Office of Senator Gary C. Peters

Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriations Handbook



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As a Member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Peters is responsible for helping write the legislation that allocates federal resources to local, state, and national government agencies and organizations on an annual basis. The Committee is also responsible for reviewing the President's annual budget request, conducting oversight of federal spending, and drafting supplemental funding bills for emergency situations.

Senator Peters' membership on the Appropriations Committee presents an opportunity to advocate for the priorities of Michiganders. Constituents can help determine these priorities by submitting proposed federal appropriations requests. This handbook explains the two different types of appropriations requests and the process for submitting requests.

1. Programmatic Funding Requests

The vast majority of federal discretionary spending qualifies as programmatic funding. Programmatic requests are requests for Congress to fund an authorized federal program at a specific level or to include language directing a federal agency to implement a program in a specific way. Programmatic funds can come in the form of discretionary grants, loans, or via a formula determined by statute. Stakeholders can advocate for changes in the amount of funding these programs receive or for specific bill or committee report language by submitting programmatic funding requests. Senator Peters' FY2026 programmatic funding request form is available here:

FY2026 Senator Peters Programmatic Request Form

In order to submit a request, you will need to know which subcommittee has jurisdiction over your request. The full jurisdiction of each Appropriations Subcommittee is available here. You are able to make multiple appropriations requests. Please fill out a separate form for each request.

If you have questions, please contact appropriations@peters.senate.gov.

2. Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Requests

In addition to accepting programmatic requests, in FY2026 Senator Peters will accept requests for congressionally directed spending (CDS) items.

Senator Peters will accept requests for high-impact public local projects in Michigan that can benefit from the federal government's assistance. To be considered, the project must be eligible for federal funding within its respective appropriations bill account and comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Only local government entities, such as municipalities (or coalitions of municipal entities), villages, townships, counties, tribal governments and public institutions funded through public funding sources, including state-funded universities, are eligible to apply. The office will not consider requests from nonprofit organizations, trade organizations, or for-profit entities. As part of the request process, applicants must certify that, if awarded funding, they will not distribute any CDS funding to – or use any CDS funding to procure a product or service from – an entity domiciled in a "covered nation" or

subject to the influence or control of a "covered nation," as that term is defined in 10 U.S.C. 4872(d)(2). Finally, please be aware that submission of an application does not guarantee that funding will be requested by the Senator or awarded through enacted appropriations legislation.

As part of the CDS process, Senator Peters' office is required to disclose all of the requests he submits to the Appropriations Committee. A complete list of CDS projects secured by Senator Peters in previous years is available here and here for FY24, here for FY23, and here for FY22.

Among other questions, you will be asked the following as part of your CDS request:

- The total project costs, the funds requested from Congress, and the source(s) of the balance of the funding needed;
- How the requested funding will be spent, as specifically as possible;
- A justification for how the request will positively impact Michigan including metrics for outcomes that would be improved if your project is implemented;
- Demonstrated support from relevant stakeholders, including in the form of letters of support;
- Evidence that the requesting organization has the capacity to take on this project; and
- Information about project partners (e.g., suppliers, contractors, partnering organizations).

You will be asked to identify the correct Subcommittee under which to submit your CDS request, and in some cases, the correct Account. To identify the correct Subcommittee, please utilize this handbook, organized by Subcommittee. Please send questions regarding which Subcommittee your project fits within to appropriations@peters.senate.gov.

For a complete list of questions included within the CDS request form, please see the <u>Appendix</u> at the end of this document.

Once you have gathered the information needed, please submit your CDS request using this form:

FY2026 Senator Peters CDS Request Form

You are able to make multiple CDS requests. Please fill out a separate form for each request.

The form will ask that you list relevant local organizations and state and local elected officials who support the project. After submitting the form, please send an email to appropriations@peters.senate.gov and attach evidence of that support (whether a letter of support, local municipal resolution, news article, or other). Please use the following subject line format: "[Name of Requesting Organization] - [Project Name]". E.g., "Entity ABC - Electrification of Burlington Bus Route 40".

Please keep the following important reminders in mind as you prepare your CDS request:

- Funding is limited; not all eligible requests will be funded and funded projects can only count on one year of funding.
- Projects must fall under eligible accounts (see below).
- Submitted requests will be publicly disclosed by Senator Peters and are subject to Government Accountability Office audits.
- Several CDS accounts have a "nonsupplanting rule," which dictates that if a municipality or other public entity has already appropriated funding for a specific purpose, applicants cannot

- request CDS funding from Congress for that exact same purpose i.e., applicants cannot seek to "supplant" already-established local funding with federal funding.
- Many CDS accounts require a local funding match i.e., the entire project cannot be funded solely through CDS funds from Congress. These local funding match requirements are listed below in the Subcommittee/Account information section.
- This process takes significant time. In past years, the President did not sign a final government funding bill into law until nearly a year after CDS requests were submitted – and even after the final bill was signed, it took several months – and additional paperwork – for CDS requesters to receive funding.
- If Congress does not pass a FY2026 government funding bill but instead passes a year-long continuing resolution it is unlikely that any CDS requests will be funded.
- It is absolutely critical that the point of contact listed on your application form be responsive to outreach from Senator Peters' office and/or government agencies throughout the CDS process. If your point of contact needs to be changed, please contact appropriations@peters.senate.gov immediately.

Deadline: March 17

All appropriations requests - both for Congressionally Directed Spending and Programmatic Funding – are due on **March 17**.

Following the deadline, Senator Peters' office will review and submit requests to the Appropriations Committee. Each Subcommittee will then review the requests received and determine what can be funded in the annual appropriations bill. Only those requests that comply with Committee and Senate rules and are deemed appropriate for federal support will be considered for funding. Ultimately, a final appropriations bill must pass both the Senate and House and be signed by the president.

Questions?

If you have questions regarding the FY2026 appropriations process in Senator Peters' office, please contact appropriations@peters.senate.gov.

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Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies: Projects within this Subcommittee range from employment and training services; to health facilities construction; to mental health programming; to elementary, secondary, and postsecondary educational projects and services.

<u>Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies</u>: Projects within this Subcommittee range from transportation research projects; to airport infrastructure projects; to highway, transit, and rail projects; to affordable housing, community services, and economic development projects.

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SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE:

The Subcommittee on Agriculture accepts CDS request for five accounts. Projects within this Subcommittee range from repairs and maintenance to facilities owned by the Agricultural Research Service; to agricultural pests and related diagnostics efforts; to watershed projects; to essential community facilities in rural areas.

Account #1: Agricultural Research Service, Building and Facilities (ARS B&F)

What types of projects are eligible? This account can fund requests for repairs and maintenance to existing facilities owned by the Agricultural Research Service (ARS). The ARS owns and operates laboratories and facilities across the United States. Many of these laboratories/facilities are decades old, have outlived their functional life span, and are badly in need of major repairs, renovation, or replacement.

What additional requirements does this account have?

- Requests for ARS B&F may only include funding for repairs and maintenance to existing facilities.
- Funding for construction of a building will not be considered.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$1,478,000 for a U.S. Arid Land Agricultural Research Center for deferred maintenance projects to upgrade the facility.
- \$1,000,000 for a U.S. National Poultry Research Center to fund repairs and maintenance.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$500,000 to \$25,000,000. The average award was \$5,933,000.

Account #2: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) (S&E)

What types of projects are eligible? While the entire APHIS S&E account is open for CDS requests, the following items within the account are most compatible with CDS requests:

- Field Crop & Rangeland Ecosystems Pests: Projects here generally aim to protect U.S. agricultural crops and rangelands from the establishment or spread of invasive or economically significant pests, facilitate safe international trade and domestic commerce, preserve economic opportunities for U.S. farmers, and/or foster healthy ecosystems in rangelands and natural lands.
- Pest Detection: Projects here generally aim to document the presence or absence of plant pests and diseases of Federal regulatory significance in the United States.
- Plant Protection Methods Development: Projects here generally aim to develop scientifically viable and practical tools for exotic plant pest exclusion, detection, and management.
- Specialty Crop Pests: Projects here generally aim to protect U.S. fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, horticulture, and nursery crops from adverse impacts associated with invasive pests, such as crop damage or threats to international trade and interstate commerce.

