

**FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending Request Military Construction,
Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies 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.

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies

The following accounts are eligible for CDS requests:

- **Military Construction, Army**
- **Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps**
- **Military Construction, Air Force (including Space Force)**
- **Military Construction, Defense-Wide**
- **Military Construction, Army National Guard**
- **Military Construction, Air National Guard**
- **Military Construction, Army Reserve**
- **Military Construction, Navy Reserve**
- **Military Construction, Air Force Reserve**

Requests may include major construction, unspecified minor military construction, and planning and design, however, only certain major military construction projects within these accounts are eligible for CDS. Eligible projects can be found on three types of lists, outlined below, which are provided to Congress by the Department of Defense, and contain requirements that have been validated and vetted by the appropriate Service or Agency.

Eligible Lists:

- **Future Years Defense Program (FYDP).**—Each military department, to include the Guard and Reserve, as well as Defense-Wide agencies, plans its major military construction program five years into the future. FYDPs identify these future planned projects, which are candidates for CDS requests. Inquiries related to the FYDP or whether a specific project is included should be directed to the Senate Liaison Offices of each military department.
- **Unfunded Requirements/Priorities Lists (UFR/UPL).**—In addition to the annual budget request, and as required by law, each military department submits to the congressional defense committees a document identifying unfunded priorities that could be funded if additional appropriations were provided. Questions about the UFR/UPL lists or whether a specific project is included should be directed to the Senate Liaison Offices of each military department.
- **Cost-to-Complete (CTC).**—Variables such as construction market conditions can affect cost estimating throughout the military construction programming process, and

as such, DOD can experience cost increases that cannot be sufficiently covered by available appropriated funding. In these cases, the military departments may submit a list of projects -- separate from the budget request -- that have received an authorization and appropriation but require additional funding to be completed. Once the full budget request is released, questions about these lists and whether specific projects are included should be directed to the Senate Liaison Offices of each military department.

It is the practice of the Subcommittee to only provide funding that can be executed in the year of appropriation. Therefore CDS eligibility is further limited by the executability of funding, and the amount may be modified based on information provided by the appropriate Service or Agency. Eligible major military construction projects must be:

- Authorized in the Fiscal Year 2026 or prior year National Defense Authorization Act;
- At 35% design or higher with a DD 1391*; and
- Prepared to award a contract in Fiscal Year 2026.

*The DD 1391 form is required by the Department of Defense for any military construction project. It contains scope and cost estimates, an assessment of the current requirements, justification for the project, and anticipated contracting and construction timelines.