

## **FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending Request Transportation, Housing and Urban Development 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](mailto:appropriations_shaheen@shaheen.senate.gov) or call 202-224-2841.*

### **Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies**

THUD will accept requests for CDS from the following seven accounts for FY 2026, and CDS projects must have a reasonable expectation of being obligated by the end of FY 2028. All THUD CDS funds are provided to grantees on a reimbursement basis – no recipients will receive an upfront disbursement from DOT or HUD.

- **“Transportation Planning, Research, and Development (TPR&D)” for transportation research projects eligible under title 23 or title 49, United States Code (not for project- specific planning that is eligible for funding under HIP, TIG, or CRISI);**
- **“Grants-in-Aid for Airports (Airport Improvement Program or AIP)” for airport projects eligible under chapter 471 of title 49, United States Code;**
- **“Highway Infrastructure Programs (HIP)” for highway projects eligible under title 23, United States Code;**
- **“Transit Infrastructure Grants (TIG)” for transit projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code;**
- **“Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grants” for rail projects eligible under section 22907 of title 49, United States Code;**
- **Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Grants for port projects eligible under section 54301 of title 46, United States Code; and**
- **“Community Development Fund” for “Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)” for activities eligible under section 5305 of chapter 69 of title 42, United States Code, as well as for affordable housing construction.**

### **Transportation Planning, Research & Development (TPR&D):**

Planning for specific local highway, transit, or rail projects that are eligible under HIP, TIG, CRISI, or PIDP should NOT be included in this account. Applicants are encouraged to use this account for national or regional research and development projects.

### **Airports (AIP)**

Requests may be submitted under the AIP account for airport projects eligible under chapter 471 of title 49, United States Code.

As AIP CDS follows the existing AIP statute, the Federal cost-share requirements still apply to CDS. For large and medium primary hub airports, CDS can cover 75 percent of eligible costs (or 80 percent for noise program implementation). For small primary, reliever,

and general aviation airports, CDS can cover a range of 90-95 percent of eligible costs, based on statutory requirements.

Applicants are required to provide a link to the airport master plan that includes the requested project. Applicants are also required to provide the status of the planning and environmental work so the Subcommittee can assess the readiness of the project, as well as a description of all other sources of funding contributing to the total cost of the project.

**Highways (HIP):**

CDS requests within the HIP account for highway projects must be eligible under title 23, United States Code, including, but not limited to, highway and bridge construction projects, planning, environmental review, design, and right-of-way acquisition. Operational expenses are not eligible.

All highway CDS funds will be provided directly to your State Department of Transportation. If the local or county level government is requesting the CDS, they will be required to coordinate with the State DOT to receive the funding and ensure a non-Federal match is available.

Requests can receive funding for highway projects that are not currently on the STIP or TIP, but for which a State DOT has provided a letter confirming that: (1) the project is eligible for Federal-aid highway funding under title 23, United States Code; (2) the State DOT is willing to carry out the project if funding is enacted; and (3) the State DOT will include the project on the STIP or TIP once funding for the project is enacted.

**Transit (TIG):**

CDS request within the TIG account must be for transit projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code. Requests may be submitted for projects that are not currently on the STIP or TIP, but for which a transit agency has provided a letter confirming that: (1) the project is eligible for transit funding under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code; (2) the transit agency is willing to carry out the project if funding is enacted; and (3) the transit agency will include the project on the STIP or TIP once funding for the project is enacted.

**Rail (CRISI):**

Requests may be submitted under the CRISI account for rail capital projects eligible under section 22907 of title 49, United States Code. Requests may be submitted for rail projects that are not currently on State rail plan, but for which a State rail agency or State DOT has provided a letter confirming that: (1) the project is eligible for rail funding under section 22907 of title 49, United States Code; (2) the State rail agency, State DOT, or other relevant State agency is willing to carry out the project if funding is enacted; and (3) the State rail agency or State DOT will include the project on the State Rail Plan once funding for the project is enacted.

**Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP):**

Requests may be submitted under the PIDP account for port projects eligible under section

54301 of title 46, United States Code. Applicants are required to provide the status of the planning and environmental work so the Subcommittee can assess the readiness of the project. Applicants must provide a description of all other sources of funding contributing to the total cost of the project. Finally, applicants must denote whether:

- The project is eligible under 46 USC 54301, specifically which eligible use;
- The recipient is eligible under 46 USC 54301, specifically (A) through (F);
- The project is at a small port as described under 46 USC 54301(b); and
- The project is in a rural area as described under 46 USC 54301(a)(12).

### **Economic Development Initiatives (EDIs)**

CDS request for EDIs within the “Community Development Fund” account must fall under activities eligible under section 5305 of chapter 69 of title 42, United States Code, as well as for affordable housing construction.

Examples of eligible EDI projects include, but are not limited to:

- Acquisition of real property;
- Construction, rehabilitation, and improvements to affordable housing;
- Blight removal or remediation;
- Public housing modernization and,
- Construction, rehabilitation, and improvements of public facilities, such as neighborhood centers, parks, and shelter for persons having special needs such as survivors of domestic violence and the homeless, except for buildings for the general conduct of government.

Any expenses incurred prior to the enactment of a final FY 2025 appropriations bill cannot be reimbursed with EDI funds. THUD CDS cannot be used for operational expenses or administrative salaries and benefits for EDIs. Examples of these ineligible expenses are costs that cover an organization’s day-to-day operations, such as utilities, rent, office supplies and equipment, insurance, and an organization's staff salaries and benefits.

For more information on types of eligible activities, applicants should review HUD’s resources on the CDBG program [here](#).

Applicants should identify which of the three National Objectives of the broader CDBG program the EDI project and its activities meets and include relevant data or a description indicating how it meets such National Objective(s). The three CDBG program National Objectives are: (1) benefit low- and moderate-income persons or communities; (2) prevent or eliminate slums or blight; or (3) address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available.

**The most common CDBG National Objective that EDI projects will meet is the benefit to low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons**, which depending on the type of project, can be demonstrated through a benefit to a specific service area, serving a limited clientele, housing for certain income households, and the creation or retention of jobs for certain income individuals.

- If using the LMI National Objective, please review this HUD resource:  
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/cdbg-low-moderate-income-data/>
- If the project is meeting the LMI National Objective through the service area, use the “Map Application” tool to provide the necessary data points on the LMI population in that service area:  
<https://hud.maps.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=ffd0597e8af24f88b501b7e7f326bedd>
- Use the “Map Application” tool to provide the necessary data points demonstrating the LMI benefit:  
<https://hud.maps.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=ffd0597e8af24f88b501b7e7f326bedd>