

Congressionally Directed Spending

Eligible Accounts and Requirements

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

General Guidance

Naming Projects: First state the recipient, then the word “for”, and finally a short descriptor of the project. Please try to use no more than 10 words. [Recipient] for [Short Project Description].

Helpful Abbreviations:

- DOI: Department of the Interior
- BLM: Bureau of Land Management
- FWS: Fish and Wildlife Service
- NPS: National Park Service
- USGS: U.S. Geological Survey
- BIA: Bureau of Indian Affairs
- BIE: Bureau of Indian Education
- USFS: U.S. Forest Service
- EPA: Environmental Protection Agency
- IHS: Indian Health Service
- LWCF: Land & Water Conservation Fund

Eligible Accounts

1. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), State and Tribal Assistance Grants, Clean Water State Revolving Fund, Clean Water

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Application must answer the following questions in a numbered format:

1. What is the project purpose, e.g., drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and/or water quality protection?

2. How will the project help the recipient meet applicable water standards—e.g. improve drinking water quality or improve surface/groundwater quality?
3. Is this project primarily to support existing water needs or to support future growth? Note that projects primarily to support future growth are typically ineligible for State Revolving Funds. Is this request seeking funding for planning and design, construction, or both?
4. Describe the project recipient—are they a municipality? Public water system? Other public entity?
5. What is the total estimated cost of the project, based on the facilities plan or preliminary engineering report?
6. What is the amount requested for the project?
7. Is the amount requested scalable to a lower amount and if so, what is the minimum amount?
8. Please list any funding received from federal appropriations, including the fiscal year and source of funding (Clean Water SRF, Drinking Water SRF, STAG grants, USDA Rural Development Program, FEMA, or others)?
9. Does the community have a financing plan certified by an authorized local official demonstrating how it will cover the matching funds of 20% or more?
10. What are the anticipated non-federal sources of funding for this project?

2. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), State and Tribal Assistance Grants, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, Drinking Water

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3. Indian Health Service, Sanitation Facilities Construction, Sanitation Facilities Construction

The subcommittee will accept CDS requests for projects included on the Indian Health Services' (IHS) Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS) list.

In exceptional circumstances, the committee may consider projects that are eligible for funding under the Criteria for the [Sanitation Facilities Construction Program](#) but are not on the SDS list (see pg. 5-1 through 5-12 of the criteria).

Application must answer the following questions in a numbered format:

1. What is the project purpose, e.g., drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and/or water quality protection?
2. Is the amount requested scalable to a lower amount and if so, what is the minimum amount?
3. Is this request seeking funding for planning and design, construction, or both?
4. Is the preliminary planning and engineering design completed for this project?
5. When will this project be ready to proceed to construction?
6. What is the total estimated cost of the project, based on the facilities plan or preliminary engineering report?
7. Please list any funding received from federal appropriations, including the fiscal year and source of funding (Clean Water SRF, Drinking Water SRF, STAG grants, USDA Rural Development Program, FEMA, or others), if applicable?
8. If applicable, does the community have a financing plan?

4. National Park Service, Historic Preservation Fund Projects

The subcommittee anticipates that most requests will be made within the HPF for the Save America's Treasures (SAT) program.

All HPF grantees must meet standards set by the Secretary of the Interior and comply with the [audit requirements](#), and each successful CDS recipient must complete an application through [grants.gov](#). The subcommittee will accept CDS requests for non-formula funded activities within

HPF that meet the qualifications of HPF programs. Please note that acquisitions of collections or historic properties are not eligible under the HPF. For more information, please visit [here](#). The maximum project amount is \$500,000.

For SAT, the subcommittee will require that the property be listed as an historic place on the National Register of Historic Places or as a National Historic Landmark.

Application must answer the following questions in a numbered format:

1. Has the project received a previous federal grant in the past? For SAT, previous projects can be viewed here: [NPS SatMap](#). Please answer one of the following: YES and note the year, the amount, and the federal program; or NO.
2. If the request is for SAT, does the recipient have in place, or a plan to provide, the one-to-one match with non-federal cash and/or in-kind contribution? Please answer YES, NO, or N/A.
3. Would the requested project fund an eligible activity under the HPF? For example, for SAT, please visit [here](#). Please answer YES or NO.

