For all CDS requests, you must choose **ONE** “account” or funding stream for your project. Please reach out to Senator King’s staff at [CDSRequests@king.senate.gov](mailto:CDSRequests@king.senate.gov), if you have questions or would like assistance in selecting an account for your CDS project. Additional requirements may apply to any of the below accounts. This document is intended to serve as a starting point, not an exhaustive list of every requirement. **This document reflects updated guidance to the eligible account list for FY26 CDS, based on guidance from the Senate Appropriations Committee.**

**Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration**

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| **Agency – Account** | **Acceptable Uses of Funds** | **Unacceptable Uses of Funds** | **Cost-Share and Notes** |
| USDA – Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities (ARS B&F) | Funds may only include funding for existing facilities, or facilities where funding has been provided in the past |  | No cost share is required. |
| USDA – National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Research and Facilities Act Program (NIFA RFAP) | Recipients must generally be land grant universities, non-land-grant colleges of agriculture, or other eligible entities as defined [here](https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=(title:7%20section:6971%20edition:prelim)%20OR%20(granuleid:USC-prelim-title7-section6971)&f=treesort&num=0&edition=prelim).  Funds may be used for constructing, purchasing, updating, renovating, or modifying agricultural research buildings to conduct food science research. Site design, equipment purchase, construction and renovation are eligible. | No more than 3% of CDS funds may be used for administrative costs. | RFAP Awards require a 100% non-federal match. |
| USDA – Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Salaries and Expenses (APHIS S&E) | The entire APHIS S&E account is open to CDS requests, but certain line items, including; Grasshopper/Mormon Cricket, Brucellosis (Cattle Health), and Wildlife Services, are most compatible as a CDS project. |  | Cost share varies by specific use. Please contact Senator King’s staff before submitting a request in this account. |
| USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service, Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) | Projects may not exceed a watershed or sub-watershed size of 250,000 acres, with at least 20% of the project’s benefit directly related to agriculture.  Projects much have an eligible local sponsor, which can be a state, political subdivision, soil or water conservation district, flood prevention or control district, irrigation or reservoir company or water users’ association, or Indian tribe or tribal organization |  | New start projects may only receive preliminary feasibility funding of $55,000.  Please contact Senator King’s staff before submitting a request in this account. |
| USDA – Rural Development, Community Facilities \* | A wide variety of community projects can be funded through this account, but eligible municipalities must have populations under 20,000 people. | Funds cannot be used for recreation facilities, and cannot be used for business entrepreneur purposes. | Applicants are responsible for varying portions of the total project cost, depending on the size of the municipality.  25% - Community of 5,000 or fewer  45% - Community of 12,000 or fewer.  65% - Community of 20,000 or fewer. |
| USDA – Rural Development, Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program (DLT) grants | Funds must be used to operate a rural end-user site for the purposes of providing telemedicine or distance learning, or deliver DLT services to entities that operate a rural community facility. | Broadband deployment is not an eligible expense. | All applicants are responsible for contributing 15% of the total project cost.  The maximum grant size is $1 million. |

\* - Projects must be verified as eligible by the state USDA Rural Development Office. Please contact Robert Nadeau ([Robert.Nadeau@usda.gov](mailto:Robert.Nadeau@usda.gov)) in order to receive certification that your project is eligible.

**Commerce, Justice, Science**

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| **Agency – Account** | **Acceptable Uses of Funds** | **Unacceptable Uses of Funds** | **Cost-Share and Notes** |
| Department of Commerce – National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Scientific and Technical Research Services (STRS); External Projects | Standards-related research and technology development. | Construction is not allowed. | No cost share is required. |
| Department of Commerce – National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) – Construction of Research Facilities; Extramural Construction | Funding may only be used for non-federal research facilities, including at research institutions, and colleges and universities.  Only a small number of projects will be supported annually, and all projects should be discussed in detail with Senator King’s staff prior to submission. |  | No cost share is required.  Please contact Senator King’s staff before submitting a request in this account. |
| Department of Commerce – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) – Operations, Research, and Facilities (ORF); Special Projects | Projects should address fisheries, marine mammals, ocean, coastal issues, climate, weather, atmospheric research, data acquisition, and forecasting programs. | Construction is not allowed. | No cost share is required. |
| Department of Justice – Office of Justice Programs – State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance; Byrne Discretionary | Funds may be used for providing additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice systems. | Construction and land acquisition are not allowed.  Applicants are discouraged from specifying brand names for equipment, in the interest of fair and open competition. | No cost share is required. |
| Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) – COPS Law Enforcement Technology and Equipment | Funds may be used to purchase technologies and automated systems to assist law enforcement agencies in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime. | Requests for vehicles and vessels with high maintenance costs are discouraged, and applicants are encouraged to consider legal, constitutional, and civil liberties concerns.  Applicants are discouraged from specifying brand names for equipment, in the interest of fair and open competition. | No cost share is required. |
| NASA – Safety, Security, and Mission Support. | Funds can be used for science education, research, and technology development related to NASA’s mission. This can include equipment, research funding, or education funding. | Medical research projects, projects at NASA - owned Visitor Centers, or a State’s Space Grant Consortium are not allowed.  Construction is not allowed. | No cost share is required. |

