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Guide to FY27 Appropriations Requests
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Senator Ossoff is interested in hearing from you about funding needs to benefit Georgia.

As a member of Congress and the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Ossoff is able to advocate for certain funding priorities. Senator Ossoff is committed to fighting for Georgia priorities in the federal budget and ensuring that Georgians are able to access these critical federal funds. Certain projects that would benefit from a one-time allocation of funds might also be eligible for a direct appropriations process called Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS).

Please note even the most competitive applications to this process are not guaranteed to have their projects submitted to the Senate Appropriations Committee (Committee). Additionally, even projects put forth to Committee from Senator Ossoff might not secure appropriations funding. Appropriations funding is very limited and is contingent on passing a Federal budget each fiscal year.

This resource guide details the basic types of appropriations requests, some key notes for applicants about the nature of the funding opportunity, and some recommended best practices for applying.

The three basic types of appropriations requests are:

- **Programmatic Requests:** The vast majority of federal discretionary spending, including most of the federal money granted to entities in Georgia (e.g. State and local government, non-profit organizations, and for-profit businesses), falls under programmatic funding. Programmatic requests are requests for <u>national and regional programs</u>. State and local governments, organizations, and other entities that benefit, or stand to benefit, from existing federal programs can advocate for resources to go toward those programs by submitting a programmatic funding request. Please note that unlike the CDS process, programmatic funding is **not** funding awarded to a specific Georgia project in a specific location. You will fill out this Programmatic Funding Request within our <u>Programmatic Requests section</u> on Senator Ossoff's appropriations portal.

- **Report Language Requests:** These are requests that direct, encourage, or urge an Agency or Department to carry out a desired action. You will fill out this Report Language request within our <u>Programmatic Requests section</u> on Senator Ossoff's appropriations portal.

- **Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS):** These are requests for funding for a specific project in a specific location. Congressionally Directed Spending is requested by

Members of Congress. Projects must meet certain requirements set by the Appropriations Committees, as detailed in this guide. Applicants must fill out this CDS project request within our <u>CDS Requests section</u> on Senator Ossoff's appropriations portal.

- o **CDS projects are subject to the following general conditions:**
  - Only nonprofits (with supporting tax documents) and state and local governments are eligible.
  - Funding is limited; not all eligible requests will be funded, and funded projects can only count on one year of funding.
  - Congress requires the Government Accountability Office to audit a sample of CDS projects and report its findings.
  - Projects must fall under eligible "accounts" (more details below).
  - Only certain accounts have available funding, and rules apply for each program.
  - The rules and accounts are subject to change each fiscal year.

- **The application, in part or in whole, may be made public.** Senators are required to publish all CDS requests they make on their websites. Senators must also submit and make public a financial disclosure letter certifying that they do not have any financial interest in the items requested. Offices must post this information to their website within 15 calendar days after submitting their CDS requests to the Committee, and the Senate Appropriations Committee will provide a link to each office's disclosure on the Committee's website. The Government Accountability Office will audit a sample of enacted CDS items and report its findings to Congress. By submitting your request, you are acknowledging you understand these oversight requirements.

- **CDS is subject to the congressional process.** While Senator Ossoff looks forward to accepting and reviewing CDS project applications, the final funding decision is shared by all members of Congress, as appropriations bills that include the CDS projects must be passed into law.

- **The amount of funds to be appropriated via congressionally directed spending is limited, and the process is competitive. Applying does not guarantee funding**. All applications submitted to the Senator's office will undergo a detailed and competitive review. The Senator's office anticipates receiving many applications for every account, and final decisions about funding requests are ultimately made by the full Senate Appropriations Committee. As such, we cannot guarantee funding for any individual project.

CDS Project Requirements

- **Letters of Support:** Community support is a critical way to distinguish your project from others. Letters of support from local elected officials and stakeholders within the community would improve the competitiveness of a given application. These letters must clearly communicate the benefits that the request would confer upon the community.

- **Projects must be in Georgia:** All projects submitted to Senator Ossoff's office must have a brick-and-mortar location in Georgia.

