
Next Steps: Congressionally Directed Spending Heavy Equipment Award

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Hello, and Congratulations on your community's involvement in the bundled heavy equipment award that was put forward through Senator Murkowski's office.

I'm writing with an update on the Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) funds that have been awarded for the purchase of heavy equipment for your community.

Where we are in the process

For those less familiar with CDS awards: now that the appropriation has become law, we still complete an "application" and award set-up process through the relevant federal department, in this case, USDA, even though the funding has already been directed/awarded. This step is primarily federal paperwork and administrative set-up (award documents, compliance items, and other upfront requirements) that must be completed before we can move into purchasing.

What comes next

Once we clear the upfront federal steps, we will reach out to each community to gather detailed information on equipment needs and specifications (make/model preferences, required attachments, shipping/logistics considerations, and other details needed for procurement).

Subrecipient agreement (attached)

Because the Alaska Municipal League is the named recipient of the federal award, we are required to use a subrecipient agreement to pass the equipment (and associated responsibilities) through to the ultimate recipient community. Please review the attached subrecipient agreement now, each community will complete and sign one as part of this process.

Local match requirement

Please note that these funds require a local match. We'll follow up with details on match documentation and timing as we move through the USDA award set-up steps.

Timing and expectations

We're excited to be moving this forward and getting much-needed equipment into communities. That said, this process does take time, there are several required steps between today and equipment delivery, including federal processing, agreement execution, and procurement logistics. We are starting now, and we will keep you updated as we reach each milestone.

If you have questions as you review the subrecipient agreement, or if there are immediate considerations we should know about related to your equipment needs—please don't hesitate to reach out!

Thanks!

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