Appropriations Act are considered programmatic, not CDS. Repair projects must be core GSA-owned courthouses, office buildings, or land ports-of-entry in need of either basic or major repairs or alterations. ***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. Among other things, allowable expenses include building rent and equipment. Unallowable expenses include (but are not limited to) real property purchases, and construction or renovation costs. ***Please note:*** *Programs should not be substance specific. Treatment programs are not eligible.*

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY (ONDCP), HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREAS (HIDTA) GRANTS

Projects that provide public safety equipment to support local law enforcement efforts to combat illicit drug trafficking in HIDTA-designated areas. Eligible uses include technology and investigative equipment used in drug trafficking enforcement operations. Examples include drug analysis tools, drug detection devices, cellular telephone encryption devices and specialized firearm analysis tools. Recipients must partner with a regional High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program (identified [here](#)), codified via a memorandum of understanding. Projects should focus on strengthening operational capacity to disrupt drug trafficking organizations. Ineligible uses include salaries, new construction, facility renovations, vehicles, and aircraft (excluding unmanned aerial vehicles).

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

Subcommittee will accept requests for CDS items only in the accounts listed below

- Federal Emergency Management Agency, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program
- Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Operations Center Grant Program

PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION (PDM) GRANT PROGRAM

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 2024 [NOFO for the “Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program”](#). For your reference, the status of hazard mitigation plans can be found [here](#). 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.

In addition to the PDM grant program requirements listed above, the Subcommittee will principally seek to satisfy Member requests for eligible projects that are important to states and local communities but which may not receive adequate attention under the larger Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program. Projects awarded BRIC funding will not be eligible for PDM CDS funding. If you have questions about the appropriateness of funding recommendations for individual project requests, please contact the Subcommittee staff handling FEMA.

For PDM projects, recipients must have a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan (HMP) at the time of the FEMA application (i.e., shortly after the final FY27 HLS bill is enacted) and the time of the award (i.e., likely in Q4 of FY27). If a PDM applicant’s HMP will expire during FY27 (10/1/2026 through 9/30/2027) or if an applicant does not have a current HMP, applicants must verify they are working with FEMA to have a valid HMP in place at both the time of the FEMA application and the time of the award.

The federal cost share generally cannot exceed 75 percent of the eligible work included in the Full Project Cost field. Please note cost shares are subject to Administration policy and could change.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) GRANT PROGRAM

For fiscal year 2027, EOC CDS requests will be limited to requests included in the posted fiscal year [2025](#) or fiscal year [2026](#) Senate Reports, and to repairs of existing EOCs. Requests for new EOC construction not included in the posted fiscal year 2025 or fiscal year 2026 Senate Reports will not be accepted. 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 2024 [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 projects must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate SAA affirming that it believes the project is eligible.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

This guidance uses the following abbreviations	
DOI: <i>Department of the Interior</i>	BIE: <i>Bureau of Indian Education</i>
BLM: <i>Bureau of Land Management</i>	USFS: <i>U.S. Forest Service</i>
FWS: <i>Fish and Wildlife Service</i>	EPA: <i>Environmental Protection Agency</i>
NPS: <i>National Park Service</i>	IHS: <i>Indian Health Service</i>
USGS: <i>U.S. Geological Survey</i>	LWCF: <i>Land & Water Conservation Fund</i>
BIA: <i>Bureau of Indian Affairs</i>	

The Subcommittee will accept CDS requests within the following programs.

- CW: EPA, STAG, Clean Water SRF, Clean Water CDS
- DW: EPA, STAG, Drinking Water SRF, Drinking Water CDS
- SFC: IHS, Sanitation Facilities Construction, Sanitation Facilities Construction CDS
- HPF: NPS, Historic Preservation Fund Projects
- SPTF: USFS, State, Private, and Tribal Forestry, Forest Resource Information and Analysis

CW: EPA, STAG, CLEAN WATER SRF, CLEAN WATER CDS AND DW: EPA, STAG, DRINKING WATER SRF, DRINKING WATER CDS

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 limit 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.

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). The Subcommittee may consider projects that are eligible for funding under State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) guidelines (detailed below), but are not on the state IUP list.

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.

