

## Office of Senator Warnock FY25 CDS Request Form

Please use this form to submit your request for fiscal year 2025 (FY25) CDS funding by Friday, April 5, 2024 at 5 PM Eastern Time. Programmatic requests will not be accepted if submitted via this form.

All requests must comply with Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate (<https://www.rules.senate.gov/rules-of-the-senate/>). Among other provisions, Rule XLIV bars members from carrying any financial or pecuniary interest in any CDS project they support and requires members to disclose their requested CDS projects.

In previous years, CDS funding has been limited to public and nonprofit entities, and a random sample of funded projects were audited by the Government Accountability Office. All CDS projects must comply with these rules and requirements. CDS requirements may change based on further guidance from the Senate Appropriations Committee, and CDS funding is contingent on enactment of FY25 appropriations bills.

You may submit multiple appropriations requests. Please fill out a separate application for each request. Some of the questions are required—you will not be able to submit the form unless these questions are answered. Additionally, some questions are tiered and will require additional information depending on your answers. You will not be able to save your progress as you complete the application. We strongly recommend that you work from an external document and copy information into the form when you are ready to submit.

The office encourages you to submit your request as early as possible. If the office requires additional information about your project after submission, a member of the senator's staff will contact your organization. If you have any questions, please email [apropriations@warnock.senate.gov](mailto:apropriations@warnock.senate.gov).

### Part 1: Requesting Entity Information

The requesting entity is the name of the entity that will be the ultimate recipient of any CDS funding and the agent responsible for executing those funds for their proposed purposes. If you are a third party submitting on behalf of the requesting entity, please provide the requesting entity's information below, i.e., not your own or that of another party.

#### Requesting Entity Name \*

Please enter this exactly as it appears on IRS documents.

Effingham County Board of Commissioners

#### Requesting Entity Employer Identification Number (EIN) \*

58-6000821

#### Requesting Entity County \*

This should be the county of the mailing address.

Effingham County

#### Requesting Entity Mailing Address \*

804 S Laurel Street, Springfield, Georgia 31329

#### Requesting Entity Website

<https://www.inghamcounty.org/>

#### Requesting Entity Point of Contact (POC) Full Name and Title \*

This person must be employed by the requesting entity.

Kathy Candler

#### Requesting Entity POC Email Address \*

[kcandler@inghamcounty.org](mailto:kcandler@inghamcounty.org)

#### Requesting Entity POC Phone Number \*

(912) 754-8066

#### Is the requesting entity a nonprofit or public entity? \*

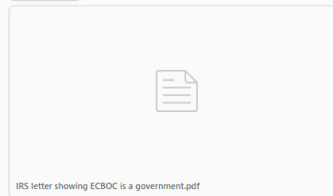
- Nonprofit Organization  
 Government Entity  
 Other

Clear Selection

#### Please upload a letter of certification that the requesting entity is a nonprofit or public entity. \*

This can be a note on the organization's letterhead, an IRS determination letter, a Form 990, or any similar document. If the requesting entity is a non-profit and has not previously received federal funding before, we encourage attaching your Form 990 for review.

Attach file



#### Please list the name, title, and contact information for the head of the requesting entity. \*

Wesley Corbett, Chairman Effingham County Board of Commissioners

#### Please enter the name, affiliation, and contact information of any third party consultant(s).

If a lobbyist or government relations professional assisted your organization in developing this request, or who may otherwise advocate for the request on your organization's behalf, please enter their name, affiliation, and contact information below.

N/A

#### Have you previously applied for OR received congressionally-directed spending (CDS) from the Office of Senator Warnock? \*

Have NOT previously applied to the Office of Senator Warnock

### Part 2: Project Summary

#### Project Title \*

Please provide a short title of no more than 10 words for your project.

Force Main Connecting Springfield to Effingham County

#### Project Purpose \*

Please provide a short purpose starting with "for" or "to" of under 20 words (e.g. "for construction of low-income elderly housing").

To connect the City of Springfield to the Effingham County Wastewater Treatment through the construction of a Force Main.

#### Project Priority Ranking \*

Please rank your project submissions in order from most to least important, with the top priority ranked as "1". If you are submitting one project, please rank it as "1" below.

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### Part 3: Subcommittee Specific Information

Please select the appropriations subcommittee that your request falls under.

If you are unsure of which subcommittee your request falls under, please consult the general guidance provided by the Senate Appropriations Committee for the FY24 cycle here: <https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/fy-2024-appropriations-requests-and-congressionally-directed-spending>.

#### Appropriations Subcommittee \*

- Agriculture, Rural Development, Food & Drug Administration
- Commerce, Justice, Science
- Energy and Water Development
- Financial Services and General Government
- Homeland Security
- Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
- Labor, Health and Human Services, Education
- Military Construction, Veterans Affairs
- Transportation, Housing, Urban Development
- Unknown

Clear Selection

In addition to the selected Subcommittee, do you believe this project qualifies under another subcommittee?

If so, please indicate below. Please also indicate if you are submitting this project in multiple Subcommittees.

### Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Below is 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.

