

## **FY 23 Community Project Funding Guidance and Accounts**

### **General Committee Rules:**

In reviewing member requests for Community Project Request items, the Senate Appropriations Committee will implement Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. The Committee applied the following additional rules FY23:

- 1 percent cap on discretionary spending for Community Project Request items;
- No Community Project Funding items to for-profit entities;
- Require Senators to post online their Community Project Request item requests, as well as their financial certification disclosures attesting that they do not have any financial interest in any of the items requested; and
- The Committee will require the Government Accountability Office to audit a sample of enacted Community Project Request items and report its findings to Congress.

### **Additional Guidance From Senators Cortez Masto and Rosen:**

#### Nonprofits:

Senators Cortez Masto and Rosen will not accept project requests in which a private nonprofit is the project sponsor. A publicly owned nonprofit may be eligible.

Private nonprofits wishing to participate should partner with a public entity such as a local government as the project sponsor. The public entity should demonstrate substantial commitment to the project. Any project in which a nonprofit and a public entity are partnered should meet with the Senators' staffs to discuss before submitting.

#### Submitting Projects:

In general, we recommend that any projects be submitted in identical fashion to both offices. The Senators and staff review each request collaboratively.

## **Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA**

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

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

### Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities:

- Requests for ARS B&F may only include funding for repairs and maintenance to existing facilities.
- Funding for construction of a building will not be considered.

### Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, S&E (APHIS)

Projects must meet environmental review requirements (i.e. NEPA and ESA). While the entire S&E account is open for CPF requests, below are the line items within the account that are most compatible with CPF:

- Field Crop & Rangeland Ecosystems Pests
- Pest Detection
- Plant Protection Methods Development
- Specialty Crop Pests
- Tree & Wood Pests
- Wildlife Damage Management
- Wildlife Services Methods Development
- Veterinary Diagnostics
- Equine, Cervid and Small Ruminant Health
- A few APHIS programs have matching requirements: Grasshopper/Mormon Cricket, Brucellosis, Wildlife Services

### Watershed Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO)

Each project must contain benefits directly related to agriculture, including rural communities, that account for at least 20 percent of the total benefits of the project. There are several financial and programmatic requirements in WFPO that should be reviewed. A member must certify that a program sponsor has contacted their NRCS state office and the proposal meets all program requirements, including financial requirements.

## Rural Development, Community Facilities Grants

This program will fund up to 75% of total project costs, with match requirements based on area median income and 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; and the median household income of the 4 proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 60 percent of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.
- Maximum of 55 percent when the proposed project is located in a rural community having a population of 12,000 or fewer; and the median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.
- Maximum of 35 percent when the proposed project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer; and the median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 80 percent of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.
- Maximum of 15 percent when the proposed project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer; and the median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 90 percent of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.

The match requirements are outlined in the CF regulation: 7 CFR 3570.63(b). Towns with populations over 20,000 are not eligible for this program.

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

## Rural Development, Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband

- 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 at 7 CFR Part 1734 Subpart A and B.
- USDA will establish the maximum and minimum amounts of a grant to be made available to an individual recipient for each fiscal year in the RUS DLT Program Application Guide and in the funding opportunity posted on [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov) on an annual basis. For FY 2023, the grant award floor is \$50,000 and the ceiling is \$1,000,000.
- Reminder, 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 if awarded a CDS in the final bill.

## Commerce, Justice, Science

The Subcommittee will accept requests for CDS. CDS 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. Funding recipients must be governmental or non-profit entities, and requesting Members must comply with Senate Rules, meet Appropriations Committee transparency requirements, and ensure the recipients are not for-profit companies, as described above.

The CJS Subcommittee will accept CDS 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 on 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”.

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

**NIST STRS External Projects.** The Subcommittee will accept requests for CDS for NISTSTRS. Projects should address standards-related research and technology development. Construction projects will not be accepted.

**DOJ Byrne Discretionary.** The Subcommittee will accept requests for CDS for Byrne Discretionary projects to provide additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice systems. Awarded grants will be subject to the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and the DOJ Grants Financial Guide. Allowable costs are those costs consistent with the principles set out in the 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E, and those permitted by the grant program’s authorizing legislation. To be allowable under Federal awards, costs must be reasonable, allocable, and necessary to the project, and they must also comply with the funding statute and agency requirements. This funding cannot be used for land acquisition or construction. Senators should refrain from specifying brand names for equipment to ensure fair and open competition.

**DOJ COPS Law Enforcement Technology and Equipment.** The Subcommittee will accept requests for CDS for COPS Law Enforcement Technology projects 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. Awarded grants will be subject to the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and the DOJ Grants Financial Guide, and the applicable Award Owner's Manual. Senators should refrain from specifying brand names for equipment to ensure fair and open competition. Senators are cautioned against requests for vehicles and vessels that carry with them a high maintenance cost at the conclusion of the grant. 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. For example, agencies who purchase unmanned aircraft systems must be aware of the Federal requirements and best practices for their effective and safe operation that is respectful of civil liberties and maximize the safety of citizens (see guidance).