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:

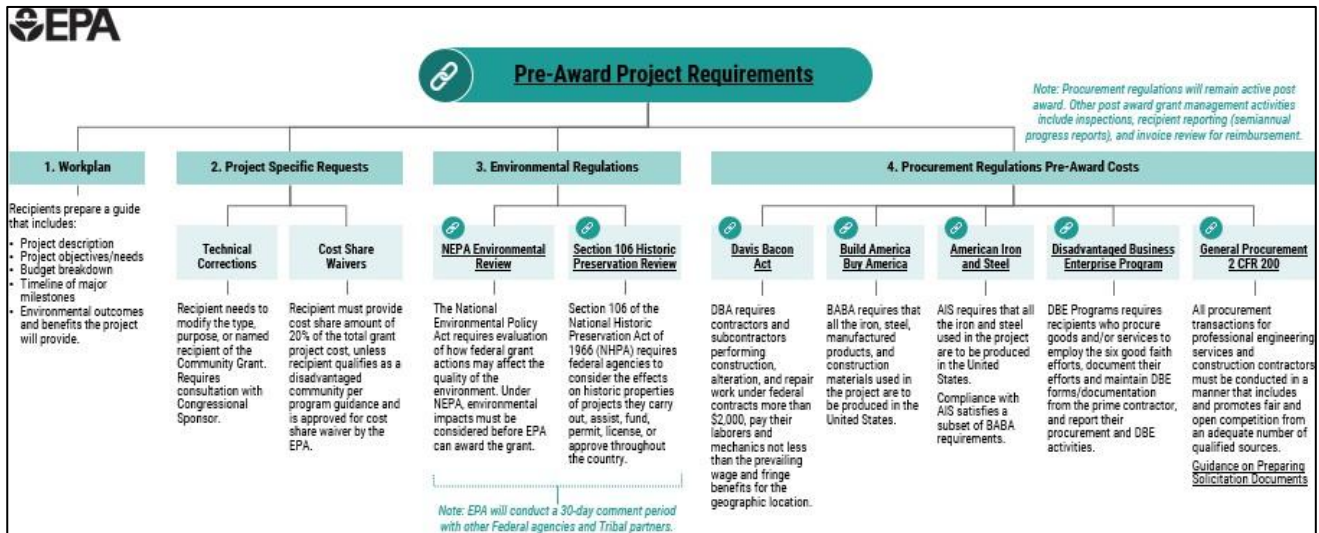
Projects That Generally are NOT Eligible for SRF Funding	
Clean Water / Waste Water	Drinking Water
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Land, except for projects described in the subsequent table under eligibility #11 2. Operations and maintenance costs 3. Non-municipal point source control 4. Acid drainage correction 5. Ambient water quality monitoring 6. Flood Control Projects, unless the project is otherwise managing, reducing, treating, or recapturing stormwater 7. Privately owned sewer pipes 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dams or rehabilitation of dams 2. Operations and maintenance costs 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. 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. Laboratory fees for monitoring 6. Projects needed mainly for fire protection 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.

Projects That Generally ARE Eligible for SRF Funding	
Clean Water / Waste Water	Drinking Water
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wastewater treatment plants, including sludge handling facilities. 2. Collector Sewers – Small sewers that convey wastewater from residences, commercial establishments, and industrial sites. 3. Interceptor Sewers – Large sewers that convey wastewater from collector sewers directly to a wastewater treatment facility. 4. Sewer Pipes – Rehabilitation is only eligible if the pipes are publicly owned. 5. Outfall Sewer – A sewer that conveys treated wastewater from a wastewater treatment facility to the receiving waters. 6. Storm Water Management – Measures to manage, reduce, treat, or recapture stormwater or subsurface drainage water (i.e. storm sewers, green infrastructure, etc.). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Facilitate compliance with national primary drinking water regulations or address serious risks to public health including non-regulated contaminants (i.e. PFAS) 2. Rehabilitate or develop water sources (excluding reservoirs, dams, dam rehabilitation and water rights) to replace contaminated sources 3. Install or upgrade treatment facilities 4. Install or upgrade storage facilities, including finished water reservoirs, to prevent microbiological contaminants from entering the water system 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

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Combined sewer overflow (CSO) control and sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) control. 8. Infiltration/Inflow Correction – Construction activities that prevent surface water or groundwater from entering the sewer system. 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. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. Project planning, design and other related costs |
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The following detailed process must be followed before CDS funding for SRFs can be provided for an individual project:



SFC: IHS, SANITATION FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION, SANITATION FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION CDS

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

HPF: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND PROJECTS

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.
 - 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.

- For Tribal Heritage Grants, there is no required match.
- 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](#).

SPTF: USFS, STATE, PRIVATE, AND TRIBAL FORESTRY, FOREST RESOURCE INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS

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:

- 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).
- Funds cannot be used for general research, capital improvements, or projects on federal land.
- Recipients cannot receive funding for the same project that has received funding through other Forest Service grants and agreements.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

LHHS CDS projects should not be viewed as continuous funding sources and should be distinct from competitive grant opportunities at the relevant agencies. CDS projects should be viewed as a way to jump start 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.