- **Agency-specific application process:** If you are awarded CDS project funding, following the passage of any FY27 spending bill, you must also complete the Federal agency's formal application process and abide by any relevant agency regulations, including but not limited to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Build America, Buy America (BABA) preferences.

- **Budget Breakdown:** All CDS requests should include a project budget broken down by funding type and component (see example below).

Sample Congressionally Directed Spending Project Budget

Project funding by component

The budget should be broken down into no fewer than two components. An example of a component might be "Planning," "Design," "Construction of a new facility," "Purchase of a new vehicle," etc. Components should be broken out line by line, with a final line for total cost. Each line should include a dollar amount and name of the component. After that, each line should contain a note on which components should receive priority for funding if the full amount cannot be funded. You should also note how this budget and cost estimates were developed. Please submit this budget as a Microsoft Excel document.

Example:

Equipment/Materials	Cost
OmniCell Medication Dispensing Equipment	$893,000.00 * Priority funding for project
Electronic Health Records	$2,500,000.00 * Priority funding for project
Camera System	$62,695.00 (ER Only)
Hospital Beds	$35,333.00
IV Pumps	$50,000.00
Minor Medical Equipment	$18,795.00 (Otoscope, BP, etc.)
CT Scan 64 slice	$356,200.00
C Arm in Radiology	$100,000.00
Ultrasound (2)	$188,500.00
Lab. Equipment	$444,678.00
Digital Mammography	$488,348.00
Telehealth	$152,998.00
EKG Machine (2)	$200,000.00
Total	$5,490,547

Project funding by source

This second budget should identify other sources of funding for the project, if any. Please include a separate line for each source of funding and clearly indicate how your requested amount will fit in with the other sources of funding. Please submit this budget as a Microsoft Excel document.

Example:

Project Funding by Source	Cost
State grants used for design	$40,000.00
EDA grants used for initial construction	$122,738.89
Outstanding funding need, advanced as a congressionally directed spending request	$536,235.35
Total Project Cost	$698,974.24

Best Practices

- Please plan ahead and note the requirements of each CDS opportunity in advance. **These requirements must be met at the time of application.**

- You will NOT be able to save your progress as you complete your application. If you are working on the form for an extended period of time, it is recommended that you work from an external document and copy information into the form when you are ready to submit. A pdf copy of the application is available on the Senator's website to use as a reference.

- Communicate the impact of your project. Strong congressionally directed spending projects should benefit local communities by creating jobs, strengthening economies, advancing research and development, improving health outcomes and local safety, etc.

- Congressionally directed spending should NOT be viewed as a continuous funding source. CDS projects should be viewed as a way to jumpstart an activity or fill a funding gap for a particular project — not sustain it over time. Competitive applications indicate how organizations plan to sustain the program or effort beyond the term of the CDS award.

- Align the request with local need and federal missions.

- Please clearly title each request. A good title is 10 or less words long and mentions the location of the project, the organization, and the type of work being done. (Ex. "ABC Hospital in XYZ County")

- The project should have a flexible timeline. Because the legislation that projects would be included in, if selected, is subject to a relatively uncertain timeline, it is recommended that all projects submitted for Congressionally Directed Spending have some flexibility.

Funds are likely to be awarded between February 2027 and October 2027, but even this timeline is subject to uncertainty. It is also important to note that many accounts cannot be used to reimburse previously incurred expenses, so awardees should NOT spend money unless explicitly told to do so by a Federal funding agency after the award is finalized.

Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Accounts and Descriptions

How to use this section:

This section details some of the most common CDS requests we receive by topic. In order to be advanced through the appropriations process, a project must fit into one of those accounts. However, it is important to note that not every project can be matched to an account, thus rendering it ineligible for project funding. The information below is shared to help applicants start to identify which accounts may work for their project. Please note that these accounts are based on last year's (FY26) CDS process and may change pending new guidance for the FY27 process. Senator Ossoff's office has not yet received FY27 guidance from the Appropriations Committee.