**NASA Safety, Security and Mission Support (SSMS)**. The Subcommittee will accept CDS 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 does not fund construction but could be used for equipment, research funding, or education programs.

**NIST Construction of Research Facilities, Extramural Construction**. The Subcommittee will accept CDS for NIST Extramural Construction projects for non-Federal research facilities 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 able to be supported on an annual basis. Member office staff are strongly encouraged to contact CJS Subcommittee Staff to discuss individual projects prior to submission.

## Energy & 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 projects
  - Electricity and Energy Resiliency projects
  - Cybersecurity and Energy Security projects
  - Nuclear Energy Projects
  - Fossil Energy or Carbon Management Projects

For the Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, only authorized projects and programs 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. Few, if any, new starts will be funded. If a Member wishes to support an item in the President’s budget request at the requested amount, that will remain a programmatic request. For location specific requests, if the Member’s request is not included in the President’s FY23 budget request or if it exceeds the level recommended it is a CDS request.

## **Financial Services and General Government**

The Subcommittee will accept requests for CDS items only in the accounts listed below and in accordance with the requirements noted above in “General Guidance”.

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

## Homeland Security

**Eligible Accounts:** For Fiscal Year 2023, the following accounts are eligible for CDS requests:

- Federal Emergency Management Agency Pre-Disaster Mitigation Projects; and
- Federal Emergency Management Agency Emergency Operations Center Grant Program.

### **Descriptions of Eligible Accounts:**

• **Pre-Disaster Mitigation Projects:** Requested projects must meet the eligibility requirements of the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program, including the cost-share requirement, benefit cost ratio, and environmental and historic preservation requirements. Requirements can be found in the most recent [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#). For any projects designated for funding in the final fiscal year 2023 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 BRIC grant program requirements listed above, the Committee 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 BRIC program. If you have questions about the appropriateness of funding recommendations for individual project requests, please contact the appropriate Subcommittee staff.

• **Emergency Operations Center Grant Program:** Requested projects must meet the eligibility requirements of the Emergency Operations Center grant program, including the cost-share requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements. Requirements can be found in the most recent [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#). For any projects designated for funding in the final fiscal year 2023 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, Environment, and Related Agencies**

The subcommittee will accept CDS requests within the following programs. Information about each program and the justification required for each project are explained in detail below.

1. CW: EPA, STAG, Clean Water SRF, Clean Water CDS
2. DW: EPA, STAG, Drinking Water SRF, Drinking Water CDS
3. SFC: IHS, Sanitation Facilities Construction, Sanitation Facilities Construction CDS
4. HPF: NPS, Historic Preservation Fund Projects
5. SPF: USFS, State and Private Forestry, Forest Resource Information and Analysis

### **1. CW: EPA, STAG, Clean Water SRF, Clean Water CDS**

### **2. DW: EPA, STAG, Drinking Water SRF, Drinking Water CDS**

*About the Program:* The subcommittee anticipates that the vast majority of 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.

#### 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). 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 grantee. 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.

### **3. 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 committee may

consider projects that are eligible for funding under the [Criteria for the Sanitation Facilities Construction Program](#).

#### **4. HPF: National Park Service, Historic Preservation Fund Projects**

All HPF grantees must meet standards set by the Secretary of the Interior and comply with the audit requirements, and each successful recipient must complete an application through [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). The subcommittee will accept requests for nonformula funded activities within HPF that meet the qualifications of HPF programs, including eligible entities and activities. Please note that acquisitions of collections or historic properties are not eligible under the HPF. For more information, please visit [here](#). The maximum project amount is \$500,000.

#### **5. SPF: USFS, State & Private Forestry, Forest Resource Information and Analysis**

The State & Private 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. Requests must meet USFS eligibility requirements for the appropriate grant program. Project requests should be part of the state's Forest Action Plan, or contribute to meeting the goals of the Forest Action Plan.

#### **Land and Water Conservation Fund**

LWCF: 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, 2022 (P.L. 117-103), 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; and 2) a supplemental list of projects that are ready but unfunded. Any funding request for activities not included in the President's Budget must be submitted as CDS. 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 Grantee 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.

#### **Legacy Restoration Fund:**

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, 2022 (P.L. 117-103), 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 Grantee is the federal agency. [Land](#)

#### **LMCON: 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 Grantee is the federal agency.

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

### **Bureau of Indian Affairs, 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 human health.

### **EPA, State and Tribal Assistance Grants, STAG Infrastructure Grants**

Requests will only be considered for projects related to existing funding categories and activities within the STAG account that will result in improvements in environmental quality and/or human health.