The Subcommittee will only accept CDS requests in the following accounts

- Department of Labor—Employment and Training Administration—Training and Employment Services
- Department of Health and Human Services—Health Resources and Services Administration—Program Management
- Department of Health and Human Services—Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration—Health Surveillance and Program Support
- Department of Health and Human Services—Administration for Children and Families—Children and Families Services Programs
- Department of Health and Human Services—Administration for Community Living—Aging and Disability Services Programs
- Department of Education—Innovation and Improvement—Fund for the Improvement of Education
- Department of Education—Higher Education—Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education

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 utilize a significant amount of the funding for 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. 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 must 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).

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 (HRSA)—PROGRAM MANAGEMENT**

CDS requests within HRSA must fall under one of the following categories:

- **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 that will be acquired as part of a larger construction project. 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

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. Additionally, projects involving the acquisition of mobile health clinics or electronic medical records are categorized as equipment-only projects and must be submitted separately from any construction component of the request. 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, [click here](#).

If the CDS requester’s construction project is expected to begin imminently, please note that CDS construction projects must adhere to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) / National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requirements prior to initiating any physical preparation, demolition, alteration and renovation, or construction related to the project. CDS requesters should be sure they are accounting for time for the FY27 appropriations process to be completed, application submission and review, award issuance, and resolution of conditions on the award, including NEPA/NHPA requirements, prior to starting the project. Recipients of a Health Facilities construction award cannot be reimbursed for expenses incurred prior to award.

- **Rural Health**—CDS requests for projects to improve health care in HRSA-designated 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. Please note that CDS requests for Rural Health initiatives cannot include construction as a component of the project. 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, [click here](#). Please include the address of the project’s activities if different than the legal entity recipient address, for purposes of determining project eligibility.

CDS requests must include a basic budget that clearly describes how the funds will be used for specific purposes to achieve the project's goals. Recipients have three years from the date of a completed application to spend a construction award, while equipment-only and rural health awards are for one year.

HRSA CDS recipients may not sub-grant to other organizations or agencies. If more than one entity plans to be involved in an effort for which you would like to request funding, you must break out each entity as its own CDS request and submit funding details specific to its role in the overall project.

A General Provision prohibits the award of funding for projects to expend funds for any abortion.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES—SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA)—HEALTH SURVEILLANCE AND PROGRAM SUPPORT

CDS requests must fall under one of the following categories:

- **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.

Please note that only substance abuse treatment and prevention projects are eligible under this account for FY27. CDS requests must include a basic budget that clearly describes how the funds will be used for specific purposes to achieve the project's goals.

General Provisions prohibit the award of funding for projects which distribute sterile needles or syringes for I.V. drug injection; projects which promote the legalization of illegal drugs or substances; and projects to expend funds for any abortion.

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 (ACF)— CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES PROGRAMS

CDS requests within ACF 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 (SSRD)**—projects to promote the ability of families to thrive through financial self-sufficiency in order to reduce poverty and to promote the healthy development and greater well-being of children and families. Projects can serve a diverse population including: low-income individuals, children, youth, families, individuals with developmental disabilities, and Native Americans.

SSRD is for research or demonstration projects, so there should be some learning built in to show whether this use of funds achieved its intended outcomes and can be duplicated elsewhere. SSRD funds may pay for part of research and demonstration projects that are consistent with the legislation. Therefore, cost sharing is required, but there is no statutory minimum for cost sharing. The match need not be a monetary contribution—it can be in-kind such as administrative oversight or reduced indirect recovery.

CDS requests must include a basic budget that clearly describes how the funds will be used for specific purposes to achieve the project’s goals.

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 (ACL)—AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES PROGRAMS

CDS requests within ACL 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 requests must include a basic budget that clearly describes how the funds will be used for specific purposes to achieve the project’s goals.

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 requests must include a basic budget that clearly describes how the funds will be used for

specific purposes to achieve the project's goals. 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 field and include a justification for that use of funds.

- 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.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION—HIGHER EDUCATION—FUND FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

HIGHER EDUCATION (FIPSE)

- 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 requests must include a basic budget that clearly describes how the funds will be used for specific purposes to achieve the project's goals.
- 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES

The following accounts are eligible for CDS requests:

- Military Construction, Army
- Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps
- Military Construction, Air Force (including Space Force)
- Military Construction, Defense-Wide
- Military Construction, Army National Guard
- Military Construction, Air National Guard
- Military Construction, Army Reserve
- Military Construction, Navy Reserve
- Military Construction, Air Force Reserve

Requests may include major construction, family housing, unspecified minor military construction, and planning and design, however, only certain major military construction projects within these accounts are eligible for CDS. Eligible projects can be found on three types of lists, outlined below, which are provided to Congress by the Department of Defense, and contain requirements that have been validated and vetted by the appropriate Service or Agency.