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CDS: Agriculture & Rural Development
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- *Watershed Flood Prevention Projects (WFPO)*
  - Each project must contain benefits directly related to agriculture that account for at least 20% of the total benefits of the project. Recipients must have a local sponsor.

- *Rural Development, Community Facilities*
    - Examples of projects previously submitted by Senator Ossoff can be found on his website under the Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA sections for FY26, FY25, FY24, FY23, and FY22.
    - Funds may be used to construct, expand or improve facilities that provide health care, education, public safety, and public services. Applicants MUST meet environmental review requirements (i.e., NEPA) and other conditions that USDA requires, such as completing an application for funding.
    - Funds may also be used for equipment and mobile vehicle projects that fulfill the requirements of this account.
    - Community Facilities grants require that the applicant provide matching funds based on the size of the community where the proposed project is located. These matching funds must be cash (not in-kind) and generally must come from a non-Federal source. This program can fund up to 75% of total project costs based on population as follows:
        - Maximum of 75% when the proposed project is located in a rural community having a population of 5,000 or fewer
        - Maximum of 55% when the proposed project is in a rural community having a population of 12,000 or fewer
        - Maximum of 35% when the proposed project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer
    - Towns with populations above 20,000 are not eligible.
    - Funds may NOT be used for projects that are already constructed or that will be completed prior to passage of the final bill.
    - Funds may NOT be used to pay initial operating expenses or annual recurring costs.
    - Funds may NOT be used to fund facilities to be used primarily for recreation or business entrepreneur purposes.

- *Rural Development, Distance Learning, and Telemedicine grants*
    - Eligible projects in this account encourage and improve telemedicine services and distance learning services in rural areas through the use of telecommunications, computer networks, and related advanced technologies by students, teachers, medical professionals, and rural residents.
    - Project funding can be used for eligible equipment including computer hardware and software, audio and video equipment, and instructional programming.
    - Funding may NOT be used for medical or educational equipment not having telemedicine or distance learning as its essential function.
    - Broadband deployment is NOT an eligible use of funds.
    - There is a 15% cost match requirement. Please note that matching funds cannot come from another Federal funding source.
    - The maximum award amount is $1,000,000.

CDS: Economic Development and Housing

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- *Small Business Administration: for projects that promote small businesses (cannot be awarded to for-profit entities)*
  - Eligible projects in this account support small businesses, including but not limited to entrepreneur training, counseling, and research.
  - Small Business Administration CDS funding may NOT be used to fund construction, acquisition of facilities, or to provide seed capital for small business, nor can it be used by CDS recipients to make grants/loans.

- *Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)*
  - This account is focused primarily on projects that address affordable housing, community services, and economic development. Examples of eligible EDI projects may include:
    - Acquisition of real property (land, water rights, buildings)
    - Construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing
    - Blight removal or remediation
    - Improvements and construction of neighborhood centers, parks and similar public facilities.
  - Buildings for the general conduct of government <u>are NOT eligible.</u>
  - Projects must benefit low- or moderate-income communities and/or be in qualified census tracts.
  - Projects must comply with applicable Federal law including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and "Build America, Buy America" (BABA) preferences.
  - Applicants must also include details on how the project meets one or more of the three national objectives for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The three CDBG program National Objectives are:
    - Benefit low-and-moderate income (LMI) persons and communities
      - If using this National Objective, please use HUD's "Map Application" to confirm eligibility.
    - Prevent or eliminate slums or blight.
    - Address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available.
  - Funds may NOT be used for projects that are already constructed or that will be completed prior to passage of the final bill.
  - Funds may NOT be used for day-to-day operational expenses, including rent and utilities, or administrative salaries or benefits.

- *Rural Development (as mentioned in Agriculture and Rural Development section)*

<u>**CDS: Education and Workforce Development**</u>
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- *Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE): Elementary and Secondary Education*
  - Eligible projects in this account support elementary and secondary education, including instructional 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.
  - Projects to provide and improve special education services at the elementary and secondary levels are also eligible.
  - Eligible grantees are state education agencies, school districts, colleges and universities, and other public and private nonprofit entities.
  - Construction or renovation of school buildings are NOT eligible in this account. Daycare and childcare projects that do not include educational services are also ineligible.