#### 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.

#### EPA - Science and Technology, Research: National Priorities

Project requests may be considered for high priority if lines of research relate 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.

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

All HPF grantees must meet standards set by the Secretary of the Interior and comply with the audit requirements, and each successful CDS recipient must complete an application through grants.gov (<http://grants.gov>). The maximum project amount is \$500,000.

#### United States Forest Service - State and Private 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 FY23 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.

Please select the account within the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee that your project falls under. \*

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### Interior - Water and Wastewater

Please note that there is a minimum 20 percent cost share requirement for any state or local water infrastructure grant funded through a CDS request. If you are requesting 80 percent of the total cost, the applicant must have a plan on how to secure the 20 percent local cost share.

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.

Is the project on the state's most recently finalized Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan? \*

Is the project eligible under either the Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) guidelines? \*

More information available for either [Clean Water](#) or [Drinking Water](#) SRF guidelines linked.

What is the project purpose? \*

E.g., drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and/or water quality protection?

How will the project help the recipient meet applicable water standards? \*

E.g., improve drinking water quality or improve surface/groundwater quality?

Is this project primarily to support existing water needs or to support future growth? \*

Projects primarily to support future growth are typically ineligible for State Revolving Funds.

Is this request seeking funding for planning and design, construction, or both? \*

Describe the project recipient—are they a municipality? Public water system? Other public entity? \*

Effingham County Board of Commissioners

Please list any funding received from federal appropriations, including the fiscal year and source of funding (Clean Water SRF, Drinking Water SRF, STAG grants, USDA Rural Development Program, FEMA, or others).

SRFR FY23

Does the community have a financing plan certified by an authorized local official demonstrating how it will cover the matching funds of 20% or more?

Please briefly describe the plan and non-federal sources of funding.

Our objective is to utilize the issuance of bonds as a strategic measure to bridge any financing shortfalls.

#### Part 4: Project Information

##### Amount of Funding Sought Through CDS \*

Please include ONLY the amount you are requesting through THIS CDS request.

17,750,000.00

##### Total Funding Required for Project \*

Please include the TOTAL cost of the project.

17,750,000.00

##### Is the amount requested through this CDS request scalable to a lower amount? \*

If so, what is the minimum amount, and what will these funds be used for?

Yes, the estimate for the project is attached. Items are broken down individually so that the project may be scalable.

##### Problem/Issue Statement \*

Please provide a brief description, in 200 words or less, of the problem or issue that the project aims to address.

The Cities of Springfield and Guyton, strategically positioned near Savannah's industrial boom, are at the nexus of a significant workforce housing crisis. This urgency stems from establishing the Hyundai EV production facility and related companies at the Bryan County Megasite, alongside proximity to the Savannah Ports, heightening the demand for affordable workforce housing. However, a current housing moratorium, in effect until December 2025, prohibits new sewer connections, effectively freezing any development of additional housing units. This bottleneck is due to the limitations of the existing wastewater infrastructure, which cannot support further residential expansion. Fortunately, a new Wastewater Treatment Plant is being constructed in Effingham County and will be able to support Springfield and Guyton with the necessary allocation to lift the moratorium, thus facilitating additional sewer customers. This project, particularly constructing a new force main, is pivotal. It promises to catalyze growth by enabling housing developments and revitalizing these communities by broadening the tax base, thus paving the path for Springfield and Guyton to evolve into thriving localities.

##### Project Goals \*

Please describe, in 350 words or less, the project's goals and results and how the project will be evaluated.

The primary goal of the proposed project is to address and overcome the current limitations imposed by the housing moratorium in Guyton and Springfield. This moratorium, which is a direct result of inadequate wastewater infrastructure, has significantly hindered the growth and development of these cities by preventing the addition of new sewer customers and, consequently, the construction of new housing units. By connecting Springfield's wastewater system to the newly designed Effingham County Wastewater Treatment Plant (ECWWT), which boosts capacity from 1 million gallons per day to 3 million gallons per day, the project aims to lift this moratorium, thereby enabling both cities to expand and develop as needed.

The results expected from this project are multifold. Firstly, it will allow for lifting the housing moratorium, facilitating the development of new residential areas, and potentially attracting new residents and investments to the cities. This is particularly crucial given Springfield's demonstrated growth, with a 17% increase in new sewer customers between 2022 and 2023, showcasing the clear demand and need for expansion. Furthermore, by allocating 25% of ECWWT's capacity to Springfield and Guyton, the project ensures that both cities have the necessary infrastructure to sustain future growth.

Quantitative and qualitative metrics will evaluate the project's success and impact. Quantitatively, the increase in the number of new sewer customers following the project's completion will directly indicate its effectiveness in overcoming the current moratorium's constraints. Additionally, the rate of new housing development and the influx of new residents and businesses will serve as critical success indicators. Qualitatively, improvements in community satisfaction, public health, and overall quality of life resulting from the enhanced infrastructure and growth opportunities will be assessed through surveys and community feedback. Together, these measures will provide a comprehensive evaluation of the project's success in achieving its goals and fostering the desired growth and development in Guyton and Springfield.