Eligible Lists:

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

It is the practice of the Subcommittee to only provide funding that can be executed in the year of appropriation. Therefore CDS eligibility is further limited by the executability of funding, and the amount may be modified based on information provided by the appropriate Service or Agency.

Eligible major military construction projects must be:

- Authorized in the Fiscal Year 2027 or prior year National Defense Authorization Act;
- At 35% design or higher with a DD 1391*; and

- Prepared to award a contract in Fiscal Year 2027

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

THUD will not fund CDS requests for operational expenses or administrative salaries and benefits.

All DOT CDS projects will have a non-Federal cost-share requirement, consistent with the authorized program under which the projects are funded.

All THUD CDS funds are provided to grantees on a reimbursement basis – no recipients will receive an upfront disbursement from DOT or HUD. CDS recipients will be required to request drawdowns from their grant as eligible expenses are incurred. CDS projects must have a reasonable expectation of being obligated by the end of FY2029.

The committee will accept requests for CDS from the following accounts:

- Transportation Planning, Research, and Development (TPR&D)
- Grants-in-Aid for Airports (Airport Improvement Program or AIP)
- Highway Infrastructure Programs (HIP)
- Transit Infrastructure Grants (TIG)
- Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grants
- Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Grants
- Community Development Fund for Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND DEVELOPMENT (TPR&D)

- Members 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, rail, or port projects that are eligible under HIP, TIG, CRISI, or PIDP should *not* be included in this account. Members are encouraged to use this account for national or regional research and development projects.

GRANTS-IN-AID FOR AIRPORTS (AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OR AIP)

- Members 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>), or section 767 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 (49 U.S.C. 44706 note).
- As AIP CDS follow the existing AIP statute, and the Federal cost-share requirements apply to CDS. For large and medium primary hub airports, CDS can cover 75% of eligible costs (or 80% for noise program implementation). For small primary, reliever, and general aviation airports, CDS can cover a range of 90-95% of eligible costs, based on statutory requirements.

HIGHWAYS (HIP)

- Members 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.
- Applicants must provide a link to the STIP or TIP that includes the requested project and the specific STIP or TIP ID number for the project (if the project is already on a STIP or TIP).
- Members 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.

TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS (TIG)

- Members can request CDS within the TIG account for transit projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code. Operational expenses are not eligible.
- Applicants must provide a link to the STIP or TIP that includes the requested project and the specific STIP or TIP ID number for the project (if the project is already on a STIP or TIP).
- Members can request funding for transit projects that are not currently on the STIP or TIP but for which a transit agency has provided a letter confirming that: (1) the project is eligible for transit funding under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code; (2) the transit agency is willing to carry out the project if funding is enacted; and (3) the transit agency will include the project on the STIP or TIP once funding for the project is enacted.

CONSOLIDATED RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS (CRISI) GRANTS

- Members can request CDS within the CRISI account for rail capital and planning projects eligible under section 22907 of title 49, United States Code.
- Applicants must provide a link to the State Rail Plan that includes the requested project.
- Members 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.

PORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (PIDP) GRANTS

- Members can request CDS within the PIDP account for port projects eligible under section 54301 of title 46, United States Code.
- **Automation.** The FY26 NDAA includes a provision that prohibits DOT from funding “a grant to be used for the purchase of fully automated cargo handling equipment that is remote operated or remotely monitored with or without the exercise of human intervention or control, if the Secretary of Transportation determines such equipment would result in a net loss of jobs within a port or port terminal”. For CDS purposes, the Subcommittee considers fully automated cargo handling equipment to be remotely operated or monitored, with or without the exercise of human intervention or control.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES (EDI)

- EDI projects are funded within the “Community Development Fund” account for activities eligible under section 5305 of chapter 69 of title 42, United States Code, as well as for affordable housing construction.
- 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
- 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 such as city halls.
- 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, Build America Buy America (BABA) Preferences, 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. Non-profit organizations cannot act as the RE for HUD environmental reviews. 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
- Any expenses incurred prior to the enactment of a final FY2027 appropriations bill cannot be reimbursed with EDI funds. THUD CDS cannot be used for operational expenses or administrative salaries and benefits. 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.
- Applicants must identify which of the three National Objectives of the broader CDBG program the EDI project and its activities meets and include relevant data and a description indicating **how** it meets such National Objective(s).
 - Failure to provide sufficient data and explanation in this field may result in the Subcommittee rejecting the request.
 - The three CDBG program National Objectives are:
 - benefit low- and moderate-income persons or communities;
 - prevent or eliminate slums or blight; or
 - 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 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 individuals at certain income levels.
 - 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=279eca0222754f8a954bbf8cf995a1a3>