- *Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE): Higher Education*
  - Eligible projects should improve access to, or the quality of, postsecondary education.
  - Projects to hire and train faculty, establish and improve degree programs, improve teacher preparation programs, develop and improve curricula, upgrade technology and telecommunications, acquire science laboratory equipment, provide student support, and implement university partnerships with school districts may also be eligible.
  - Eligible applicants are colleges and universities and include other public and private nonprofit organizations.
  - Funding may NOT be used for construction or renovation or for endowments.

- *Employment and Training Administration*
  - Projects should include direct services to meet the training needs of workers, which may include career services, training and work-based services, supportive services, and other eligible services, as defined in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Eligible activities may include skills training for unemployed individuals to obtain employment, as well as enhancing the skills of current workers to get higher-paying jobs.
  - Projects must meet all WIOA requirements and must:
    - Include direct services to individuals to enhance employment opportunities
    - Demonstrate evidence of a connection with the State or local workforce investment system
    - Include an evaluation component to show measurable outcomes

- o Minor equipment purchases and curriculum development activities may be included in the overall project scope.
- o Projects may NOT include construction or renovation of facilities or purchases of land or buildings.

CDS: Health and Social Services

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- *Health Facilities Construction and Equipment (within HRSA)*
  - o Eligible projects include construction, renovation, or capital equipment purchase for facilities for health, mental health, substance abuse services, medical research, or the education and training of health professionals.
  - o Capital equipment purchases may include lab equipment, x-ray machines, or telehealth and information technology. Funding may NOT be used to purchase property, or for salary or operating costs.
  - o HRSA CDS recipients may NOT sub-grant to other organizations or agencies.

- *Rural Health Services (within HRSA)*
  - o Eligible projects include rural health, such as medical, dental, or mental health care services; health promotion and education; chronic disease management; telehealth services; and improvements to emergency medical services.
  - o Projects must provide services in areas that meet HRSA's definition of rural.
  - o HRSA CDS recipients may NOT sub-grant to other organizations or agencies.

- *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)*
  - o Eligible projects should promote the prevention or treatment of mental health disorders, including rehabilitation, outreach and other support services.
  - o Programs to improve access to substance use disorder treatment, reduce barriers to such treatment, and promote high quality, effective treatment and recovery services are also eligible.
  - o Programs to prevent the onset of illegal drug use, prescription drug misuse and abuse, alcohol misuse and abuse, and underage alcohol and tobacco use are also eligible.
  - o Funding may NOT be used for construction, needle exchange, or promotion of legalization of illegal drugs or substances.
  - o SAMHSA CDS recipients may NOT sub-grant to other organizations or agencies.

- *Administration for Children and Families (ACF): Children and Families Services Programs*
  - o Eligible projects will improve the prevention, assessment, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect through research, model service

improvement, information dissemination, and technical assistance. Projects must serve or target abused and/or neglected children and their families.
- o 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 are also eligible.
- o Projects can serve a diverse population including low-income individuals, children, youth, families, individuals with developmental disabilities and Native Americans.
- o Funding may NOT be used for construction or renovation of facilities, and ACF CDS recipients may NOT sub-grant to other organizations or agencies.

- *Administration for Community Living: Aging and Disability Services Programs*
  - o Projects should improve the ability of older adults and individuals of all ages with disabilities to live independently and participate fully in their communities.
  - o Eligible projects include improving access to, or the quality of, education, training, support services, and independent living services for older adults and individuals with disabilities.
  - o Funding may NOT be used for construction or renovation of buildings, provision of medical care, or sub-granting.

CDS: Science
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- *National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST): related research and technology development projects*
  - o Projects should focus on technological and scientific research and standards-related technology development. Construction projects are NOT eligible.