5. U.S. Forest Service, State and Private Forestry, Forest Resource Information and Analysis

Activities within this account include forest health management, cooperative fire protection, wood innovation, and urban and community forestry. Requests must meet USFS eligibility requirements for the appropriate grant program.

Project requests should be part of the state's Forest Action Plan, or contribute to meeting the goals of the Forest Action Plan.

Application must answer the following questions in a numbered format:

1. Does the project meet the eligibility and matching requirements as specified on the USFS webpage for the relevant grant program?
2. Does the USFS have the authority to provide funds to this project and/or recipient?
3. Is the project part of a state Forest Action Plan or otherwise ranked in a prioritized list (provide list name and rank)?
4. How does this project contribute to the state Forest Action Plan?
5. What is the federal nexus for this project and why should there be a federal funding component?
6. Has this project received previous federal funds (provide year, amount, and program)?
7. What is the total cost of the project? Are there matching funds or partner contributions?
8. Is the amount requested scalable to a lower amount and if so, what is the minimum amount?
9. What is the timeline for this project?
10. 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 innovative wood use, improve fire mitigation efforts, or otherwise benefit communities and forested lands.

6. 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

The subcommittee will only consider CDS requests for projects that are not included in the President's Budget or for funding levels that are above the amounts provided in the President's Budget. The subcommittee will have a strong preference for projects included on agency submitted priority lists.

7. 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

In order for requests to be considered within this category, they must be relevant to the specified mission area within the bureaus listed below and contribute to responsible stewardship of land, wildlife, and recreation resources or contribute to priority research areas that inform stewardship of those resources. Proposed projects should contribute to local, state, and federal efforts to benefit species, habitat, and/or enhanced stewardship of land and water resources. Project funding is not intended to primarily fund annual operations and maintenance of existing programs at the state, federal, or local level.

8. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Operation of Indian Programs, Special Initiatives

BIA provides direct services and funding for compacts and contracts for Tribes to provide programs for a wide range of activities. While the Subcommittee will not consider CDS projects for individual tribes, the Subcommittee may consider requests from other eligible entities that honor the commitment to invest in Tribal communities, create economic opportunities, foster cultural heritage, promote efficient and effective Tribal governance, and conserve natural resources.

Application must answer the following questions in a numbered format:

If the question does not apply to the requested project, please explain why

1. Describe the project and make the case for its consideration.
2. Is the recipient entity a federal agency, state agency, Tribal entity, local city/county agency, university or college, or non-profit organization?
3. Does the project meet the eligibility and matching requirements for a specific grant program (provide description)?
4. Does the relevant federal agency have the authority to provide funds to this project and/or recipient (cite authority)?
5. Is the project specifically authorized (cite public law or other authority)?
6. Is the project on federal land or a federal facility?
7. Is the project funded in the President's budget request (provide amount and describe any difference between the budget and your request)?
8. What is the federal nexus for this project and why should there be a federal funding component?
9. What is the total cost of the project?
10. Has this project received previous federal funds (provide year, amount, and program)?
11. Are there matching funds or partner contributions?
12. Is this request being submitted to other subcommittees for consideration (note subcommittee, program, amount, and other relevant information)?
13. Is the project ranked on any federal, state, or other prioritized list (provide list name and rank)?
14. What is the timeline for this project and why are federal funds required in this fiscal year?
15. What are the estimated start and completion dates for the project?
16. Can the project obligate all of the requested funding within 12 months of receipt?

9. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Science and Technology, Research: National Priorities

Project requests may be considered for high priority lines of research related to environmental quality and human health.

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6. Is the project on federal land or a federal facility?
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15. What are the estimated start and completion dates for the project?
16. Can the project obligate all of the requested funding within 12 months of receipt?

10. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), State and Tribal Assistance Grants, STAG Infrastructure Grants

Requests will only be considered for projects related to existing funding categories and activities within the STAG account that will result in improvements in environmental quality and/or human health.

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If the question does not apply to the requested project, please explain why

1. Describe the project and make the case for its consideration.
2. Is the recipient entity a federal agency, state agency, Tribal entity, local city/county agency, university or college, or non-profit organization?
3. Does the project meet the eligibility and matching requirements for a specific grant program (provide description)?
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