

# FY24 Congressionally Directed Spending

Senator Hickenlooper is accepting Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests for Colorado projects in Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24). Part of the broader appropriations process, CDS is a mechanism by which members of Congress can request funding for specific projects in their home state that have been submitted for consideration by local government entities and nonprofits. Funding for projects, if approved, passed by Congress, and signed into law, would be distributed during FY24 (October 2023 - September 2024).

## BASICS

**Deadline:** Our office will accept requests for Congressionally Directed Spending until 11:59 PM mountain time on **MARCH 10, 2023**. Requests must be submitted through the form on our website, which can be found [HERE](#). **We will not consider requests received outside of the form.**

**Accounts:** A list of the subcommittees that we anticipate will accept CDS requests can be viewed at the end of this document. The list contains minimal changes from the FY23 CDS process.

Supporting Documentation:

- **Itemized Budget:** The itemized budget you provide should be detailed as possible, and should account for all of the money you are requesting.
- **Letter of Support:** All projects must be submitted with at least **one** and **no more than two** letters of support. Letters should come from either a state or local government or a community leader representing local support for your request. Letters of support beyond two will not be considered.

## ELIGIBILITY

Submitting organizations must be either **not-for-profit entities** or **government organizations**. Projects must fit within an account of one of the Appropriations Committee subcommittees accepting requests. Requests with the best chance of success should be:

- **Shovel-ready:** Projects should be ready to begin as soon as funding has been received. Given the uncertainty surrounding passage timing of an FY24 appropriations package, projects should be able to begin at any date.
- **Clear and reasonably budgeted:** Itemized budgets must be as detailed as possible, and should indicate whether portions of the project could be completed independently of other portions if the project cannot be fully funded.
- **Self-sustaining:** CDS projects should be able to be either completed or put on a sustainable path with one round of funding. While we will consider all projects, CDS projects should only depend on receiving money in FY24, and should have an ongoing impact on the community even after the funding has been used.
- **Beneficial to the wider community:** Each project will be assessed based on its demonstrated level of positive impact for the community, with an emphasis on serving longstanding unmet needs.

## FAQ

***Can I submit projects to more than one member of Congress?***

Yes! You can submit the project to every member of the congressional delegation who represents the location where the project will be implemented AND is accepting requests. If you submit the same project to multiple members of Congress, we ask that your application be identical and that you note the other members to whom you have submitted your project in your application.

***To which account should I submit my project?***

An “account” is a funding bucket from which federal funds are disbursed. To be eligible for funding your project must align with an account that is accepting CDS requests. A list of eligible accounts is available at the end of this document. When applying, please select the account that best fits the focus of your project. If your project does not fit within an account, even if it aligns with all of the other criteria above, it is unfortunately ineligible. If you are confused as to which account your project may fit within, please don't hesitate to reach out.

***Can I have a meeting to discuss questions specific to my proposal?***

Yes; our office is happy to meet with organizations to answer questions specific to project proposals. If you anticipate needing to discuss your project, please reach out as soon as possible as we will not be able to extend our submission deadline.

***Can I amend my submission after the deadline?***

You should not plan on being able to make changes to your submission after the submission deadline. However, if minor mistakes are made, please let us know as soon as possible and we can work with you to try to correct them. Major changes may not be accepted depending on how close we are to the subcommittee's submission deadline. Once projects are submitted to the Appropriations Committee there will be no further opportunity to change them.

***If your office submits my request to the Appropriations Committee, am I guaranteed funding?***

No; our office submitting a project is only the first step in the process. After we submit our requests to the Senate Appropriations Committee, committee staff will review our requests and decide what to include in the final package.

***If my project is included in the FY24 appropriations bill, when should I expect to receive the funding?***

Funding will only be disbursed after Congress passes the FY24 appropriations bill. Upon passage, the funding agency will reach out to the project's point of contact and provide a follow-up application. This application will need to be approved by the agency before funds are distributed.

***Can funds be reimbursed retroactively?***

No, CDS funding cannot be used retroactively. For that reason, projects should not be dependent on receiving the funds by a certain date.

***Where should I submit water infrastructure projects?***

Water infrastructure (both drinking water and wastewater) related projects should be submitted to the **Interior** subcommittee, **NOT** the Energy & Water subcommittee.

## **AGENCIES & ACCOUNTS ACCEPTING FY24 CDS REQUESTS**

### **Agriculture**

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

### **Commerce, Justice, Science**

- 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

### **Energy & Water**

- Corps of Engineers: Investigations
- Corps of Engineers: Construction
- Corps of Engineers: Operations & 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
  - Renewable and Clean Energy projects
  - Electricity and Energy Resiliency projects
  - Cybersecurity and Energy Security projects
  - Nuclear Energy Projects
  - Fossil Energy or Carbon Management Projects

### **Financial Services**

- 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
- General Services Administration, Federal Buildings Fund, Repairs and Alterations

- Office of National Drug Control Policy, Administrative Provision - Prevention grants

### **Homeland Security**

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

### **Interior**

- EPA, State and Tribal Assistance Grants, Clean Water SRF, Clean Water
- EPA, State and Tribal Assistance Grants, Drinking Water SRF, Drinking Water
- IHS, Sanitation Facilities Construction, Sanitation Facilities Construction
- NPS, Historic Preservation Fund Projects
- USFS, State and Private Forestry, Forest Resource Information and Analysis
- Projects on Agency Lists
  - LWCF: Great American Outdoors Act, Land and Water Conservation Fund
    - BLM, Land Acquisition
    - FWS, Land Acquisition
    - NPS, Land Acquisition
    - USFS, Land Acquisition
    - USFS, Forest Legacy
  - LRF: Great American Outdoors Act, Legacy Restoration Fund
    - BLM, Legacy Restoration Fund
    - FWS, Legacy Restoration Fund
    - NPS, Legacy Restoration Fund
    - BIE, Legacy Restoration Fund
    - USFS, Legacy Restoration Fund
  - LMCON: Land Management Agencies, Construction
    - BLM, Construction
    - FWS, Construction Projects, Line Item Construction
    - NPS, Construction, Line Item Construction and Maintenance
    - USFS, Capital Improvement and Maintenance, Facilities, Road and Trails
- Land Management Agencies, Local Projects and Research
  - BLM, Management of Land and Resources, Habitat Management Priorities
  - NPS, National Recreation and Preservation, Statutory and Contractual Aid
  - FWS, Resource Management, Stewardship Priorities
  - USGS, Surveys Investigations and Research, Special Initiatives
- BIA, Operation of Indian Programs, Special Initiatives
- EPA, Science and Technology, Research: National Priorities
- EPA, State and Tribal Assistance Grants, STAG Infrastructure Grants

### **Labor, HHS, Education**

- Department of Labor—Employment and Training Administration—Training and Employment Services
- Department of Health and Human Services—Health Resources and Services Administration—Program Management
- Department of Health and Human Services—Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration—Health Surveillance and Program Support

- Department of Health and Human Services—Administration for Children and Families—Children and Families Services Programs
- Department of Health and Human Services—Administration for Community Living—Aging and Disability Services Programs
- Department of Education—Innovation and Improvement—Fund for the Improvement of Education
- Department of Education—Higher Education—Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education

#### **MilCon-VA**

- 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

#### **Transportation-HUD**

- 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 Programs (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 Program (CRISI) grants for rail projects eligible under section 22907 of title 49, United States Code
- Community Development Fund for Economic Development Initiatives (EDI) for activities eligible under section 5305 of chapter 69 of title 42, United States Code, as well as for affordable housing construction.