- *National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)*
  - o This account can accept requests for projects that address fisheries, marine mammals, ocean and coastal issues, climate, weather, atmospheric research, data acquisition and forecasting programs. Construction projects are NOT accepted.

- *National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)*
  - o Eligible projects include science education, research, and technology development.
  - o Funding may be used for equipment, research, or education programs, but NOT for construction.

CDS: Justice and Policing

- Please note that these accounts are based on last year's (FY26) CDS process and may change pending new guidance for the FY27 process. Senator Ossoff's office has not yet received FY27 guidance from the Appropriations Committee.
- To ensure fair and open competition, project descriptions and budgets may not include brand names of products funds would be used to purchase.
- The Committee is more likely to fund projects that jump-start or complete an activity, rather than sustaining existing activities over time.

- *Department of Justice: Byrne*
    - Eligible projects in this account are personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems that serve to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, prevent or combat juvenile delinquency, or assist victims of crime (in ways other than compensation).
    - CDS requests funded in the final bill text will be subject to requirements under 2 C.F.R. Part 200 and DOJ Grants Financial Guide. Please consult the list of allowable and unallowable costs included in the linked DOJ Grants Financial Guide, as funds may not be awarded for unallowable costs.
    - Funding may NOT be used for land or property acquisition, rent, or construction.

- *Department of Justice: Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)*
    - Eligible projects are technologies and automated systems to assist law enforcement agencies in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime. State, local, and tribal governments and their public agencies, including police and/or sheriff's departments are eligible to apply. Because COPS funding must serve law enforcement purposes, technologies primarily used for fire or emergency response not involving law enforcement may NOT be eligible.
    - Projects are limited to 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.
    - CDS requests funded in the final bill text will be subject to the requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 200 and the DOJ Grants Financial Guide. Please consult the list of allowable and unallowable costs included in the linked DOJ Grants Financial Guide, as funds may not be awarded for unallowable costs.
    - The Committee is less likely to fund requests for vehicles and vessels that have a high maintenance cost.

CDS: Water Development

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- *Army Corps of Engineers*
  - Eligible projects are investigations, construction, and operations and maintenance.
  - Investigations and construction projects, including environmental infrastructure (EI) projects, are best positioned for funding if the applicant has already signed a letter of intent with their local U.S. Army Corps District agreeing to serve as a cost-share partner on the project.
  - EI projects are best positioned if the account through which they are authorized has received funding in previous appropriations cycles.
  - Operations and maintenance requests can be submitted for the following Army Corps projects:
    - ALLATOONA LAKE, GA
    - APALACHICOLA, CHATTAHOOCHEE AND FLINT RIVERS, GA
    - ATLANTIC INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, GA
    - BRUNSWICK HARBOR, GA
    - BUFORD DAM AND LAKE SIDNEY LANIER, GA
    - CARTERS DAM AND LAKE, GA
    - HARTWELL LAKE, GA
    - J. STROM THURMOND LAKE, GA
    - RICHARD B. RUSSELL DAM AND LAKE, GA
    - SAVANNAH HARBOR, GA
    - SAVANNAH RIVER BELOW AUGUSTA, GA
    - WEST POINT DAM AND LAKE, GA

- *EPA: State and Tribal Assistance Grants, Water and Wastewater Infrastructure*
  - Projects must be eligible for funding through the EPA's Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Funds.
    - Read more about eligibility for the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds [here](#).
    - Read more about eligibility for the Clean Water State Revolving Funds [here](#).
  - Projects must be publicly owned or owned by a nonprofit entity.
  - There is typically a required minimum local cost share of 20% for state and local projects, which cannot be met by other sources Federal funding.
  - If you submit a project in this account, you will be asked to complete a supplemental questionnaire to provide additional required information.