##### Project Justification \*

Please provide a justification, in 350 words or less, as to why the project should be included as part of Senator Warnock's FY25 Appropriations Request

The necessity of including the wastewater system upgrade project for Springfield and Guyton in Effingham County, Georgia, in Senator Warnock's FY25 Appropriations Request cannot be overstated. This project is not merely an infrastructure upgrade; it's a vital lifeline for the future growth and prosperity of these towns and the broader region. The current state of the wastewater system in these locales has reached a critical point where it hinders both residential and commercial development, effectively capping the potential for economic expansion and community growth. Without the ability to add new sewer customers, these towns face a grim future of stagnation, characterized by a lack of new job opportunities and a diminishing population as residents move elsewhere in search of better prospects.

Investing in the connection to Effingham County's wastewater treatment system is a strategic move that will unlock countless opportunities for the region. By establishing a robust regional system, Springfield and Guyton will be poised for sustainable growth over the coming years, shedding the constraints that currently bind them. The project will directly address the pressing need for residential and commercial development, facilitating a conducive environment for the establishment and expansion of businesses, including restaurants and recreational facilities. This, in turn, will create a vibrant, thriving community that attracts new residents and retains existing ones.

Moreover, the anticipated addition of new industrial companies to the area underscores the urgency of this project. As these companies set up operations, the demand for housing will inevitably surge, driven by an influx of workers seeking employment opportunities. This scenario paints a clear picture of a dynamic, growing economy, but it hinges on the foundational support of adequate infrastructure, particularly in wastewater management.

Therefore, including this project in Senator Warnock's FY25 Appropriations Request is critical. Encouraging a regional approach, this investment supports Springfield and Guyton's economic vitality and quality of life for current and future residents. By championing this project, Senator Warnock will advocate for a sustainable, prosperous future for Effingham County, aligning with his commitment to fostering growth and opportunity in Georgia.

##### How many Georgians would this project serve per year, and if applicable, how many jobs for Georgians would this project create? \*

Please provide a rough estimate.

5,550

##### Location of Project (County) \*

Please list all counties that this project will serve

Effingham County

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##### Project Budget \*

Provide a brief breakdown of how your organization would use the requested funds, e.g.,

- \$50,000: Purchase furniture (e.g., desks, chairs, tables)
- \$125,000: Purchase technology (20 laptops and 10 desktops) and software licenses (CRM, database)
- \$75,000: Planning and design costs

You may submit a more detailed budget as an attachment in the following question.

- 500 gpm Force Main Pump Station - Complete \$ 2,500,000
- 10-inch PVC Force Main (AWWA C900, DR18) \$ 2,970,000
- Jack & Bore 20" DIA Steel Casing (Min. Wall Thickness 0.375") \$ 350,000
- Fuse and install 10" DIA. FPVC (C900, DR18) Force Main within Proposed Steel Casing Pipe \$ 140,000
- Connect proposed 10" Force Main to Effingham WWTF \$ 16,000
- Connect Proposed 10" Force Main to Proposed 500 gpm Pump Station \$ 15,000
- 750 gpm Reuse Pump Station - Complete \$ 2,750,000
- 12-inch PVC Reuse Main (AWWA C900, DR18) \$ 3,480,000
- Jack & Bore 24" DIA Steel Casing (Min. Wall Thickness 0.375") \$ 490,000

- 10. Fuse and install 12" DIA. FPVC (C900, DR18) Reuse Main within Proposed Steel Casing Pipe \$ 210,000
- 11. Connect proposed 12" Reuse Main to Effingham WWTF \$ 20,000
- 12. Connect Proposed 12" Reuse Main to Proposed 750 gpm Pump Station \$ 15,000

**Additional Sources of Funding**

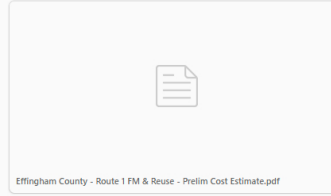
Please detail any additional sources of funding for the project, their source (state, federal, or private), and how much has already been secured.

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**Please provide any additional documents about this project.**

This may include letters of support, press coverage, or a more detailed budget. These are not required.

Attach file



Please list any members of Senator Warnock's staff that you interacted with in the course of preparing and/or submitting this request.

Discussing this project with a member of the staff is NOT required.

Andrew Young

Please indicate whether you are requesting funding for this project from any other Member of the Georgia delegation.

Submitting your request to another Member is NOT required.

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**Part 5: Affirmations and Acknowledgements**

Please affirm and acknowledge the following statements.\*

- 1. Submission of a request that meets the requirements of this form as well as any subsequent requirements that may be promulgated by the Office of Senator Raphael Warnock the Senate Committee on Appropriations does not guarantee the award of federal funding and/or the support of Senator Raphael Warnock.
- 2. This request and any information submitted in support of it may be made public in part or in their entirety.
- 3. The requesting entity will comply with any request presented to them by the Government Accountability Office, the Office of Inspector General of a federal agency, Congress, or any other federal entity performing an audit, investigation, or oversight function.
- 4. Any funding award associated with this request does not guarantee support or funding in future fiscal years.



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