

# If Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

*Below is FY27 guidance for CDS within the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill:*

## **Agricultural Research Service - Building and Facilities (ARS B&F)**

Requests for ARS B&F may only include funding for existing facilities or facilities where funding has been provided in the past. Facilities must be ARS-owned.

## **Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service - Salaries and Expenses (APHIS S&E)**

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](#).

## **Natural Resources Conservation Service – Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO)**

CDS recipients for WFPO must have a local sponsor. Eligible local sponsors can be any State, political subdivision, soil or water conservation district, flood prevention or control district, or combinations thereof; any irrigation or reservoir company or water users' association; or any Indian tribe or tribal organization. Any individual project may not exceed a watershed or sub-watershed size of 250,000 acres. At least 20 percent of the project's benefits must be directly related to agriculture.

## **National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Research and Facilities Act Program**

Eligible qualifying institutions (Land Grant Universities, Non-Land-Grant Colleges of Agriculture, and other eligible entities as defined in section [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.

## **Rural Development – Community Facilities Grants (CF)**

This account will fund up to 75 percent of total project costs depending on the community's population. Towns with populations over 20,000 are not eligible for this account. All projects must meet environmental review requirements. The match requirements are outlined in the CF regulation 7 CFR 3570.63(b). While applicants do not need to have match in hand at time of submission, they must have their match at

the time of obligation. All applicants or the office submitting the project must contact the Vermont Rural Development office and confirm that their proposed project meets the program's eligibility requirements (<https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-page/vermont-contacts>).

Funds may not be used:

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

### **Rural Development - Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program Grants (DLT)**

All applicants must be able to satisfy the program's flat 15 percent non-federal matching funds requirement prior to a CDS request being approved. Broadband deployment is not an eligible use of funds for DLT. For-profit entities are ineligible for CDS requests. A full list of eligible entities, uses, and limitations are listed in [7 CFR Part 1734 Subpart A and B](#).

## If Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies

*Below is FY27 guidance for CDS within the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. Successful projects will match the project to the authorization or mission of an agency or account and have the support of local officials or communities:*

### **National Institute of Standards and Technology - Scientific and Technical Research Services (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.

### **National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) - Construction of Research Facilities, Extramural Construction**

The Committee will accept CDS requests for NIST Extramural Construction projects for non-Federal research facilities, including for projects at research institutions and colleges and universities.

### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) - Operations, Research, and Facilities (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.

### **Department of Justice (DOJ) - Office of Justice Programs, State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance, 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. Awarded grants will be subject to the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#).

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

Projects should provide 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.

**National Aeronautics and Space Administration (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.

## If Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies

*Below is FY27 guidance for CDS within the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill:*

### **Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation**

For the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, only authorized projects and programs will be considered for funding with the exception of Corps of Engineers Environmental Infrastructure requests. You can find more information on the Corps of Engineers' Vermont Environmental Infrastructure Program, the Lake Champlain Watershed Environmental Assistance Program, here <https://www.lcbp.org/about-us/people/partners/federal-partners/army-corps-of-engineers/>.

## If Financial Services and General Government

*Below is FY27 guidance for CDS within the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill. Eligible projects include those that support entrepreneur training, counseling, research, and construction or acquisition of facilities. Projects should align with the goals of SBA's existing grant programs. Unfortunately, requests for seed capital that can be loaned out to other businesses are not eligible for CDS funding:*

### **Small Business Administration (SBA), Administrative Provision**

CDS projects are projects supporting small businesses, encompassing entrepreneur training, counseling, and research. 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 (NARA), National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC)**

CDS projects are 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 (NARA), Repairs and Restoration**

CDS projects are projects that dedicate funding for one or more of the 15 presidential libraries established under the Presidential Libraries Act.

### **General Services Administration (GSA), Federal Buildings Fund, Construction & Acquisition and Repairs & 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.

Construction projects are for new GSA-owned federal courthouses, federal office buildings, or land ports-of entry. 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. 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. Programs should not be substance specific. Treatment programs are not eligible.

### **Office of National Drug Control Policy, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Grants**

CDS projects are 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).

## If Homeland Security

*Below is FY27 guidance for CDS within the Homeland Security Appropriations bill:*

### **Federal Emergency Management Agency - Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Projects**

Requested projects must meet the eligibility requirements of the PDM grant program, including the non-federal cost-share requirement, benefit-cost ratio, hazard mitigation plan, and environmental and historic preservation requirements. Full requirements can be found in the fiscal year 2024 [NOFO for the "Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program."](#) For your reference, the status of hazard mitigation plans can be found [here](#).

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.

### **Federal Emergency Management Agency - 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 project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate SAA affirming that it believes the project is eligible.

## If Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

*Below is FY27 guidance for CDS within the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill:*

### **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - Water and Wastewater Infrastructure**

The subcommittee will accept CDS requests projects included in a state's most recently finalized Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan (IUP) as well as projects that are eligible for funding under State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) guidelines, but are not on the IUP list. There is a minimum 20% cost-share requirement for any project. Only the non-federal portion of assistance provided by a SRF can be applied to a project's matching requirement. For tribal projects, only projects included on the Indian Health Services' Sanitation Deficiency System list will be considered eligible.

### **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)**

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.

### **Indian Health Service (IHS) - Sanitation Facilities Construction**

For this account, the subcommittee will accept CDS requests for projects included on the Indian Health Services' (IHS) Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS) list.