## **Labor, HHS, Education**

The LHHS 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—Rehabilitation Services—Demonstration and Training
- Department of Education—Higher Education—Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education

### **Employment and Training Administration**

CDS projects funded by ETA (through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) demonstration authority) must 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. Further projects will be required to report on performance outcomes for participants and should include a meaningful connection to the local workforce development system.

CDS funding may be used for the purchase of equipment, but generally only if it is an incidental part of the larger project. A similar standard applies to curriculum development, which should be incidental to the project's emphasis on direct services to individuals. If a larger portion of the CDS funding is expected to be used for equipment or curriculum development, please provide a detailed justification for how such costs relate to meeting the employment and training needs of workers.

CDS cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities.

### **Health Resources Service Administration**

CDS within HRSA should be submitted through the Program Management account and must fall under one of the following categories:

- **Health Facilities Construction and Equipment**—CDS for the cost of construction, renovation, or capital equipment purchase for facilities for health, mental health, or substance abuse 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, funding can be used to acquire capital equipment, such as lab equipment, x-

ray machines, or telehealth and information technology. Equipment-only grants—that is, grants 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. The Committee will not consider CDS projects with funding levels that exceed historical averages, with the exception of funding required to complete a small number of projects with known follow-on costs that were funded in fiscal year 2022. 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 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.
- **Rural Health** —CDS 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. Grant funds can be used for services only in areas that meet HRSA’s definition of rural. For lists of eligible areas and further information regarding that definition, see: <https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/about-us/definition/index.html>. Please include the address of the project’s activities in the project justification, if different than the legal entity recipient address, for purposes determining project eligibility.

### **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**

CDS 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 and abuse, alcohol misuse and abuse, and underage alcohol and tobacco use.

CDS within SAMSHA cannot be used for construction (other than a limited amount of renovation necessary to carry out a funded project).

Needle Exchange: A General Provision prohibits the award of funding for projects which distribute sterile needles or syringes for I.V. drug injection.

Use of Illegal Substances: A General Provision prohibits the award of funding for projects which promote the legalization of illegal drugs or substances.

### **Administration for Children and Families**

CDS 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**—CDS for 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**—CDS for 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.

CDS cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities.

### **Administration for Community Living—Aging and Disability Services Programs**

**Aging and Disability Services Programs**—CDS for 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 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 cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities.

### **Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE)**

Elementary and secondary education CDS 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 should be providing early childhood or K-12 educational services.

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

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

CDS cannot be used for construction or renovation of school buildings, except in the case of minor remodeling required as part of technology upgrades. Daycare and childcare projects that do not include educational services are also not eligible under this account.

### **Rehabilitation Services—Demonstration and Training**

CDS can be designated under this heading for a wide variety of projects that further the purposes of the Rehabilitation Act, including by providing individuals with disabilities with education, training, support services, and independent living services. Generally, CDS should focus on improving access to, or the quality of, such services for individuals with disabilities. Eligible grantees include State vocational rehabilitation agencies, community rehabilitation programs, Indian tribes or tribal organizations, or other public or nonprofit agencies and organizations.

CDS cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities.

### **Higher Ed—Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE)**

**Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE)**—CDS projects funded 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 (i.e. the FIPSE authorization). Grantees are usually colleges and universities, but may include other public and private nonprofit organizations.

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

CDS funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities, except in the case of minor remodeling required as part of technology upgrades.

## **Military Construction and Veterans Affairs**

The following accounts are eligible for CDS requests:

- Military Construction, Army
- Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps
- Military Construction, Air 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

*All Accounts* - Requests may include major construction, 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 which 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. Some of the lists can be found on the website of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller). Additional inquiries on 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 list 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 Committee to only provide funding which can be executed in the year of appropriation, and therefore CDS eligibility is further limited by the executability of funding. Eligible major military construction projects must therefore be:

- Authorized in the Fiscal Year 2023 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 2023;

\* A 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.

When inputting the request into Legi-Mate, be sure to complete the following requirements:

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

## **Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development**

The subcommittee will accept requests for CDS, and the CDS item must have a reasonable expectation of being obligated before funds expire. THUD will accept CDS in seven accounts:

- “Transportation Planning, Research, and Development (TPR&D)” for transportation research projects eligible under title 23 or title 49, United States Code (not for project-specific planning that is eligible for funding under HIP, TIG, or CRISI);
- “Grants-in-Aid for Airports (Airport Improvement Program or AIP)” for airport projects eligible under chapter 471 of title 49, United States Code;
- “Facilities and Equipment (F&E)” for terminal air traffic control facility replacement projects eligible under part A of subtitle VII of title 49, United States Code,
- “Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP)” for highway projects eligible under title 23, United States Code;
- “Transit Infrastructure Grants (TIG)” for transit projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code;
- “Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI) Grants” for rail projects eligible under section 22907 of title 49, United States Code; and
- “Community Development Fund” for “Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)” eligible under chapter 69 of title 42, United States Code.