

Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS)
Eligible Accounts and Requirements

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

General Guidance

Applicants must fully justify their requests. CDS projects should create private sector jobs, advance research and development, or save lives. CDS projects should not be viewed as continuous funding sources and should be distinct from competitive grant opportunities at the relevant agencies. CDS projects should be viewed as a way to jump start or complete an activity – not sustain it over time. Successful CSD requests will match the project to the authorization or mission of an agency or account and have the support of local officials or communities.

- **Department of Commerce; National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST); Scientific and Technical Research Services (STRS); External Projects**
 - Projects should address standards-related research and technology development.
 - Construction projects will not be accepted
- **Department of Commerce; NIST; Construction of Research Facilities; Extramural Construction**
 - Projects are for non-Federal research facilities, including for projects at research institutions and colleges and universities. However, given the significant investments necessary for construction projects, only a very limited number of projects will be supported on an annual basis.
- **Department of Commerce; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); Operations, Research, and Facilities (ORF); Special Projects**
 - Projects should address fisheries, marine mammals, ocean, coastal issues, climate, weather, atmospheric research, data acquisition, and forecasting programs.
 - Construction projects will not be accepted
- **Department of Justice; Office on Justice Programs; State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance; Byrne Discretionary**
 - Projects should provide additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice systems.
 - CDS requests funded in a final bill will be subject to the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#).
 - To be allowable under Federal awards, costs must be reasonable, allocable, and necessary to the project, and they must also comply with the funding statute and agency requirements.
 - This funding cannot be used for land acquisition or construction. Applicants should refrain from specifying brand names for equipment to ensure fair and open competition.

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- **Department of Justice; Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS); COPS Law Enforcement Technology and Equipment**
 - Projects are for the development of technologies and automated systems to assist law enforcement agencies in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime.
 - Recipients shall include State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments and their public agencies (for example, police and/or sheriff's departments).
 - Allowable activities are limited to the statutorily 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 a final bill will be subject to the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#), and the applicable Award Owner's Manual
 - Applicants should refrain from specifying brand names for equipment to ensure fair and open competition. Applicants are cautioned against requests for vehicles and vessels that carry with them a high maintenance cost at the conclusion of the CDS request.

- **National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Safety, Security and Mission Support**
 - Projects should focus on science education, research, and technology development related to NASA's mission.
 - Medical research projects and projects at NASA-owned Visitor Centers or a State's designated Space Grant Consortium will not be funded.
 - This account cannot fund construction but may be used for equipment, research funding, or education programs