CDS: Energy Development

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- *Department of Energy*
  - Successful projects will be in line with the current Department of Energy missions that focus on transformative science and technology research, development, and

demonstration in specific topic areas. Topic areas that were eligible in the last fiscal year are listed below:
- Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
- Electricity
- Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response
- Nuclear Energy
- Fossil Energy and Carbon Management

o Generally speaking, projects funded through this account are not eligible for funding through tax credits or other federal incentives.

o Statutory cost sharing requirements may apply to these projects as follows:
- Basic or fundamental research or development activities – no minimum cost share
- Research or development activities of an applied nature – 20% cost share
- Demonstration or commercial application – 50% cost share

o During the last fiscal year, the Subcommittee noted that it **would NOT fund** the following projects:
- Projects that do not follow statutory cost sharing requirements;
- Projects that require multiple years of funding;
- Construction of buildings or new facilities;
- Vehicle charging projects, unless the project is connected to larger clean energy sources (like a battery) or has clean energy applications beyond the charging station;
- Electrical substation replacement or routine grid updates that could otherwise be funded under ratepayer contracts or through existing federal incentives;
- Planning studies for a forthcoming project.
- Clean energy projects that do not show transformative or emerging technological solutions (e.g., solar panels or light bulb upgrades without transformative technology or integrated energy systems associated with them).
- Planning studies for NetZero goals.

CDS: Emergency Management
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- *FEMA: Emergency Operations Center (EOC) projects*
  o Projects must meet the eligibility requirements of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) grant program, which include a 25% non-Federal cost-share and environmental and historic preservation requirements. Full requirements for the EOC program can be found in the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity.
  o The above Notice of Funding Opportunity contains examples of projects that have been eligible under this program in previous years, including those that "fund equipping, upgrading, and/or construction of EOCs to provide fully capable

facilities to support command, control, and coordination of multi-agency responses to major disasters or emergencies." For Fiscal Year 2026, projects to construct new EOCs were limited to only the requests previously included in the [Fiscal Year 2025 Senate Appropriations Homeland Security Report](#), and to repairs of existing EOCs.

- o Applications must be accompanied by a letter of support from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA) affirming project eligibility.

- *FEMA: Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) projects*
  - o Projects must meet the eligibility requirements of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program, which include a 25% non-Federal cost share requirement (10% in rare cases for Small Impoverished Communities), hazard mitigation plan, benefit-cost ratio, and environmental and historic preservation requirements. Full requirements for the PDM program can be found in the most recent [Notice of Funding Opportunity.](#)
  - o The above Notice of Funding Opportunity states that the purpose of the PDM program is to "fund projects for state, local, tribal, and territorial government efforts to plan for, and implement sustainable cost-effective measures designed to **reduce the risk to individuals and property from future natural hazards**, while also reducing reliance on federal funding from future disasters."
  - o Applications must be accompanied by a letter of support from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA) affirming project eligibility.
  - o Projects must be included on a FEMA-approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

CDS: Public Lands and the Environment

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- *U.S. Forest Service (USFS), State and Private Forestry*
  - o Requests under this account are for technical and financial assistance to non-federal forest landowners, including state and local governments. Requests must meet USFS eligibility requirements for the appropriate grant program.
  - o Activities within this account include forest health management, cooperative fire protection, wood innovation, and urban and community forestry.
  - o Requests must contribute to meeting the goals of the state's Forest Action Plan and describe how the project will conserve and steward working forests or open space, protect forest health from insects and disease, meet urban and community forestry goals, create opportunities for wood use, improve fire mitigation efforts, or otherwise benefit communities and forested lands.
  - o Funds in this account may NOT be used for general research, capital improvements or projects on Federal land.

- *EPA, Science and Technology Research*
  - o Eligible projects are high priority lines of research related to environmental quality and human health.

CDS: Transportation and Infrastructure

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- *Transportation Planning, Research, and Development (TPR&D): for transportation research projects*
  - o This account is focused on national or regional research and development projects.
  - o Planning for specific local highway, transit, or rail projects should NOT be submitted through this account.

- *Airport Improvement Program (AIP): for airport capital projects that are currently eligible under the existing program*
  - o Applicants can seek funding for projects eligible under Chapter 471 of title 49, United States Code.
  - o Applicants must include a link to their airport master plan, which must include the project.
  - o 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.
  - o Applicants should include information about the current status of completion for planning and environmental review and provide a description of all other sources of funding contributing to the total cost of the project.

