<u>General Guidance on Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations Requests</u> *U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations*

For fiscal year 2025, the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations (the Committee) will accept two types of appropriations requests:

1. <u>Programmatic/Language Requests</u>: These are general funding requests for national and regional programs, and/or bill and report language requests that direct, encourage, or urge an agency or department to carry out an action.

2. <u>Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Requests</u>: According to <u>Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate</u>, a CDS is a provision,

   > included primarily at the request of a Senator providing, authorizing, or recommending a specific amount of discretionary budget authority, credit authority, or other spending authority for a contract, loan, loan guarantee, grant, loan authority, or other expenditure with or to an entity, or targeted to a specific State, locality or Congressional district, other than through a statutory or administrative formula-driven or competitive award process.

   Generally speaking, CDS is funding requested for a specific project in a specific location. Not all subcommittees accept CDS requests.

All requests for CDS items must comply with the requirements of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which governs CDS. This includes requiring Senators who submit CDS request to certify that neither they nor their immediate family members have any financial interest in the CDS item(s) being requested.

The Committee will continue the following reforms for CDS requests that were instituted in the 117th Congress to promote greater transparency and accountability:

- Funding for CDS items shall not exceed one percent of discretionary spending.

- For-profit entities are ineligible for CDS items, and Senators must certify that none of the entities for which they have requested CDS is a for-profit entity.

- Senators are required to publish his or her CDS requests on his or her website and make public the previously mentioned financial certification letter. The Committee will provide a link to each requesting Senator's financial certification letter and disclosure on the Committee's website.

- The Committee will require the Government Accountability Office to audit a sample of enacted CDS items and report its findings to Congress.

Submission Deadlines

Deadlines for submitting requests for the fiscal year 2025 appropriations cycle, including programmatic, bill/report language, and CDS requests, are listed below.

Subcommittee:	Date:
Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies	May 8, 2024
Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies	May 9, 2024
Defense *(not accepting CDS requests)*	May 10, 2024
Energy and Water Development	May 10, 2024
Financial Services and General Government	May 9, 2024
Homeland Security	May 15, 2024
Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies	May 15, 2024
Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies	May 14, 2024
Legislative Branch *(not accepting CDS requests)*	May 14, 2024
Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies	May 8, 2024
State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs *(not accepting CDS requests)*	May 13, 2024
Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies	May 13, 2024

Congressionally Directed Spending – Eligible Agencies and Accounts

In the fiscal year 2025 appropriations cycle, Senators may make requests for CDS items in the appropriations bills listed below. The links provide a list of eligible agencies and accounts.

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

Energy and Water Development

Financial Services and General Government

Homeland Security

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies