# SUBMITTING CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTED SPENDING REQUESTS



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#### What Makes an Earmark?



- Criteria
  - Limited to 1% of discretionary spending and divided evenly between the two parties
  - Place-based
  - Short-term
  - Applicable to a certain number of eligible accounts
  - Subject to audit and transparency measures
- ➤ Using earmarks, Congress can make targeted investments in specific regions and direct funding for a multitude of uses:
  - Education improvement
  - Distance learning
  - Rural broadband
  - Agricultural research
  - STEM research and education
  - Conservation
  - Health improvements

- Water infrastructure and watershed preservation
- Forest management
- Law enforcement technology
- Crime prevention
- Criminal justice improvements

### Different Bodies, Different Rules

	House	Senate
Total number of Eligible Accounts	41	60
Requires evidence of community support	Υ	N
Requires Members to prioritize requests	Υ	Depends on subcommittee
Limit on number of requests Members can submit	Υ	N
Requires hard copy of Member's certification letter	N	Υ

- ➤ While some elements of the reformed process are similar, the House and Senate differ on the number of eligible accounts for CDS requests.
- ➤ House members may only submit 10 community development project requests. Senate members do not have this limitation.



#### Results in FY2022

#### **CDS** Awards by County

\*amount in thousands

County	Amount Provided
Belknap	\$0
Carroll	\$1,200,000
Cheshire	\$1,690,000
Coos	\$3,825,000
Grafton	\$2,116,000
Hillsborough	\$10,395,000
Merrimack	\$3,598,000
Rockingham	\$4,410,000
Strafford	\$7,246,000
Sullivan	\$4,936,000
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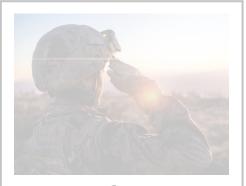




Agriculture



Commerce, Justice and Science



Defense



**Energy and Water** Development



Financial Services and **General Government** 



**Homeland Security** 



Interior and Environment



Labor, HHS and Education









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# Agriculture and Rural Development



Funds U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), foreign agricultural assistance programs and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

- The Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee will accept CDS requests only for the following accounts:
  - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) (S&E)
  - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS),
     Conservation Operations
  - Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO)
  - Rural Development, Community Facilities grants
  - Rural Development, Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program (DLT) grants



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#### Example:

Mid-State Children's Learning Center: Senator Shaheen pushed for the inclusion of \$200,000 for this project that will support the renovation of an existing 8,400 square foot building in Plymouth, New Hampshire to allow the Mid-State Community Development Corporation to better meet the needs of children and families in Grafton County.

#### Commerce, Justice and Science



- Funds the Department of Commerce (DOC), the Department of Justice (DOJ) and several independent science agencies.
- ➤ The CJS Appropriations Subcommittee will accept CDS requests only for the following accounts:
  - National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST);
     Scientific and Technical Research Services (STRS); External Projects;
  - NIST, Construction of Research Facilities;
  - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA);
     Operations, Research, and Facilities (ORF); Special Projects
  - Office on Justice Programs (OJP); State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance; Byrne Discretionary;
  - Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS); COPS Law Enforcement Technology;
  - NASA; Safety, Security and Mission Support



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#### > Examples:

- O Merrimack Radio Infrastructure Upgrade: Senator Shaheen secured \$1,472,000 to fund the Merrimack PD and Fire Department's efforts to upgrade to their exiting radio system to an 800 megahertz (MHz) digital trunked radio system in order to alleviate current coverage issues.
- Electromechanical Technology & Robotics Program & Lab. Senator Shaheen secured \$1,000,000 to fund upgrades to Plymouth State University's Electromechanical Technology and Robotics (EMTR) Lab.

# Energy and Water (E&W) Development



- Funds water resources development programs of the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation. Also funds the Department of Energy (DOE) and the independent agencies, including the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC).
- ➤ The E&W Subcommittee will only consider congressionally directed spending 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
  - Bureau of Reclamation: Water and Related Resources

- DOE's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
- DOE's Office of Electricity (OE)
- DOE's Office of Cybersecurity,
   Energy Security, and Emergency
   Response (CESER)
- DOE's Office of Nuclear Energy (NE)
- DOE's Office of Fossil Energy (FE)



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#### > Example:

- Oyster River Resiliency Project. Senator Shaheen secured \$1,150,000 to support the Oyster River Resiliency Project (ORRP), a proposed community-centric microgrid connecting the University of New Hampshire and town of Durham.
- Hanover LED Streetlight Conversion. Senator Shaheen secured \$271,000 for this project that would replace existing inefficient High Pressure Sodium streetlights in Hanover with efficient controllable LED street lighting.



# Interior and Environment (I&E)



Funds the Department of the Interior, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and other agencies.

- ➤ The I&E subcommittee will accept congressionally directed spending requests only for the following accounts:
  - Water and Wastewater Infrastructure: EPA, State and Tribal Assistance Grants, Water and Wastewater Infrastructure
  - Historic Preservation Fund: NPS, Historic Preservation
     Fund
  - State and Private Forestry: USFS, State and Private Forestry, Forest Resource Information and Analysis



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#### > Items to Note:

- There is a <u>minimum</u> 20% cost share requirement for any state or local water infrastructure CDS grants.
- For State and Local Grants for Drinking or Clean Water Projects, Member offices must confirm:
  - ✓ Is the project on the state's most recently finalized Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan?
  - ✓ If not, is the project eligible under State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) guidelines?



#### Shaheen CDS Web Portal





- ➤ When is your office's deadline?
  - The Shaheen office's appropriations deadline is <u>Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.</u> Please be sure to submit all of your information by this date.
- ➤ I submitted a CDS request to Representatives Kuster and Pappas. Can I submit one to Senator Shaheen as well?
  - Yes. We welcome all applications that meet the criteria requirements.
- How do I know whether my project meets the eligibility requirements?
  - o Information on CDS-eligible accounts can be found in the Shaheen CDS web portal. Please use the federal agency's website to review the program and grants awarded to determine whether your project is eligible for funding.



#### > I submitted my CDS request. What happens now?

- The Shaheen staff will review the information you provided to determine whether your request(s) meets our internal and committee criteria for submission as a formal CDS request from Senator Shaheen.
- We will notify you of our determination and keep you informed as the appropriations process moves forward

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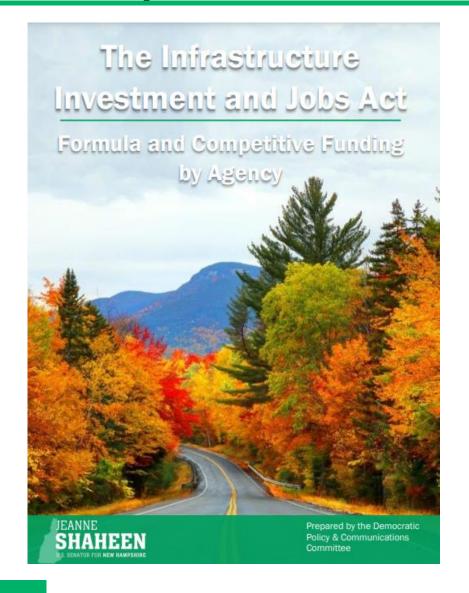


- \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 Relief Package
- Signed into law in March 2021



- \$550 billion in new infrastructure investments
- Signed into law in November 2021







### Thank you

For additional questions, please contact our office at <u>appropriations shaheen@shaheen.senate.gov</u> or call 202-224-2841.

