

FY24 Congressionally Directed Spending Request Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Subcommittee Guidance

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The information below reflects the updated guidance received from the Senate Appropriations Committee for fiscal year (FY) 2024 with respect to congressionally directed spending (CDS) requests. Should you have any questions, please contact Senator Shaheen's office at appropriations_shaheen@shaheen.senate.gov or call 202-224-2841.

Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies

The CJS Subcommittee will only accept CDS in the following accounts:

- “Department of Commerce; National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST); Scientific and Technical Research Services (STRS); External Projects”;
- “Department of Commerce; NIST; Construction of Research Facilities; Extramural Construction”;
- “Department of Commerce; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); Operations, Research, and Facilities (ORF); Special Projects”;
- “Department of Justice; Office on Justice Programs; State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance; Byrne Discretionary”;
- “Department of Justice; Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS); COPS Law Enforcement Technology and Equipment”; and
- “National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Safety, Security and Mission Support”.

CDS should fund local projects that further the missions of CJS agencies by increasing the understanding of the oceans and the atmosphere, protecting our communities, and promoting space- or standards- related science. The Subcommittee recommends that CDS projects create private sector jobs, advance research and development, or save lives. Successful projects will match the project to the authorization or mission of an agency or account and have the support of local officials or communities.

NIST STRS External Projects

Projects should address standards-related research and technology development. Construction projects will not be accepted.

NIST Construction of Research Facilities, Extramural Construction

The Subcommittee will accept CDS requests for NIST Extramural Construction projects for non-Federal research facilities, including for projects at research institutions and colleges and universities. However, given the significant investments necessary for construction projects, only a very limited number of projects will be supported on an annual basis.

NOAA ORF Special Projects

Projects should address fisheries, marine mammals, ocean, coastal issues, climate, weather, 4 atmospheric research, data acquisition, and forecasting programs. Construction projects will not be accepted.

DOJ Byrne Discretionary

The Subcommittee will accept CDS requests for Byrne Discretionary projects. Projects should provide additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice systems. CDS requests funded in a final bill will be subject to the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and the DOJ Grants Financial Guide. Allowable costs are those costs consistent with the principles set out in the 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E, and those permitted by the grant program's authorizing legislation. To be allowable under Federal awards, costs must be reasonable, allocable, and necessary to the project, and they must also comply with the funding statute and agency requirements. This funding cannot be used for land acquisition or construction.

DOJ COPS Law Enforcement Technology and Equipment

The Subcommittee will accept CDS requests for COPS Law Enforcement Technology and Equipment for the development of technologies and automated systems to assist law enforcement agencies in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime. Allowable activities are limited to the statutorily allowable purpose areas under the COPS Office statute, including the procurement of equipment, technology, or support systems, and the development of new technologies to assist recipient entities in reorienting the emphasis of their activities from reacting to crime to preventing crime. CDS requests funded in a final bill will be subject to the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and the DOJ Grants Financial Guide, and the applicable Award Owner's Manual. Agencies should consider the full range of potential legal, constitutional, and civil liberties and privacy implications associated with generating, acquiring, or using technology or data. For example, agencies that purchase unmanned aircraft systems must be aware of the Federal requirements and best practices for their effective and safe operation that is respectful of civil liberties and maximize the safety of citizens.

NASA Safety, Security and Mission Support (SSMS)

Projects should focus on science education, research, and technology development related to NASA's mission. Medical research projects and projects at NASA-owned Visitor Centers or a State's designated Space Grant Consortium will not be funded. **This account does not fund construction but could be used for equipment, research funding, or education programs.**