



FY23 CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING (CDS) FAQs

1. What is Congressionally Directed Spending?
 - Funding requests Senators submit directly to the Senate Appropriations Committee for distinct projects that meet the requirements set out by the Committee.
 - Certain programs within the budget are designated for CDS requests, and each program has their own requirements.
2. Who is eligible to request CDS consideration?
 - Only non-profit entities, public institutions, and state, local, and Tribal governments are eligible to request Congressionally Directed Spending consideration. Projects cannot be designated for private individuals or for-profit entities.
3. What types of projects are eligible?
 - Requests should be distinct projects.
 - Some programs will explicitly require the support of the relevant state agency.
 - Each program has different requirements and my staff will work with you to determine whether your project meets the program qualifications.
4. What is the application process for a CDS request?
 - My FY23 CDS Interest Form is available [here](#).
 - Interest forms are due April 11th.
 - For some projects, my staff will follow-up with an additional form to gather more required information.
 - My team is happy to meet with you to discuss your project. Reach out to Appropriations_@heinrich.senate.gov to be connected with the appropriate staff member.
5. How much funding can be requested?
 - CDS funding varies by program. You can get a better idea of funding levels by looking at the list of projects Senator Heinrich requested in FY22 [here](#).
6. Can a request for funding span multiple years?
 - Each request must be for fiscal year 2023 funds only and cannot include a request for multiyear funding.
 - However, the performance period for a project funded in fiscal year 2023 may be longer than one year.

7. What are the matching requirements?
 - Several of the programs eligible for CDS Funding require a State or local match for projects, either by statute or according to longstanding policy.
 - Many of the programs do not require matching funds.
 - My staff is happy to discuss the requirements of the various programs including whether your specific project would require matching funds.

8. What are the reporting requirements?
 - Reporting requirements for CDS projects are set by the relevant federal agency.
 - The Senate Appropriations Committee requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to audit a sample of enacted CDS items and report its findings to Congress.

9. Is it important for a project to be scalable?
 - The Senate Appropriations Committee will consider scalability when evaluating projects, and therefore, it is crucial to discuss the scalability of your project in your application.
 - A project is considered scalable if a portion of the project or a smaller version of the project can be completed if the full funding requested is not provided.

10. Are letters of support required?
 - The majority of programs do not require letters of support, but some do. If your project will require a letter of support, a member of my staff will contact you after you've submitted your CDS interest form.
 - If you would like to include a letter of support for your submission even if it is not required, please email it to Appropriations_@heinrich.senate.gov with the relevant project title included in the subject line.

For additional questions, please email Appropriations_@heinrich.senate.gov or call 202-224-5521.

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Note that any Congressionally Directed Spending requests are for informational purposes only and are not an application for federal funding. Submission of such requests does not constitute a binding commitment on any party nor a guarantee that any organization will be awarded funding from any federal agency through this process. Furthermore, the submission, review, and approval of applications for federal funding will be carried out consistent with federal agency rules and regulations.