

STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting of March 19, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: 4-B

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SUBJECT:

Senator Padilla Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Requests

Enclosure: No

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

The information provided below is current as of March 14, 2025.

Senator Padilla's Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Congressionally Directed Spending Request Forms are now LIVE. For the Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development form <u>click here</u>.

The deadline for all requests is 9:00pm Eastern on March 31st. *All deadlines are subject to change based on guidance from the Senate Appropriations Committee. Late applications will not be accepted.*

The President's FY 2026 Budget Request or FY 2025 enacted spending levels are not yet available, Senator Padilla will be launching Programmatic request forms at a later date yet to be determined.

The Senator's office recommends that agencies use the <u>FY 2025 guidance</u>. Based on the information currently known, it is expected that the CDS process and eligibility criteria will be like previous years – although all aspects are subject to change based on any updated Appropriations Committee guidance that is received in the coming weeks.

The Senator's office requires that all CDS requests have demonstrated support from both local community government leaders as well as broader regional government leaders.

The Senate voted 54-46 to pass the *Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act,* 2025 (H.R. 1968), sending the measure to President Donald J. Trump's desk for signature before current funding expires at midnight March 14, 2025. The President is expected to sign the measure, per the <u>Statement of Administration Policy</u> dated March 11, 2025. Once enacted, the Continuing Resolution (CR) will keep the government funded through September 30, 2025, at largely enacted levels of spending.

If the CR is enacted, it is encouraged to resubmit your project again for FY26 funding, should the project still be feasible/relevant. If an agency decides to resubmit a FY25 project again for the FY26 process, the agency may resubmit the same letters of support secured last year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2024-25 Overall Work Program and Budget.