- Tree & Wood Pests: Projects here aim to protect forests, private working lands, and natural resources from the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB), emerald ash borer (EAB), gypsy moths, and most recently shot hole borers (SHB).
- Wildlife Damage Management: Projects here aim to protect agriculture, human health and safety, property, and natural resources from disease and damage caused by wildlife.
- Wildlife Services Methods Development: Projects here aim to research effective and socially responsible methods and information to manage conflicts between people and wildlife to protect agriculture, natural resources, and human health and safety.
- Veterinary Diagnostics: Projects here aim to improve the security of the nation's livestock by providing disease diagnostics both daily and at increased levels during outbreaks.
- Equine, Cervid and Small Ruminant Health: Projects here aim to protect the health and improve the quality, productivity, and economic viability of the equine, cervid, sheep, and goat industries.

What additional requirements does this account have?

- Projects funded under this account must meet environmental review requirements (i.e., <u>NEPA</u> and ESA).
- A few programs within the APHIS account have local/state funding matching requirements. These include:
 - Grasshopper/Mormon Cricket (Field Crop & Rangeland Ecosystems Pests): This
 program conducts surveys, provides technical assistance, and conducts
 suppression activities. When conducting suppression activities, the Plant
 Protection Act dictates the federal percentage of control costs and cost sharing
 for other parties. The federal government pays the total cost of suppression on
 Federal land (including most tribal trust lands), 50 percent of the cost on state
 land, and 33 percent of cost on private land.
 - Wildlife Services Methods Development. Reimbursable service agreements are generally 50/50 cost share and the States would reimburse for their portion.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$500,000 for a State Department of Agriculture for wild horse management.
- \$247,000 for a State Agricultural Experiment Station for monitoring ticks and tick-borne pathogens.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$40,000 to \$7,000,000. The average award was \$1,098,154.

Account #3: Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO)

What types of projects are eligible? This account can fund requests to provide technical and financial assistance to States, local governments and, Tribal organizations to help plan and implement authorized watershed projects for the purpose of:

- Flood Prevention
- Watershed Protection
- Public Recreation

- Public Fish and Wildlife
- Agricultural Water Management
- Municipal and Industrial Water Supply
- Water Quality Management

What additional requirements does this account have?

- WFPO projects must contain benefits directly related to agriculture, including rural communities, that account for at least 20 percent of the total benefits of the project.
- There are additional financial and programmatic requirements within the WFPO
 account. In order to submit a request, you must have contacted a <u>Michigan NRCS field</u>
 office and the office must have confirmed that your project proposal meets all program
 requirements, including financial requirements.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$55,000 for a County for a County Flood Plain Reconnection and Enhancement Feasibility Project.
- \$55,000 for a municipality for a Stormwater Management Feasibility Study.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$55,000 to \$9,050,000. The average award was \$1,700,417.

Account #4: Rural Development, Community Facilities Grants

What types of projects are eligible? This account funds projects to purchase, construct, or improve essential community facilities, to purchase equipment, and pay other related project expenses. Essential community facilities include, but are not limited to, healthcare facilities, public facilities, public safety measures, educational services, or other community support services. Examples of eligible projects include medical or dental clinics, towns halls, courthouses, childcare centers, police or fire departments, public works vehicles, or distance learning equipment.

Note that funds cannot be used for the following activities:

- To reimburse funds for projects already constructed/acquired or projects that will be completed by the passage of the bill;
- To pay initial operating expenses or annual recurring costs, including purchases or rentals that are generally considered to be operating and maintenance expenses;
- To fund facilities to be used primarily for recreation purposes; or
- To fund facilities to be used primarily for business entrepreneur purposes.

What additional requirements does this account have?

• The Community Facilities (CF) Grant program has a match requirement on a sliding scale based on community population size and median income. CF Grants can cover up to 75 percent of the total project costs. Rural Development (RD) verifies an applicant's population size from the most recent census. Unlike population size, which can be determined from public sources, RD contracts with the US Census Bureau to determine a precise median income based on the potential rural Americans that would benefit from a project.

- Towns with populations over 20,000 are not eligible for this program.
 Specific match requirements are as follows:
 - Rural community having a population of 5,000 or fewer and the median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 60 percent of the State nonmetropolitan median household income: CDS request can fund up to 75 percent of the proposed project.
 - Rural community having a population of 12,000 or fewer and the median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the State nonmetropolitan median household income: CDS request can fund up to 55 percent of the proposed project.
 - Rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer and the median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 80 percent of the State nonmetropolitan median household income: CDS request can fund up to 35 percent of the proposed project.
 - Rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer and the median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 90 percent of the State nonmetropolitan median household income: CDS request can fund up to 15 percent of the proposed project.
- o In general, matching funds must come from a non-Federal source.
- In order to determine whether a project is eligible, you must reach out to the <u>Michigan Rural Development office</u> *prior* to completing your application form; the office must confirm project eligibility.
- In order to apply for a project under this account, you must provide (1) the intended use of funds and how the completed construction/acquisition will be used; (2) both the requested CDS dollar amount and the total cost of the project; and (3) a list of the towns, cities, counties, etc. that will benefit from the services provided.
- Applicants within this account must also meet environmental review requirements (i.e., NEPA).

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$121,000 for a municipality for the construction of a sand/salt mix storage shed.
- \$3,451,000 for a municipality for Municipal Auditorium Upgrades.
- \$278,000 for a city for the replacement of a fire tanker.
- \$2,325,000 for a town for the construction of a community center and town office.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$17,000 to \$5,000,000. The average award was \$1,096,973.

Account #5: Rural Development, Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program (DLT) Grants

What types of projects are eligible? This account funds projects to help rural communities acquire the technology and training necessary to connect educational and medical professionals with students, teachers, and patients in rural areas. Grants may be used for audio and video equipment, broadband facilities that support distance learning or telemedicine (not actual broadband), computer hardware or network components/software, and acquisition of instructional programing. Broadband deployment is not an eligible use of funds for this account.

What additional requirements does this account have?

- This account includes a 15 percent funding match that cannot come from another federal source.
- In order to apply for a project under this account, you must contact the <u>Michigan Rural Development State Office</u> to confirm your proposal meets eligibility requirements. A full list of eligible entities, uses, and limitations can be found at <u>7 CFR Part 1734 Subpart A and B</u>.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$163,000 for the Carle Eureka Hospital for a rural telemedicine expansion.
- \$400,000 for the Acadiana Planning Commission for expanding telehealth services.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$113,000 to \$1,000,000. The average award was \$544,200.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES:

The Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies accepts CDS request for six accounts. Projects within this Subcommittee range from scientific research/technology to law enforcement technology and public safety initiatives to prevent crime and strengthen the criminal justice system.

Account #1: Department of Commerce; National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST); Scientific and Technical Research Services (STRS); External Projects

What types of projects are eligible? This account funds projects that address standards-related research and technology development. Projects should be consistent with NIST's mission, such as STEM education activities, scientific research, or other activities that support American manufacturing and industry.

What additional requirements does this account have?

- This account cannot fund vehicles or building construction or renovation projects.
- Proposed project activities must be consistent with the activities of NIST; if they are not, applicants must justify why the project is being requested.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$3,000,000 for a higher education institution to acquire a wireless communications test system that will be used for advanced mobility research to make transportation safer.
- \$2,500,000 for a higher education institution to make upgrades to spectroscopy and microscopy systems to expand quantum research and workforce development opportunities in the State where located.
- \$4,000,000 for a higher education institute to purchase biopharmaceutical manufacturing equipment.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$233,000 to \$10,000,000. The average award was \$2,582,500.

Account #2: Department of Commerce; NIST; Construction of Research Facilities; Extramural Construction

What types of projects are eligible? This account funds the construction and renovation of research facilities at research institutions and colleges and universities.

What additional requirements does this account have?

