

Appropriations Requests: A Summary

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Type of Request</u></p> <p>1. Programmatic: Programmatic funding requests are general requests for funding for national and regional programs that are usually included in the president’s budget request.</p> <p>Example (funds): Provide \$4 million for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program</p> <p>Example (language): The [Appropriations] Committee directs the Secretary to undergo a review of how USDA can utilize commodity food programs to strengthen resilience.</p> <p>2. Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS): Direct federal investment to local communities. CDS requests are strictly reserved for non-profit organizations and state, tribal and municipal governments/</p> <p>Example: \$1 million to repair the Monson, MA fire station.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Timing</u></p> <p>March 16, 2026 – Each office sets their own deadline for submitting requests and will post information on their website. Senator Markey and Senator Warren share all requests and will open their portal on March 16th.</p> <p>March to July 2026 – Appropriations Committees will write legislation and <u>decide which programs and projects to fund</u>. Typically, by the end of July, the Appropriation Committees have completed action on annual appropriation bills that include programmatic and CDS funding.</p> <p>October 2026 – October 1st, 2026 is the beginning of Fiscal Year 2027. However, Congress typically will pass a stopgap appropriations bill that may last for several weeks or months.</p> <p>December 2026-March 2027–Typically, Congress will pass all appropriations bills by the end of March of the following year. In FY25, Congress did not pass an appropriations bill and there were no CDS awards as a result.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CDS Accounts</u></p> <p>Each year the Senate Appropriations Committee provides guidance on eligible accounts under which applicants can apply for CDS funding. To apply for CDS funding, you must apply under one of the eligible accounts. You should review all the information and requirements for the account you are interested in.</p> <p>Examples: www.markey.senate.gov/map/</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CDS Requirements</u></p> <p>The office asks that you complete an online form in its entirety and submit it through the CDS portal on our website. You can review a blank application here. All requests should include at least TWO (2) letters of support from third parties within the community or communities that would benefit from the fulfillment of the request.</p>
<p>You are also strongly encouraged to schedule a meeting with the Senator’s staff so they can share further guidance on how to advance your funding priorities and apply for funding for the upcoming fiscal year. To request a meeting, please email Appropriations@Markey.senate.gov.</p>	

*Timing may vary. For the most up-to-date information, be in touch with our office.