### **National Park Service - Historic Preservation Fund (HPF)**

The subcommittee will consider projects within HPF that meet eligibility requirements of [existing HPF competitive grant programs](#). The maximum funding amount for HPF projects is \$500,000, and the vast majority of HPF projects will require a one-to-one match with non-federal cash and/or in-kind contributions.

### **United States Forest Service – State, Private, and Tribal Forestry**

Eligible activities within this account include forest health management, fire protection, wood innovation, and urban and community forestry. 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), Legacy Restoration Fund (LRF), and Land Management Agency Construction (LMCON)**

The subcommittee will only consider CDS requests for projects that are not included in or are above the amounts provided in the FY27 President's Budget Request. The subcommittee will have a strong preference for projects included on the LWCF, LRF, and LMCON lists that accompany the FY23 President Budget Request pursuant to the Great American Outdoors Act.

**Land Management Agencies - Local Projects and Research**

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 fund operations or maintenance of existing programs.

**Bureau of Indian Affairs - Operation of Indian, Special Initiatives**

The subcommittee will consider requests that invest in Tribal communities, create economic opportunities, and foster cultural heritage.

# If Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

*Below is FY27 guidance for CDS within the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill:*

## **Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Training and Employment Services**

CDS requests under ETA (through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) demonstration authority) should clearly articulate a project purpose and be focused on meeting the employment and training needs of workers. Generally these projects should include direct services which could include career services, training services (including work-based training), supportive services, and other permissible services, as they are defined in WIOA. Typical activities include training unemployed individuals to increase their skills and obtain employment and enhancing the skills of incumbent workers to get higher-paying jobs. CDS funding within ETA cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities or the purchase of land or buildings.

## **Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Program Management**

CDS requests under HRSA fall into two categories:

- Health facilities construction and equipment – funding 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.
- Rural health – funding for projects to improve health care in rural areas. Examples of eligible activities include medical, dental, or mental health care services; health promotion and education; chronic disease management; telehealth services; and improvements to emergency medical services. CDS funds can be used for services only in areas that meet HRSA's definition of rural. For lists of eligible rural areas and further information regarding that definition, see: <https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/about-us/definition/index.html>.

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

## **HHS, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Health Surveillance and Program Support**

CDS requests under SAMSHA fall into two 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.

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

### **HHS, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Children and Families Services Programs**

CDS requests under ACF fall into two 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.
- Social Services Research and Demonstration—projects to promote the ability of families to thrive through financial self-sufficiency in order to reduce poverty and to promote the healthy development and greater well-being of children and families.

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.

### **HHS, Administration for Community Living (ACL), Aging and Disability Services Programs**

CDS requests under ACL support aging and disability services programs. Requests include projects to improve the ability of older adults and individuals of all ages with disabilities to live independently and participate fully in their communities.

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)**

CDS requests can fund a wide variety of elementary and secondary education projects, including instructional services, special education 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.

CDS funding 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 (FIPSE)**

CDS requests can fund projects 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)). 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.

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.

# If Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

*Below is FY27 guidance for CDS within the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill:*

## **Military Construction**

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

# If Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

*Below is FY27 guidance for CDS within the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. The subcommittee will not fund CDS requests for operational expenses or administrative salaries and benefits. The CDS item must have a reasonable expectation of being obligated before funds expire:*

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

The subcommittee will only consider projects eligible under Title 23 or Title 49 of United States Code (USC). Please provide a link to the project's website.

## **Department of Transportation – FAA Grants-in-Aid for Airports (AIP)**

The subcommittee will only consider projects eligible under Chapter 471 of Title 49, USC (<https://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/overview>) or Section 767 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024, which allows airports to apply for funding related to acquiring PFAS-free firefighting foam, the cleanup and disposal of existing PFAS firefighting foam and equipment, and the transition to PFAS-free firefighting foam. Please provide the name of the relevant airport and a link to the airport master plan website that includes the requested project. As AIP CDS follows the existing AIP statute, the Federal cost-share requirements still apply to CDS. For large and medium primary hub airports, CDS can cover 75% 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.

## **Department of Transportation - Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP)**

The subcommittee will only consider projects eligible under Title 23, USC. This includes, but is not limited to, highway and bridge construction projects, planning, environmental review, design, and right-of-way acquisition. Operational expenses are not eligible. Please provide the total cost of the project, and a link to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) that includes the requested project (if the project is already on a STIP or TIP). The total cost of the project should be consistent with the total cost listed in the STIP or TIP.

## **Department of Transportation - Transit Infrastructure Grant (TIG)**

The subcommittee will only consider projects eligible under Chapter 53 of Title 49, USC. Please provide the total cost of the project, and a link to the STIP or TIP that includes the

requested project. The total cost of the project should be consistent with the total cost listed in the STIP or TIP (if the project is already on a STIP or TIP).

**Department of Transportation - Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI) Grants**

The subcommittee will only consider rail capital projects eligible under section 22907 of title 49, USC. Please provide the total cost of the project, and a link to the State Rail Plan that includes the requested project. The total cost of the project should be consistent with the total cost listed in the State Rail Plan.

**Department of Transportation - Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)**

The subcommittee will only consider projects eligible under section 54301 of title 46, USC. Please provide a link to the project's website.

**Department of Housing and Urban Development - Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)**

The subcommittee will only consider projects eligible under Section 5305 of chapter 69 of Title 42, USC. If applicable, please provide a link to the project website or to the HUD five-year Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan if the project is included or complements planned or current projects within these required plans. Please describe how the project will either 1) benefit low- and moderate-income communities; 2) prevent or eliminate blight, and/or 3) address urgent community development needs.