- Given the significant investments necessary for construction projects, only a very limited number of projects will be successful.
- Proposed project activities must be consistent with the activities of NIST; if they are not, applicants must justify why the project is being requested.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

 \$28,000,000 to plan and build a new cancer research facility at a public university's medical school.

- \$4,000,000 to a public university to accelerate efforts to advance the development of a comprehensive long-term risk management framework and to expand the evaluation of mitigation methods of concrete affected by pyrrhotite.
- \$2,600,000 for a higher education institute to renovate an on-campus library.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$3,100,000 to \$28,000,000. The average award was \$11,463,143.

Account #3: Department of Commerce; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); Operations, Research, and Facilities (ORF); Special Projects

What types of projects are eligible? This account can fund requests for research, demonstration, or education projects performed by external partners or for prioritizing NOAA internal funds for geographically specific projects. Projects should address fisheries, marine mammals, ocean, climate, weather, and atmospheric research and programs.

What additional requirements does this account have?

- This account cannot fund construction projects. Historically, funds under this account cannot go to vehicles or building renovation.
- Projects must be aligned with NOAA's mission and within authorities already authorized by law.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$1,500,000 to a public university for upgrading of a water monitoring systems in a nearby body of water to improve measurement of the overall health and habitability of regional waters.
- \$4,000,000 to a public university for instrumentation to better monitor coastal currents, waves and related weather phenomena.
- \$400,000 for a port authority to study sediment management in harbors.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In FY2024, the Senate Committee-passed bill included funding for projects under this account ranging from \$106,000 to \$6,000,000. The average award was \$1,494,193.

Account #4: Department of Justice; Office on Justice Programs; State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance; Byrne Discretionary

What types of projects are eligible? This account can fund projects to assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement efforts to prevent crime, improve the criminal justice system, provide victims' services, and other related activities. A complete list of purposes for which funds under this account can be used can be found here.

What additional requirements does this account have?

- Costs must be reasonable, allocable, and necessary to the project.
- This funding cannot be used for land acquisition or construction.
- Proposed project activities must be consistent with the activities of the Department of Justice.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$1,000,000 to support a major city's purchase of new body worn cameras (BWCs), replacing current BWCs with new devices that have updated camera equipment, storage capacity and global positioning systems.
- \$500,000 to a county health department to support a gun violence reduction program via case management, educational and travel opportunities, life skills training, subsidized employment and trauma therapy.
- \$675,000 to supplement a municipality's existing police department with a social worker, who would offer assistance and expertise when the police are called upon to assist in mental health matters.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$10,000 to \$4,204,000. The average award was \$716,842.

Account #5: Department of Justice; Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS); COPS Law Enforcement Technology and Equipment

What types of projects are eligible? This account can fund projects to develop and acquire effective technologies and interoperable communications that assist in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime.

What additional requirements does this account have?

- Recipients of funding under this account can include State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments and their public agencies (that is, police and/or sheriff's departments).
- Activities funded by this account must comply with the statutorily allowable purpose
 areas under the <u>COPS Office statute</u>, 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.
- Requestors are cautioned against requests for vehicles and vessels that carry with them a high maintenance cost at the conclusion of the grant.
- Historically, the Committee has not funded vehicles or building construction or renovation as part of community project funding under this account.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$500,000 to a municipal police department to purchase public safety communications equipment.
- \$2,100,000 to a municipality to purchase a new public safety communication system.
- \$2,179,000 to a public 911 authority to upgrade and replace a radio and microwave radio-based 911 dispatch system.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$8,000 to \$4,878,000. The average award was \$715,112.

Account #6: National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Safety, Security and Mission Support

What types of projects are eligible? This account can fund requests focusing on science education, research, and technology development related to NASA's mission. Funding can be used for equipment, research funding, or education programs.

What additional requirements does this account have?

- Note that funds cannot be used for the following activities:
 - o Construction; or
 - Medical research projects and projects at NASA-owned Visitor Centers or a State's designated Space Grant Consortium.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$195,000 for a community college system for cleanroom classroom laboratory equipment.
- \$2,900,000 for a county redevelopment authority for an Advanced Air Mobility Education Program.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$90,000 to \$10,000,000. The average award was \$1,748,167.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT:

The Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development accepts CDS request for seven accounts. Projects within this Subcommittee range from investigations, construction and operations work on authorized Corps of Engineers projects; to dam safety and ecosystem restoration; to energy resiliency and clean energy projects.

Account #1: Corps of Engineers: Investigations

What types of projects are eligible? This account funds studies for authorized projects and programs and may fund preconstruction engineering and design work.

What additional requirements does this account have?

Only authorized Army Corps projects and programs will be considered for funding.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$600,000 for the Corps of Engineers for a river deepening project.
- \$1,500,000 for the Corps of Engineers for work on a harbor on the eastern seaboard.
- \$600,000 for the Corps of Engineers for an ecosystem restoration and storm risk management project.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$200,000 to \$1,200,000. The average award was \$556,250.

Account #2: Corps of Engineers: Construction

What types of projects are eligible? This account funds implementation for new and continuing construction, reconstruction, continuing authorities programs, environmental infrastructure assistance, major rehabilitation, dam safety assurance, dredge material disposal facilities, and deficiency correction of projects.

What additional requirements does this account have?

Only authorized Army Corps projects and programs will be considered for funding.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$300,000 for the Corps of Engineers for floodplain management services in a major metropolitan area.
- \$100,000 for the Corps of Engineers for a riverfront restoration and enhancement.
- \$2,000,000 for the Corps of Engineers for a flood protection system.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$50,000 to \$120,000,000. The average award was \$7,456,264.

Account #3: Corps of Engineers: Operation & Maintenance

What types of projects are eligible? This account funds operation, maintenance, and related activities at water resource projects that USACE operates and maintains (e.g., multipurpose dams, navigation channels).

What additional requirements does this account have?

Only authorized Army Corps projects and programs will be considered for funding.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$922,000 for the Corps of Engineers for work on a small boat harbor that is part of the Great Lakes Navigation System.
- \$250,000 for the Corps of Engineers for work on a hydroelectric dam associated with a major river system.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$8,000 to \$36,500,000. The average award was \$4,518,889.

Accounts #4, 5, and 6: Corps of Engineers: Mississippi Rivers & Tributaries: Investigations; Construction; and Operation & Maintenance

What types of projects are eligible? These accounts fund projects and programs on the Mississippi River main stem and its tributaries; see above descriptions for Investigations, Construction, and O&M activities.

What additional requirements does this account have?

Only authorized Army Corps projects and programs will be considered for funding.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$14,00,000 for the Corps of Engineers for improvements to identified water resources issues with a basin that drains nearby lowlands associated with a major river.
- \$15,709,000 for the Corps of Engineers for a project associated with a Mississippi River basin and related lake.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$300,000 to \$28,000,000. The average award was \$13,912,500.

Account #7: Department of Energy: Energy Projects

What types of projects are eligible? General project areas eligible for requests include renewable and clean energy projects, electricity and energy resiliency projects, cybersecurity and energy security projects, nuclear energy projects, and fossil energy or carbon management projects.

What additional requirements does this account have?

- Multi-year projects will not be funded; the funding requested should reflect a funding amount that can complete the project.
- Funds may not be used to support building construction (no brick and mortar).

- The Committee will not consider clean energy projects that **do not** show transformative or emerging technological solution (for example, solar panels, battery storage, or light bulb upgrades without any transformative technology or integrated energy system associated with it).
- Electric vehicle (EV) charging station projects will not be considered unless there is a renewable energy or energy storage connection to the charging station.
- Statutory cost sharing requirements may apply to these projects, as required by section 988 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The amount of required cost sharing will depend on the scope and technological maturity of the project:
 - Research or development activities of a basic or fundamental nature: no minimum cost share
 - Research or development activities of an applied nature: minimum 20 percent cost share
 - Demonstration or commercial application: minimum 50 percent cost share

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$1,000,000 for a municipality for a biogas turbine driven blower.
- \$411,000 for a municipality for enhancing a premium farm market venue as a Community Resiliency Hub.
- \$1,850,000 for a State Department of Agriculture for a project researching how food and farm waste can be converted into fuel.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$80,000 to \$5,000,000. The average award was \$1,723,451.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

The Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government accepts CDS request for four accounts. Projects within this Subcommittee range from projects in support of small businesses; to projects to ensure use of historical records; to repairs/restorations of National Archives facilities; to construction/remediation of federal buildings.

