

Office of U.S. Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock

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Congressional Directed Spending (CDS)

What is it?

- Congressionally-directed spending, also known as CDS or earmarks, allow Members of Congress to direct support to specific projects.
- Bills start from the Senate Appropriations Committee.
 - The Appropriations Committee is further divided into subcommittees (<https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/subcommittees>), each of which handle specific agencies and spending accounts (“accounts”) within those agencies.
- Roughly an 18–24-month long process from beginning of application window to potential funding.

Timeline

- Applications open: late February-early March.
 - Will stay open for one week.
- All Eligible Project Turned into Appropriations Committee: May.
- Draft Bills Begin to be Released from Committee: Late July/Early August.
- Final Bill: usually November/December, technically supposed to be done before end of Fiscal Year in September but that is a rarity.
- If selected for final bill: Agency should reach out within three to six months of final passage of the bill into law.

Successful CDS Projects in GMRC Region

- City of Hartwell FY23, Rome-Richardson Revitalization Project (Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development)
 - The funding will help renovate and rebuild existing homes for low-income homeowners, save historic properties, and give new life to the neighborhood.
- Stephens County Hospital FY24, Trauma Surgery OR Renovation (Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education)
 - To provide funding for Renovations to the Operating Rooms at Stephens County Hospital which are needed for the development of its Rural Trauma Surgery Program (RTSP).
- City of Dahlonega FY24, Sewer Upgrade (Interior)
 - For renovations and capacity upgrade to the Torrington St. sewer lift station.
- F.A.I.T.H., Inc. (Rabun County) FY24, FAITH'S Power House for Kids Whole Healing Program (Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education)
 - To assist in the whole healing for child abuse victims and their non-offending caregiver(s).

Other Successful Requests Across Georgia

- Augusta-Richmond County FY24, Augusta - Emergency Operations Center (Homeland Security)
 - To support an emergency operations center
- City of Dawson FY24, Dawson Farmers Market and Community Center (Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration), Terrell County
 - To renovate a downtown building and create a farmers' market for low-income families to get locally grown fresh produce.
- City of Roswell FY24, Liberty Square Park Transformation Project (Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development)
 - The Liberty Square Park Transformation Project will create new park amenities, including a playground, shade structure, picnic pavilion, and community gardens for the low- to moderate-income Liberty Square Neighborhood.

Want to See More?

- Morgan County FY24, Madison Village for Advanced Entrepreneurship, Inc. (Financial Services and General Government)
 - To obtain and furnish a facility for empowering rural entrepreneurs, innovators, and small business startups.
- Fannin County FY23, Fire Department Equipment Upgrades (Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies)
 - Purchase of equipment, allowing the Department to better protect the health and safety of firefighters and surrounding communities.
- Bulloch County FY23, Establishing Wastewater Infrastructure in Bulloch County (Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies)
 - To establish public wastewater infrastructure in Bulloch County, which presently does not provide public water or sewer services outside of incorporated areas.

How Do I Start?

- Reach out to myself or Salik
 - We love working with our Counties/Cities to ensure you are applying for the best applicable projects.
- Have a priority list
 - Before sitting down with our office, create a top three list of priorities for your community so we have options when we sit down with you.
- Plan for the future
 - CDS is a long process, this means these projects should be ready to start/finish in roughly two years time.

What Sub-Committees can I apply under?

- Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies
 - Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations
 - Rural Development, Community Facilities grants
- Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies
 - Byrne and COPS Projects
- Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies
- Financial Services and General Government
- Homeland Security

What Sub-Committees can I apply under? Cont.

- Interior, Environment and Related Agencies
 - Water and Wastewater
 - Historic Preservation Fund
- Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies
- Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
 - Grants-in-Aid for Airports (AIP) or FAA Facilities and Equipment (F&E)
 - Highway (HIP), Transit (TIP), or Rail (CRISI)
 - Department of Housing and Urban Development- Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

How are resources split? During FY24 Cycle.

- Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies **\$2.5 million**
- Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies **\$6.4 million**
- Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies **\$41 million**
- Financial Services and General Government **\$1.8 million**
- Homeland Security **\$1.5 million**
- Interior, Environment and Related Agencies **\$6.6 million**
- Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies **\$16.3 million**
- Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies: **\$10.4 million**
- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies: **\$20.3 million**
- Total: **\$108 million**

Frequently Asked Questions

- What kind of projects does Senator Warnock's office look for?
 - There's a variety of good projects, we look for projects that are going to have the highest community impact.
- Is there a limit to the number of projects we can request for?
 - Simple answer: No! However, we look for quality over quantity.
- Is there a cap in funding we can request?
 - Technically no, but there's a sweet spot around \$1.5 million that we try to avoid going over.
- Who is eligible to apply?
 - Government entities and Non-profits.
- What are the matching requirements?
 - It depends on what account you apply under, that's why we want to talk to you before you complete your application.

Questions?

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