



# FY25 Federal Agenda Information



# Guidelines

- For Application Template of Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS), [please click here](#), and use either CDS or Plus Up application template.
- Please submit your request (using the application template for CDS) to Jill Dicey ([jdicey@tntech.edu](mailto:jdicey@tntech.edu)).
- CDS or Plus Up applications and CDS budgets should not exceed 2 pages each (with no less than 12 pt font and 1-inch margins).
- Two letters of support are not needed at this time, but are required for CDS projects after being selected by the University to move forward.



# Informational items

- Congress made the decision to restore Congressionally Directed Spending (earmarks) in FY22, but details are variable from year to year.
- There are a limited “slots”, so to speak, for each state and universities. Proposed projects should focus on those that have a high impact to the region and nation but are not addressed by competitive grant programs of the federal funding agencies.
- The House website states, “Community engagement and support is crucial in determining which projects are worthy of Federal funding. Only projects with demonstrated community support will be considered.” Therefore, projects related to community service efforts, economic development, and public impact may get a better chance to be funded.
- Collaborative efforts by teaming up with experts from another state may have a better chance to get some funding, but obviously, if funded, the resources will be divided depending on congressional directions.



House

Subcommittee

Senate

Community Facilities Grants -

Grants to purchase, construct or improve essential community facilities, to purchase equipment, and pay other related project expenses.

Agriculture

Distance learning and telemedicine grants

DoJ Byrne Discretionary Grants –

Grants to assist state, local and tribal law enforcement to prevent crime, improve the criminal justice system, provide victims' services, improve community-police relations and other related activities.

Commerce, Justice, Science

DoJ Byrne Discretionary Grants, NIST –  
Byrne Discretionary Grants- same as House NIST-  
Scientific and Technical Services, External Projects and  
Construction of Research Facilities

SBA and Small Business Initiatives-

Entrepreneur training, workforce development, business counseling, research.

Financial Services

SBA and its Administrative Provisions are eligible

Not accepting requests.

Interior, EPA

EPA, Science and Technology, Research: National  
Priorities, National Park Service Historic Preservation,  
USFS Forest Resource Information and Analysis

## House

### DoL (Department of Labor)

Employment and Training Administration – direct services to individuals to enhance employment opportunities and have a link to State or local workforce investment system.

### HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration)

Health Facilities Construction and Equipment – can cover cost of construction, renovation, or capital equipment for facilities for provision of health, mental health, substance abuse services, training of health professionals. No salary funding allowed.

### SAMSHA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services)

Mental Health, Substance Abuse Treatment, Substance Abuse Prevention- Focus on promotion and prevention projects.

ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) Innovation & Improvement – Instructional services, after school programs, curricula development, teacher training, early childhood ed.

FIPSE (Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Ed) – Hiring/training of faculty, establish and improve degree programs, improve teacher prep, develop and improve curricula, establish research and training centers. Sub-grants not allowed.

DOT Highway Infrastructure – Road must be on the State Transportation Improvement Program list.

HUD Community Development Fund (Economic Development Initiative, EDI) – Projects that are focused on economic and community development.

## Subcommittee

Labor, HHS,  
Education

Transportation,  
HUD

## Senate

DoL ETA is eligible

HRSA is eligible

Administration for Children and Families – Child abuse prevention and social services research is eligible

SAMSHA is eligible

Administration for Community Living – Aging and disability services programs

ESEA Innovation and Improvement is eligible

FIPSE is eligible

DOT Highway Infrastructure is eligible

HUD Community Development Fund is eligible