Account #1: Small Business Administration, Administrative Provision

What types of projects are eligible? This account funds projects in support of small business, including but not limited to entrepreneur training, workforce development, counseling, research, and construction or acquisition of facilities.

What additional requirements does this account have?

 Requesters must describe how the project will directly benefit small businesses and/or entrepreneurs at the local, regional, and/or national level.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$115,000 for a project to expand entrepreneurial reach across all regions and demographics of a state, including through regional networking and educational programming workshops for would-be entrepreneurs, with a special focus on rural communities, women and minorities.
- \$1,200,000 for a higher education institute for a center to support a rural veterinary practice clinic incubator program.
- \$950,000 for a regional development authority to support a textile technology entrepreneurship regional network.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$50,000 to \$5,000,000. The average award was \$810,628.

Account #2: National Archives and Records Administration, National Historical Publications and Records Commission

What types of projects are eligible? This account funds projects that help ensure online public discovery and use of historical records collections, encourage public engagement with historical records, strengthen the nation's archival network, or public documentary editions of historical records.

What additional requirements does this account have?

 Generally, projects should comply with the eligibility requirements for existing National Historical Publications and Records Commission grants programs as specified at https://www.archives.gov/nhprc/apply/eligibility.html.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$1,434,000 for an effort to expand access to civil rights history.
- \$340,000 for a higher education institution's work to digitally preserve historical state cultural artifacts.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress has funded projects under this account ranging from \$30,000 to \$17,500,000. The average award was \$1,433,692.

Account #3: National Archives and Records Administration, Repair and Restoration

What types of projects are eligible? This account funds projects for the repair, alteration, and improvement of NARA facilities, and to provide adequate storage for holdings.

What additional requirements does this account have?

Funding can only be used on repair/restoration of a NARA-owned facility.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

• \$7.25 million for modernization of an already-existing presidential library.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$6,000,000 to \$7,250,000. The average award was \$6,625,000.

Account #4: General Services Administration, Federal Buildings Fund, Construction and Acquisition

What types of projects are eligible? This account funds projects including the construction or purchase of facilities, additions to existing buildings, and remediation.

What additional requirements does this account have?

 Projects are limited to line items in the GSA Federal Buildings Fund requested by the Administration.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

\$4 million for repairs to a federal courthouse.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In FY2025, the average award the Senate Committee-passed bill included funding for under this account was \$4,500,000.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES:

The Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies accepts CDS requests for five accounts. Projects within this Subcommittee range from clean water and drinking water infrastructure; to Indian Health Services' Sanitation Deficiency System projects; to historical preservation; to forest health management and community forestry.

Account #1: EPA, STAG, Clean Water SRF, Clean Water CDS

What types of projects are eligible? This account funds projects related to wastewater treatment plants, collector sewers, interceptor sewers, sewer pipes, outfall sewers, storm water management, combined sewer overflow control, sanitary sewer overflow control, infiltration and inflow correction, water security, septic tanks, and the leasing and fee-simple purchase of land needed to locate eligible municipal or tribal projects.

What additional requirements does this account have?

- There is a minimum 20 percent cost share requirement for any portion of a project funded through a STAG infrastructure grant. Only the non-federal portion of assistance provided by a State Revolving Loan Fund can be applied towards a project's matching requirement.
- Requesting entities must provide information on whether the project is on the state's
 most recently finalized Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan and, if
 not, if it is eligible for SRF funding.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$1,500,000 for a city for a sewer forcemain project.
- \$119,000 for a township for storm sewer infrastructure improvements.
- \$1,600,000 for a county for a trash capture project.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$80,000 to \$23,600,000. The average award was \$1,983,477.

Account #2: EPA, STAG, Drinking Water SRF, Drinking Water CDS

What types of projects are eligible? This account funds projects related to compliance facilitation with national drinking water regulations, including PFAS, rehabilitation or development of water sources to replace contaminated ones, installation or upgrades of treatment facilities, installation or upgrades of storage facilities, installation or replacement of transmissions and distribution pipes, projects to consolidate water supplies, and project planning and design.

What additional requirements does this account have?

 There is a minimum 20 percent cost share requirement for any portion of a project funded through a STAG infrastructure grant. Only the non-federal portion of assistance provided by a State Revolving Loan Fund can be applied towards a project's matching requirement. Requesting entities must provide information on whether the project is on the state's
most recently finalized Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan and, if
not, if it is eligible for SRF funding.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$800,000 for a municipality for water system improvements.
- \$2,500,000 for a municipality for a water main replacement project.
- \$2,000,000 for a city for a PFAS treatment facility.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$72,000 to \$12,000,000. The average award was \$1,778,387.

Account #3: IHS, Sanitation Facilities Construction, Sanitation Facilities Construction CDS

What types of projects are eligible? This account funds projects included on the Indian Health Services' (IHS) Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS) list. In exceptional circumstances, it is possible projects that are eligible for funding under the Criteria for the <u>Sanitation Facilities</u> <u>Construction Program</u> but are not on the SDS list (see pg. 5-1 through 5-12 of the criteria) may be funded.

What additional requirements does this account have?

 See above regarding listing on SDS and/or Criteria for the <u>Sanitation Facilities</u> <u>Construction Program</u>.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$633,000 to a recipient for wastewater treatment facility upgrades.
- \$5,354,000 to a recipient for a water distribution upgrade.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$175,000 to \$6,400,000. The average award was \$2,127,875.

Account #4: NPS, Historic Preservation Fund Projects

What types of projects are eligible? This account funds projects designed to preserve historical and archaeological sites in the United States of America.

What additional requirements does this account have?

- All Save America's Treasures (SAT) grants require a dollar-for-dollar non-federal matching share. Recipients of any SAT project funded in the Interior bill must be able to match the amount provided.
- The property must be on the National Register of Historic Places in order to be eligible to receive funding.
- Grants are not available for work on sites or collections owned by the NPS.
- Contractors for the project must be competitively selected, as stipulated under Government- wide Grants Requirements set by OMB.

- New construction is not eligible. Demolition of an historic building or significant changes to it are not eligible projects under the SAT grant program.
- The sponsors of this project must agree to a preservation easement or covenant.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$500,000 to a city for a historic aerial lift bridge.
- \$750,000 to a city for an urban forestry project.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$11,000 to \$600,000. The average award was \$387,569.

Account #5: USFS, State and Private Forestry, Forest Resource Information and Analysis

What types of projects are eligible? This account funds projects including 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. Community projects are usually limited and include various specific urban and community forestry projects and specific forest disease or pest treatment areas.

What additional requirements does this account have?

- State and Private Forestry projects are required to meet the 1:1 matching requirement mandated by the Forest Service.
- Intended recipients must carefully review the information the Forest Service provides on its website regarding what activities are permitted under the various S&PF programs and consult with the State Forester office if needed to confirm that all a project's activities are eligible for S&PF funding.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$500,000 to a county for an Urban Forest Partnership Legacy Program.
- \$500,000 to a State's Department of Environmental Management for a restoration project.
- \$1,054,000 for a city for a pre-fire mitigation project.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$48,000 to \$11,800,000. The average award was \$1,666,186.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY:

The Subcommittee on Homeland Security accepts CDS request for two accounts. Projects within this Subcommittee range from mitigation to emergency management operations.

Account #1: Federal Emergency Management Agency Pre-Disaster Mitigation Projects

What types of projects are eligible? This account funds state, local, and tribal pre-disaster mitigation activities that reduce or eliminate risk from natural hazards and disasters. Projects submitted for this account must be eligible under FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program, including the cost-share requirement, benefit cost ratio, requesting jurisdiction having a valid hazard mitigation plan, and environmental and historic preservation requirements.

What additional requirements does this account have?

