

FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending Request Energy and Water Subcommittee Guidance Office of Senator Jeanne Shaheen

The information below reflects the updated guidance received from the Senate Appropriations Committee for fiscal year (FY) 2026 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:**
 - **Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**
 - **Electricity**
 - **Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response**
 - **Nuclear Energy**
 - **Fossil Energy and Carbon Management**

Special Guidance for Corps of Engineers & Bureau of Reclamation Requests:

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:

- While the Subcommittee will consider requests in the Department of Energy, it is expected to provide ***very few such items***. Requests must fit under at least one of the five topic areas listed above and be submitted to the “Energy Projects” account. Further, please carefully review the list below that lays out what type of CDS projects are not eligible for funding as the Subcommittee has updated this list for FY26. Even if you successfully funded a project in this account in prior fiscal years, new criteria changes may make that project not eligible this year.
- 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 includes requests that are not eligible for funding through tax credits or other federal incentives.
- Further, the Subcommittee ***will not fund*** the following projects:
 - Projects that require multiple years of funding.
 - Construction of new facilities and buildings.
 - 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.
- Clean energy projects that do not show transformative or emerging technological solutions. For example, solar panels, battery storage, or light bulb upgrades without any transformative technology or integrated energy system associated with it.
- Planning studies for NetZero goals, for example “City of X seeks \$500K for a NetZero planning document/report.”