- *Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP): for highway capital projects and trail projects*
  - o Applicants can seek funding for projects that fall within the HIP account for highway projects eligible under Title 23, United States Code, including, but not limited to, highway and bridge construction projects, sidewalk installation, planning and environmental review, design, and right-of-way acquisition.
  - o Trail projects are also eligible under the HIP account.
  - o Operational expenses are NOT eligible.
  - o Applicants should indicate whether a project is currently on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) published by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).
    - ▪ If a project is on the STIP, please include a Project Identification (PI) number.

- If a project is not currently on the STIP, applicants should include a letter from GDOT indicating that the project is eligible and will be added to the STIP should it be awarded Congressionally Directed Spending.
  - For construction projects, applicants should indicate whether right-of-way and/or easements must be purchased for the project.
  - Applicants must include information about the current status of completion for planning and environmental review and should also provide a description of all other sources of funding contributing to the total cost of the project.

- *Transit Infrastructure Grants (TIG) for transit capital projects*
  - Applicants can seek funding for projects that fall within the TIG account for transit projects eligible under Chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code.
  - Applicants should indicate whether a project is currently on the STIP published by GDOT or the TIP published by their Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). If a project is on the STIP or TIP, please include the Project Identification (PI) number.
    - If a project is not currently on the STIP or TIP, applicants should include a letter from GDOT or their MPO indicating that the project is eligible and will be added to the TIP should it be awarded Congressionally Directed Spending.
  - For construction projects, applicants should indicate whether right-of-way and/or easements must be purchased for the project.
  - Applicants must include information about the current status of completion for planning and environmental review and should also provide a description of all other sources of funding contributing to the total cost of the project.

- *Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI) Program: for rail capital projects*
  - Applicants can seek funding for projects that fall within the CRISI account for rail capital projects eligible under section 22907(c) of title 49, United States Code.
  - Applicants can request funding for rail projects that are not currently on the State Rail Plan but for which GDOT has provided a letter confirming that: (1) the project is eligible for rail funding under section 22907 of title 49, United States Code; (2) GDOT is willing to carry out the project if funding is enacted; and (3) GDOT will include the project on the State Rail Plan once funding for the project is enacted.
  - Applicants must provide the status of the planning and environmental review and should also provide a description of all other sources of funding contributing to the total cost of the project.

- *Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP): for infrastructure projects at the ports*
  - Applicants can seek funding for port infrastructure projects that fall within the PIDP account for port projects eligible under section 54301 of title 46, United States Code.

- o Applicants must provide the status of the planning and environmental review and should also provide a description of all other sources of funding contributing to the total cost of the project.

CDS: Government Buildings and Historic Preservation

- Please note that these accounts are based on last year's (FY26) CDS process and may change pending new guidance for the FY27 process. Senator Ossoff's office has not yet received FY27 guidance from the Appropriations Committee.

- *General Services Administration: Federal Buildings Fund*
  - o Construction projects typically include new federal courthouses, federal buildings, or land ports-of-entry. Repairs projects must be federally owned properties in need of repair or alteration and are typically federal buildings or federal courthouses.
  - o Eligible projects do NOT include state or county facilities, DOD facilities, VA facilities, or transportation infrastructure facilities.

- *National Park Service, Historic Preservation Fund*
  - o Projects must be eligible for Historic Preservation Fund grants through the Department of the Interior as described here.
  - o Most grants have a one-to-one matching requirement where the project sponsor must provide non-federal funds that are at least equal to the award amount.
  - o The maximum project amount is $500,000.
  - o If you submit a project in this account, you will be asked to complete a supplemental questionnaire to provide additional required information.

- *National Archives and Records Administration, National Historical Publications and Record Commission (NHPRC)*
  - o Projects that help ensure 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 are eligible. This includes initiatives like record digitization, programming, and online availability of records.
  - o Please note that projects funded through this account are required to provide the public free access to the documents.