 All project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate state agency affirming that it believes the project is eligible.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$741,450 for a County for the rehabilitation and upgrade of pump stations.
- \$556,000 for a watershed Council for flood mitigation and drainage improvement.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$33,000 to \$5,101,000. The average award was \$1,483,923.

Account #2: Federal Emergency Management Agency Emergency Operations Center Grant Program

What types of projects are eligible? This account funds the construction or renovation of a State, local, or Tribal government's primary emergency operation center (EOC) as defined by the State Administrative Agency (SAA) during the application process. An EOC is defined as a facility or capability from which direction and control is exercised in an emergency. This type of center or capability is designated to ensure that the capacity exists for the leadership to direct and control operations from a centralized facility or capability in the event of an emergency. "Construction," as defined in this program, refers to building a new facility or any changes to the footprint of an existing facility, while "renovation" refers to internal improvements to an existing facility. Projects must meet the eligibility requirements of the Emergency Operations Center grant program, including the cost-share requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements.

What additional requirements does this account have?

 All project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate state administrative agency affirming that it believes the project is eligible.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$181,266 for a municipality for EOC upgrades.
- \$1,000,000 for a municipality for EOC renovation and expansion.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$58,000 to \$7,000,000. The average award was \$1,098,359.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES:

The Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies accepts CDS request for eight accounts. Projects within this Subcommittee range from employment and training services; to health facilities construction; to mental health programming; to elementary, secondary, and postsecondary educational projects, programs, and services.

Account #1: Department of Labor—Employment and Training Administration—Training and Employment Services

What types of projects are eligible? This account can fund requests that meet the employment and training needs of workers. Generally, these projects should include direct services which could include career services, training services (including work-based training), supportive services, and other permissible services, as they are defined in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

What additional requirements does this account have?

- Funding may be used for the purchase of equipment, but generally only if it is an
 incidental part of the larger project. A similar standard applies to curriculum
 development, which should be incidental to the project's emphasis on direct services to
 individuals.
- CDS in this account cannot be used for the construction or renovation of facilities.
- Projects are required to report on performance outcomes for participants and should include a meaningful connection to the local workforce development system.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$2,000,000 for a State's early childhood investment entity for the development of a childcare workforce.
- \$1,000,203 to expand job training and job placement programs.
- \$109,000 for a community college to purchase a commercial truck driving simulator to improve their truck driver workforce training program.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$10,000 to \$6,000,000. The average award was \$836,736.

Account #2: Department of Health and Human Services—Health Resources and Services Administration—Program Management

What types of projects are eligible? This account can fund projects in the two following categories:

1. **Health Facilities Construction and Equipment:** This HRSA account can fund the cost of construction, renovation, or capital equipment purchase for facilities for health, mental health, or substance abuse services, training of health professionals, or medical research. Funding can be used to acquire capital equipment, such as lab equipment, x-ray machines, or telehealth and information technology. Equipment-only grants—that is, grants not involving construction—are permissible.

Rural Health: The HRSA account funds projects to improve health care in rural areas.
 Examples of eligible activities include medical, dental, or mental health care services; health promotion and education; chronic disease management; telehealth services; and improvements to emergency medical services.

What additional requirements does this account have?

- For Health Facilities Construction and Equipment projects, funding cannot be used to acquire land or purchase existing buildings, or to pay salaries or other operating costs.
- For Health Facilities Construction and Equipment projects, funding cannot be used to pay for work previously completed.
- For Health Facilities Construction and Equipment projects, funding cannot be used for general feasibility studies or planning and design, but can be used for architectural and engineering costs associated with an eligible construction project.
- For Health Facilities Construction and Equipment projects, the costs of expendable supplies such as pharmaceuticals, lab chemicals, or office paper are also not eligible.
- HRSA Rural Health funding can be used for services only in areas that meet HRSA's
 definition of rural. For lists of eligible areas and further information regarding that
 definition, see: https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/about-us/definition/index.html.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$2,000,000 for a County Health Department for facilities and equipment.
- \$600,000 for a municipal health clinic for rural health services.
- \$424,000 for a higher education institute to improve the education and training of nursing students.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$11,000 to \$15,000,000. The average award was \$2,175,602.

Account #3: Department of Health and Human Services—Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration—Health Surveillance and Program Support

What types of projects are eligible? This account can fund mental health programs that promote the prevention or treatment of mental health disorders, including rehabilitation, outreach, and other support services. Similarly, the account can fund programs that improve access to substance abuse treatment, and/or substance abuse prevention programs focused on the prevention of the onset or misuse of drugs.

What additional requirements does this account have?

- Projects in this category must exclude construction expenditures (other than limited amounts of renovation) and projects that distribute sterile needles or promote the legalization of illegal drugs or substances.
- Funding from this account cannot be used for inpatient treatment, detoxification services, direct payments to individuals, meals/food, or research projects.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

• \$1,820,000 for a higher education institute for a mental and behavioral health initiative, including teacher and student stipends.

- \$135,000 for a police department to expand mobile crisis response and related services.
- \$1,600,000 for a city to support overdose-response teams.
- \$511,000 for a State Department of Education for mental health programs for youth.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$35,000 to \$4,500,000. The average award was \$771,326.

Account #4: Department of Health and Human Services—Administration for Children and Families— Children and Families Services Programs

What types of projects are eligible? This account can fund projects in the two following categories:

- Child Abuse Prevention: The ACF account funds projects to improve the prevention, assessment, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect through research, model service improvement, information dissemination, and technical assistance.
- Social Services Research and Demonstration: The ACF account funds 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.

What additional requirements does this account have?

- Projects funded by the ACF child abuse prevention subaccount must serve or target abused and/or neglected children and their families.
- Projects funded by the ACF social services subaccount can serve a diverse population including low-income individuals, children, youth, families, individuals with developmental disabilities, and Native Americans.
- Projects in this account cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$2,064,000 for a community college to increase access to quality language education materials for families and young children to improve economic outcomes.
- \$500,000 for a State Health Department for the purchase of newborn supply kits.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$10,000 to \$2,000,000. The average award was \$555,708.

Account #5: Department of Health and Human Services—Administration for Community Living—Aging and Disability Services Programs

What types of projects are eligible? This account funds projects to improve the ability of older adults and individuals of all ages with disabilities to live independently and participate fully in their communities. Generally, projects should focus on improving access to, or the quality of, education, training, support services, and independent living services for older adults and individuals with disabilities.

What additional requirements does this account have?

Funds cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$85,000 for a municipal parks and recreation commission for social workers and expansion of social services for seniors.
- \$20,000 for disability personnel training initiatives.
- \$106,000 for a city for supportive services for older adults.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$10,000 to \$6,000,000. The average award was \$680,651.

Account #6: Department of Education— Innovation and Improvement—Fund for the Improvement of Education

What types of projects are eligible? This account can fund a wide variety of elementary and secondary education projects, 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. In general, the focus of elementary and secondary education CDS projects should be providing early childhood or K-12 educational services. In addition, projects to provide and improve special education services at the elementary and secondary levels are also eligible under this heading. These projects may include early intervention services for infants and toddlers, transition services, and postsecondary education services.

What additional requirements does this account have?

- Funds from this account cannot be used for construction or renovation of school buildings, except in the case of minor remodeling required as part of technology upgrades.
- Daycare and childcare projects that do not include educational services are also not eligible under this account.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$955,000 for a community college for purchase of STEM education equipment for interactive STEM learning experiences.
- \$215,000 for a museum for curriculum, exhibit, website development, and educational programming, including information technology.
- \$2,569,000 for a city to support the expansion of literacy and educational access, including the acquisition of four vehicles for mobile library services.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$20,000 to \$3,300,000. The average award was \$559,897.

Account #7: Department of Education—Higher Education—Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education

What types of projects are eligible? This account generally funds projects focused on improving access to, or the quality of, postsecondary education. This includes projects to hire and train faculty, establish and improve degree programs, improve teacher preparation programs, develop and improve curricula, upgrade technology, equipment, and telecommunications, provide student support, and implement university partnerships with school districts. Grantees are usually colleges and universities but may include other public and private nonprofit organizations.

