

FY24 Congressionally Directed Spending Request Energy and Water 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.

Energy and Water Development

The Subcommittee will only consider CDS requests for items in the following accounts:

- Corps of Engineers: Investigations
- Corps of Engineers: Construction
- Corps of Engineers: Operation & Maintenance
- Corps of Engineers: Mississippi Rivers & Tributaries: Investigations
- Corps of Engineers: Mississippi Rivers & Tributaries: Construction
- Corps of Engineers: Mississippi Rivers & Tributaries: Operation & Maintenance
- Bureau of Reclamation: Water and Related Resources
- Department of Energy: "Energy Projects" Account will include the following topic areas:
 - Renewable and Clean Energy projects
 - Electricity and Energy Resiliency projects
 - Cybersecurity and Energy Security projects
 - Nuclear Energy Projects
 - Fossil Energy or Carbon Management Projects

For the Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, only authorized projects and programs will be considered for funding.

Special Guidance for Department of Energy CDS Requests:

- Successful projects will be in line with current Department of Energy missions that focus on transformative science and technology research, development, and demonstration under the five topic areas listed above. This account is expected to have a limited number of CDS projects in FY24. Requests that are not eligible for funding through tax credits or other federal incentives will be prioritized.

The Subcommittee will not fund the following projects:

- Projects that do not follow statutory cost sharing requirements. 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.
 - Some projects may contain elements of more than one of the categories listed above. Therefore, some projects may have a blended cost share.
- Projects that require multiple years of funding.
- Construction of buildings or new facilities.
- Vehicle charging projects, unless the project is connected to larger clean energy sources (like a battery) or has clean energy applications beyond the charging station.
- Electrical substation replacement or routine grid upgrades that could otherwise be funded under ratepayer contracts or through existing federal incentives.
- Planning studies for a forthcoming project.