What additional requirements does this account have?

- Eligible activities to be funded within this account are outlined in Section 741(a) of the Higher Education Act (20 U.S.C. Section 1138).
- Funding from this account cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities, except in the case of minor remodeling required as part of technology upgrades.
- If a significant portion of funds is expected to be used for the purchase of equipment, a justification for that use of funds is required.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$2,522,000 for a community college for an electric battery and electric charging station maintenance program.
- \$214,000 for a community college for an automotive electrification and testing program.
- \$500,000 for a higher education institute for modernizing STEM laboratories.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$50,000 to \$7,800,000. The average award was \$1,166,546.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES:

The Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies accepts CDS request for seven accounts. Projects within this Subcommittee range from transportation research projects; to airport infrastructure projects; to highway, transit, and rail projects; to affordable housing, community services, and economic development projects.

Account #1: Transportation Planning, Research, and Development (TPR&D)

What types of projects are eligible? This account can fund national or regional transportation research and development projects eligible under title 23 or title 49 of the United States Code. MOST transportation CDS applications will NOT fall under this category – if your project involves pre-planning for a construction project, please move on to identify the appropriate category below.

NOTE: This account does NOT include planning for specific local highway, transit, or rail projects that are eligible under Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP), Transit Infrastructure Grants (TIG), or Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI), because these projects are separately eligible for CDS.

What additional requirements does this account have?

 Requesters must provide the job # and link to page where the project is located on the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or local Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). If the project is not located on the STIP or TIP, our staff will independently verify MDOT's ability to steward funds for the project. Requesters are required to provide the project website if available, which should provide additional background behind the project.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$2,249,000 for an Airfield Autonomy Initiative project at a national aerospace research and technology facility.
- \$250,000 for a "Safe Corridors and Reducing Motor Vehicle Dependency" research project at a public university.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$400,000 to \$1,000,000. The average award was \$688,600.

Account #2: Grants-in-Aid for Airports (Airport Improvement Program or AIP)

What types of projects are eligible? This account can fund projects for enhancing airport safety, capacity, security, and mitigating environmental concerns. Projects within the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) account must be eligible under chapter 471 of title 49, United States Code. If you are not sure whether this project is eligible, check with MDOT Aero.

Cost Share: For Airport Improvement Projects, CDS can cover 75 percent of eligible costs for large and medium primary hub airports, but for small primary, reliever, and general aviation airports, CDS can cover a range of 90-95 percent of eligible costs, based on statutory

requirements. If you do not know what your cost share requirement would be, please check with MDOT.

What additional requirements does this account have?

- Requesters must provide the airport name where the project is located and a link to the
 airport master plan that includes the requested project. If no Airport Master Plan exists
 or if the project is not included on it, requesters will need to provide the Airport Layout
 Plan or other planning document with the project.
- Requesters are required to provide a status of the planning and environmental work so the Appropriations Committee can assess the readiness of the project.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$4,000,000 for an international airport for an aircraft rescue and fire fighting station project.
- \$13,000,000 for a municipal airport for a runway extension project.
- \$1,639,000 for an international airport for hangar and apron improvements.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$290,000 to \$23,000,000. The average award was \$4,270,809. In general, our office recommends not submitting requests for awards in excess of \$7 million for this account.

Account #3: Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP)

What types of projects are eligible? This account can fund requests within the Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) for highway projects eligible under title 23, United States Code, including highway and bridge construction projects, planning, environmental review, design, and right-of-way acquisition. Generally, this account can fund projects on roughly one million miles of Federal-aid highways, bridges on any public road, and transit capital projects. Tribal and territorial capital projects authorized under Chapter 2 of title 23, United States Code, are also eligible.

NOTE: All CDS Highway Infrastructure Funds are provided directly to the Michigan Department of Transportation or a federally recognized Tribe. If you are a local, county, or regional organization requesting funding under this account, our office will need to verify that MDOT is willing to receive the funds for this project on your behalf. You do not need to provide a letter from MDOT as part of your application.

Cost Share: For Highway Infrastructure Projects, there will be a local cost share requirement as required under the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program. Most cost shares will be 80% federal and 20% local. Requesters will be required to attest to their ability to cover the state/local cost share, which cannot be through federal funds.

What additional requirements does this account have?

- Requesters must provide a link to the STIP or TIP that includes the requested project, as well as the STIP or TIP ID number for the project if applicable.
- Requesters are required to provide a status of the planning and environmental work so the Appropriations Committee can assess the readiness of the project.
- Funds received under the HIP account cannot be used on operational expenses, nor
 can it be used to reimburse work that has already been completed.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$1,000,000 for a major intersection/industrial corridor construction project.
- \$2,383,000 for a highway reconstruction project.
- \$2,500,000 for a major metropolitan area's highway enhancement project.
- \$2,000,000 for the construction of a bicycle pedestrian bridge.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$54,000 to \$67,000,000. The average award was \$3,855,703. In general, our office recommends not submitting requests for awards in excess of \$5 million for this account.

Account #4: Transit Infrastructure Grants (TIG)

What types of projects are eligible? This account can fund requests for transit projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code.

NOTE: Public transportation or transit is defined in Section 5302(15) and (22) of title 49, United States Code, as regular, continuing shared-ride surface transportation that is open to the general public or open to a segment of the general public defined by age, disability, or low income, and does not include intercity passenger rail transportation, intercity bus service, charter bus service, school bus service, sightseeing service, courtesy shuttle service for patrons of one or more specific establishments, or intra-terminal or intra-facility shuttle services.

What additional requirements does this account have?

- Requesters must provide a link to the STIP or TIP that includes the requested project, as well as the STIP or TIP ID number for the project. Alternatively, requesters can receive funding for transit projects that are not currently on the STIP or TIP, but for which the state transit agency has provided a letter confirming that: (1) the project is eligible for transit funding under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code; (2) the state transit agency is willing to carry out the project if funding is enacted; and (3) the state transit agency will include the project on the STIP or TIP once funding for the project is enacted.
- Requesters are required to provide a status of the planning and environmental work so the Appropriations Committee can assess the readiness of the project.
- Requesters must provide the name of the recipient or subrecipient transit agency as part of their submission.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$2,250,000 for a paratransit maintenance facility project at a Transit Authority.
- \$1,000,000 for an electric paratransit vehicle program at a state department of transportation.
- \$139,000 for a State Department of Transportation for improving access to services in rural counties.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$92,000 to \$9,520,000. The average award was \$2,836,103.

Account #5: Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI) Grants

What types of projects are eligible? This account can fund requests within the CRISI account for rail capital projects eligible under section 22907 of title 49, United States Code.

Cost Share: For Rail Projects, CDS can cover 80 percent of the total project cost. Requesters will be required to attest to their ability to cover the 20 percent state/local cost share, which cannot be through federal funds.

What additional requirements does this account have?

- Requesters must provide a link to the State Rail Plan that includes the requested project. Alternatively, requesters can receive funding for rail projects that are not currently on the State Rail Plan, but for which Michigan DOT has provided a letter confirming that: (1) the project is eligible for rail funding under section 22907 of title 49, United States Code; (2) the state rail agency, Michigan DOT, or other relevant state agency is willing to carry out the project if funding is enacted; and (3) the state rail agency or Michigan DOT will include the project on the State Rail Plan once funding is enacted.
- Requesters are required to provide a status of the planning and environmental work so the Appropriations Committee can assess the readiness of the project.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$12,000,000 for phase one of a track speed improvement project at a State Department of Transportation.
- \$2,000,000 for a passenger service extension project at a state Rail Authority.
- \$4,000,000 for a port for a terminal expansion and redevelopment project.
- \$641,000 for a city for the construction of railroad safety fencing.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$1,000,000 to \$11,500,000. The average award was \$5,204,357.

Account #6: Community Development Fund for Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

What types of projects are eligible? This account funds projects eligible under section 5305 of chapter 69 of title 42, United States Code, as well as for affordable housing construction. Projects most likely to be successful include those that address affordable housing, community services, and economic development. Examples of eligible EDI projects include, but are not limited to: acquisition of real property (land, water rights, buildings); construction of new affordable housing; blight removal or remediation; and construction, rehabilitation, and improvements of public facilities (except buildings for general conduct of government), such as neighborhood centers, parks, and shelter for persons having special needs such as survivors of domestic violence and the homeless. More information on eligible projects is available here.

What additional requirements does this account have?

 Requesters should provide a link to the project website, or, if the project is included in an existing CDBG grantee's Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan, a link to that plan.

- Requesters are required to provide a status of the planning and environmental work so the Appropriations Committee can assess the readiness of the project.
- Requesters should provide relevant data on how the proposed project addressed at least one of three National Objectives of the broader CDBG program: (1) benefit lowand moderate-income persons or communities; (2) prevent or eliminate slums or blight; or (3) 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.

What are past examples of projects funded within this account?

- \$2,500,000 for a major city's carbon neutrality initiative.
- \$750,000 for a major city's center for music and arts.
- \$3,500,000 for a project to expand service-learning opportunities for a major school district.
- \$1,310,000 for a city for a new volunteer fire and rescue department building.
- \$193,000 for a town for blight remediation.

What is a typical funding amount within this account?

• In past years, Congress funded projects under this account ranging from \$30,000 to \$30,000,000. The average award was \$1,655,980.

Appendix A: FY2026 CDS Request Form

In FY2026 Sen. Peters will accept requests for Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) items. Sen. Peters will accept requests for high-impact public local projects in Michigan that can benefit from the federal government's assistance. To be considered, the project must be eligible for federal funding within its respective appropriations bill account and comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Only local government entities, such as municipalities (or coalitions of municipal entities), villages, townships, counties, tribal governments and public institutions funded through public funding sources, including state-funded universities, are eligible to apply. The office will not consider requests from nonprofit organizations, trade organizations, or for-profit entities.

Completing the Application Form

If you are working on the form over an extended period of time, it is recommended that you work from an external document and copy and paste information into the form. For a complete list of questions included within this CDS request form, please see the Appendix at the end of the FY2026 Appropriations Handbook, available at peters.senate.gov under the "Services" tab.

Choosing a Subcommittee

You will be asked to identify the correct Subcommittee under which to submit your CDS request, and in some cases, the correct Account. To identify the correct Subcommittee, please utilize the Sen. Peters FY2026 Appropriations Handbook, organized by Subcommittee. Please send questions regarding which Subcommittee your project fits within to appropriations@peters.senate.gov.

Letters of Support

The form will ask that you list relevant local organizations and state and local elected officials who support this project. After submitting this form, please send an email to appropriations@peters.senate.gov and attach evidence of that support (whether a letter of support, local municipal resolution, news article, or other). Please use the following subject line format: "[Name of Requesting Organization] - [Project Name]". E.g., "Entity ABC - Electrification of Burlington Bus Route 40".

Local Funding Match and Other Supporting Materials

Many CDS accounts require a local funding match – i.e., the entire project cannot be funded solely through CDS funds from Congress. These local funding match requirements are listed in the Subcommittee/Account information section of Senator Peters' FY2026 Appropriations Handbook. Several CDS accounts also require unique supporting materials, such as a letter of support (or a letter confirming eligibility) from a state agency. After submitting this form, please also submit any such supporting materials to appropriations @peters.senate.gov using the same subject line outlined above.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact appropriations@peters.senate.gov.

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PAGE 1: Requesting Organization and Point of Contact Information

Name of Requesting Organization

This should be the legal name of the entity that will receive the CDS funding listed exactly as it appears on IRS documents.

Mailing Address of Requesting Organization

Address, City, State, Zip Code

Is the Requesting Organization a government entity or public institution funded through public funding sources?

Only state and local government entities, such as municipalities (or coalitions of municipal entities), villages, townships, counties, tribal governments and public institutions funded through public funding sources, including state-funded universities, are eligible to apply.

Yes No

Requesting Organization's Federal Tax Employer Identification Number (EIN)

The entity's Federal Tax Employer Identification Number (EIN) must be provided (for both non-profits and State/local governments). Failure to provide the Federal EIN may result in implementation delays for the CDS recipient.

Primary Point of Contact: Name, Phone, Email

A point of contact within the requesting organization must be identified by <u>name</u>, <u>phone number</u>, <u>and e-mail</u> <u>address</u>, which will be provided to the relevant agency for purposes of administering projects and will not be made public. This point of contact cannot be a lobbyist or external entity.

PAGE 2: Basic Project Information

Project Name

This should be a unique name of the project meant to easily identify and distinguish the project (e.g. "Electrification of Burlington Bus Route 40", or "ABC Affordable Housing Development").

NOTE: Sen. Peters is required to publicly disclose this Project Name.

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Location of the Project

This should be the name of the city or county (and if possible, the approximate street address) where the project will take place.

NOTE: Sen. Peters is required to publicly disclose this Project Location.

Location of Project – County

Project Purpose

This should include the project name and a very short (one sentence) explanation of what the project will do (e.g. "Electrification of Burlington Bus Route 40 to improve transit service along a corridor and reduce carbon emissions", or "ABC Affordable Housing Development to construct senior housing for the ABC").

Please limit to one sentence.

NOTE: Sen. Peters is required to publicly disclose this one sentence Project Purpose.

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Project Detail

This should be a longer explanation of why this project is important, the results and benefits it will provide, the status of planning/environmental work (if any), and other relevant information to help Senator Peters evaluate project eligibility.

Please limit your response to 4000 characters. Longer responses will not be accepted.

After submitting this form, please send an email to <u>appropriations@peters.senate.gov</u> and attach evidence of that support (whether a letter of support, local municipal resolution, news article, or other). **Please use the following subject line format:** "[Name of Requesting Organization] - [Project Name]". E.g., "Entity ABC - Electrification of Burlington Bus Route 40".

To which Appropriations Subcommittee is this CDS request being submitted?

To identify the correct Subcommittee, please utilize Sen. Peters' FY2026 Appropriations Handbook, organized by Subcommittee. Please send questions regarding which Subcommittee your project fits within to appropriations@peters.senate.gov.

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

Energy and Water Development

Financial Services and General Government

Homeland Security

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

Not sure (Sen. Peters' staff will assist you in identifying the correct Subcommittee)

PAGE 2A: Subcommittee-Specific Question(s): Agriculture-FDA

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PAGE 2B: Subcommittee-Specific Question(s): Interior-Environment

Is this CDS request being submitted within one of the EPA Accounts (Clean Water SRF or Drinking Water SRF)?

To identify the correct Account, please utilize Senator Peters' FY2026 Appropriations Handbook. Please send questions regarding which Subcommittee your project fits within to appropriations @peters.senate.gov.

Yes, this CDS request is being submitted within one of the EPA accounts.

No, this CDS request is being submitted within IHS, NPS, or USFS.

What is this project's primary focus area, e.g., drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and/or water quality protection?

Is the project on the state's most recently finalized Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan?

Yes No

Is the project eligible under SRF guidelines?

Yes No

How will the project help the applying entity meet applicable water standards—e.g. improve drinking water quality or improve surface/groundwater quality?

Will this project primarily support existing water needs or support future growth?

Existing water needs Support future growth

Is this request seeking funding for planning and design, construction, or both?
Describe the entity applying for the CDS funding - are you a municipality, public water system, or other public entity?
What is the total estimated cost of this project, based on the facilities plan or preliminary engineering report?
Please ensure that this amount reflects the federal share and the local share combined.
What is the amount requested for this project? Please ensure that the amount of funding you are requesting reflects ONLY your requested CDS amount for this project (i.e., the federal share, not the local share).
Is the amount requested scalable to a lower amount and if so, what is the minimum amount?
For this specific project, please list any project funding received to date from federal appropriations, including the fiscal year and source of funding. For example, Clean Water SRF, Drinking Water SRF, STAG grants, USDA Rural Development Program, FEMA, or others.
Does the entity applying for CDS funding have a financing plan certified by an authorized local official demonstrating how it will cover the matching funds of 20 percent or more?
Yes No
What are the anticipated non-federal sources of funding for this project?
What is the project's status? For example, preliminary engineering, initial planning and design, final design completed, construction initiated.
Has the entity applying for CDS funding ever received state or federal funding for water infrastructure projects previously (not limited to this specific project)?

PAGE 2C: Subcommittee-Specific Question(s): Transportation-Housing and Urban Development

Is this CDS request being submitted within one of the Department of Transportation Accounts (TPR&D, AIP, HIP, TIG, or CRISI)?

To identify the correct Account, please utilize Senator Peters' FY2026 Appropriations Handbook. Please send questions regarding which Subcommittee your project fits within to appropriations@peters.senate.gov.

YES, this request is being submitted within one of the Department of Transportation Accounts. NO, this request is being submitted within the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Fund for Economic Development Initiatives (EDI).

What is the status of environmental review and pre-construction planning for this project?

(1) What is the expected local cost share for your project? (2) Please confirm that you will be able to meet the local cost share requirement.

Transportation CDS projects will generally be subject to a cost-share requirement. Most cost-shares in Michigan are 80-20 federal-local, but those may change based on location and account. For example, for Airport Improvement Projects, CDS can cover 75 percent of eligible costs for large and medium primary hub airports, but for small primary, reliever, and general aviation airports, CDS can cover a range of 90-95 percent of eligible costs, based on statutory requirements. (If you do not know what your cost share requirement would be, please check with MDOT or your MPO.)

NOTE: Please ensure that the "Amount of funding you are requesting" field later in this form reflects ONLY your requested CDS amount for this project (i.e., the federal share, not the local cost share).

Is this project included on the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP), State Rail Plan, or local Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)? If so, please provide a link to the STIP or TIP that includes the requested project, as well as the Project ID number for the project.

Given the unpredictability of the appropriations process, even successful CDS project applications may not receive funding for a year or more from the time of submission of this application. Is that timing acceptable for this project?

Please note that funds may not reimburse already completed activity.

Yes

No

Within which Department of Transportation CDS Account is this request being submitted?

To identify the correct Account, please utilize Senator Peters' FY2026 Appropriations Handbook. Please send questions regarding which Subcommittee your project fits within to appropriations @peters.senate.gov.

Transportation Planning, Research, and Development (TPR&D)

Grants-in-Aid for Airports (Airport Improvement Program or AIP)

Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP)

Transit Infrastructure Grants (TIG)

Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI) Grants

[ONLY IF SELECT AIP] Please provide a link to the Airport Master Plan that includes this project. If no Airport Master Plan exists or if the project is not included on it, please provide the link to the Airport Layout Plan or other planning document with the project.

[ONLY IF SELECT AIP] Is this project eligible under chapter 471 of title 49, United States Code (https://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/overview)?

Yes

No

[ONLY IF SELECT TIG] If this project is not currently listed on the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or local Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), the applying transit agency must provide a letter confirming that: (1) the project is eligible for transit funding under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code; (2) the transit agency is willing to carry out the project if funding is enacted; and (3) the transit agency will include the project on the STIP or TIP once funding for the project is enacted. Do you acknowledge that you will need to procure such a letter and send it to

appropriations@peters.senate.gov?

Yes

No

This project is already listed on the STIP or TIP

[ONLY IF SELECT CRISI] If this project is not currently listed on the State Rail Plan, the applicant must provide a letter from MDOT confirming that: (1) the project is eligible for rail funding under section 22907 of title 49, United States Code; (2) the State rail agency, State DOT, or other relevant State agency is willing to carry out the project if funding is enacted; and (3) the State rail agency or State DOT will include the project on the State Rail Plan once funding for the project is enacted. Do you acknowledge that you will need to procure such a letter and send it to appropriations@peters.senate.gov?

Yes

No

This project is already listed on the State Rail Plan

PAGE 3: Project Funding Information (All Requesters Except EPA Accounts)

Amount of funding you are requesting:

This is the amount of federal CDS funding you are requesting, separate from any local cost share that may be required.

NOTE: Sen. Peters is required to publicly disclose this requested amount.

Because funding of the full requested amount may not be possible, please describe the scalability of this project, <u>including the minimum amount you would need to proceed</u> with this project.

Please limit your response to 4000 characters. Longer responses will not be accepted.

Total cost of project and sources of remaining funding:

Below, please list the total cost of the entirety of the project and sources of remaining funding. This total cost should include any local cost share that may be required.

Example: While we are requesting \$1.5 million CDS funding, the total cost of this project is \$2 million. The remaining \$500,000 local cost share will come from private fundraising.

Please limit your response to 4000 characters. Longer responses will not be accepted.

Breakdown of Total Project Costs

Provide an explanation of how your organization would use the funds requested. The total project cost listed here should match the total project cost listed in the previous question.

EXAMPLE:

\$500K: Extending water and wastewater utilities to service project location

\$1 million: Contribution to housing construction costs

\$500K: Planning and design costs

TOTAL COST: \$2 million

Please limit your response to 4000 characters. Longer responses will not be accepted.

Will your project require funding after FY2026?

Yes

No

If yes, please descril	be anticipated sources of funding for the next several years.
Please limit your resp	onse to 4000 characters. Longer responses will not be accepted.
PAGE 4: Miscellaned	ous Information
Do you intend to ma Yes No	ke this same request to other Members of Congress (including House members)?
If yes, please list the	Member(s) of Congress (including both House and Senate Members).
Has your organization Yes No	on previously received Congressionally Directed Spending?
Has your organization Yes No	on previously successfully executed similar projects?
	be similar projects your organization has previously executed. onse to 4000 characters. Longer responses will not be accepted.
Yes No	ganization making more than one CDS request?
If yes, what priority i e.g. "1 of 2," with 1 be	
PAGE 5: Certification	<u>n</u>
any request for fede	nesting organization stipulates that the information provided herein is accurate and ral project-specific funding is made in accordance with (1) the applicable rules, ats, and bylaws of the organization; and (2) local, state, and federal law.
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Yes No	
Please provide the n	ame of the head of your organization who approved this request.

Appendix B: Accounts Allowing for Construction of Buildings

Only a few CDS Accounts, listed below, allow for new, general purpose¹ building/facility construction:

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies: Account #4: Rural Development, Community Facilities Grants

- To be eligible in this Account, the Town/Community must have a population of 20,000 or less.
- A significant local cost share is required for all projects in this account.
- This account can only fund construction of essential community facilities such as "healthcare facilities, public facilities, public safety facilities, educational services, or other community support services."
- This account CANNOT fund the construction of facilities that will primarily be used for recreation or business entrepreneur purposes.

Financial Services and General Government: Account #1: Small Business Administration, Administrative Provision

• This account can only fund construction in support of small business, including entrepreneur training, workforce development, counseling, and research.

Homeland Security: Account #2: Federal Emergency Management Agency Emergency Operations Center Grant Program

- A significant local cost share is required for all projects in this account.
- This account can only fund construction of a State, local, or Tribal government's primary emergency operation center (EOC) from which direction and control is exercised during an emergency.

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies: Account #2: Department of Health and Human Services – Health Resources and Services Administration – Program Management

• This account can fund the construction of facilities for health, mental health, or substance abuse services, training of health professionals, or medical research.

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies: Account #7: Community Development Fund for Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

- This is the broadest of all CDS Accounts, allowing for a wide range of community/economic
 development construction projects. However, all projects must primarily benefit (i.e., greater than 51
 percent) low- and moderate-income persons, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
 Development. Sen. Peters' staff can help you determine whether your project may meet this
 requirement.
- This account CANNOT fund buildings for the "general conduct of government" such as city/town halls or other general municipal buildings.

¹ NOTE that "General purpose" does NOT include construction at research institutions/universities; construction of federal buildings; Indian Health Services construction; water infrastructure projects; Army Corps of Engineers or Bureau of Reclamation construction; or transportation-related projects such as roadways, airports, transit, or rail. If your project meets any of these descriptions, there are one or more specific accounts providing for CDS funding eligibility, listed throughout the body of this Handbook.