**Energy and Water Development**

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| **Agency – Account** | **Acceptable Uses of Funds** | **Unacceptable Uses of Funds** | **Cost-Share and Notes** |
| Army Corps of Engineers   * Investigations * Construction * Operation and Maintenance | Funding will be granted directly to the Army Corps of Engineers. Funding should be executed in the year of appropriation, and only authorized projects will be funded. Few new start projects will be funded. |  | No cost share is required.  Please contact Senator King’s staff before submitting a request in this account. |
| Bureau of Reclamation – Water and Related Resources | Funding will be granted directly to the Bureau of Reclamation. Funding should be executed in the year of appropriation, and only authorized projects will be funded. Few new starts will be funded. |  | No cost share is required.  Please contact Senator King’s staff before submitting a request in this account. |
| Department of Energy   * Renewable and Clean Energy * Electricity and Energy Resiliency * Cybersecurity and Energy Security * Nuclear Energy * Fossil Energy or Carbon Management | Projects should involve transformative science and technology research, development, and demonstration under the topic area.  Projects eligible for funding through tax credits or other federal programs are less likely to be funded. Very few projects are expected to be funded. | Projects may not require multiple years of funding, construction of buildings or new facilities, vehicle charging projects (unless connected to larger clean energy sources), electrical substation replacement or grid updates, and planning studies.  Clean energy projects that do not show transformative or emerging technological solutions will not be funded. | The amount of cost-share required by the applicant varies depending on the type of activity.  Research and development projects (basic or fundamental) - none  Research and development activities (applied) - 20%  Demonstration and Commercial projects - 50%  Please contact Senator King’s staff before submitting a request in this account. |

**Financial Services and General Government**

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| **Agency – Account** | **Acceptable Uses of Funds** | **Unacceptable Uses of Funds** | **Cost-Share and Notes** |
| Small Business Administration – Administrative Provision | Funds can be used to support small business, including entrepreneur training, counseling, and research. | Funds may not be used as seed capital for small businesses, or as seed funds for grants/loans.  Funds may not be used for the construction or acquisition of facilities. | No cost share is required. |
| National Archives and Records Administration – National Historic Publications and Records Commission | Funds can be used for record digitization, programming, and online availability of records. Please consult the NARA eligibility criteria [here](https://www.archives.gov/nhprc/apply/eligibility.html). |  | No cost share is required. |
| National Archives and Records Administration – Repairs and Restoration | Funds are to be used for spending on presidential libraries or new archival facilities. |  | No cost share is required. |
| General Services Administration – Federal Buildings Fund, Construction and Acquisition | Constriction of federal courthouses, federal buildings, land ports of entry. | Funds may not be used for state or county facilities, DOD facilities, VA facilities, transportation infrastructure facilities | No cost share is required. |
| General Services Administration – Federal Buildings Fund, Repairs and Alterations | Repair must be federally-owned properties in need of repair or alterations, typically federal buildings or federal courthouses. | Funds may not be used for state or county facilities, DOD facilities, VA facilities, transportation infrastructure facilities | No cost share is required. |
| Office of National Drug Control Policy – Administrative Provision, Prevention Grants | Funds should be used for prevention initiatives with measurable objectives, with a mix of strategies. DFC-funded coalitions trained by CDC to implement Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) as part of their substance use prevention efforts are recommended.  Building rent and equipment are allowable expenses. | Projects should not be substance specific. Treatment programs are not eligible in this account.  Property purchase, construction and renovation costs are not allowable. | No cost share is required. |

**Homeland Security**

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| **Agency – Account** | **Acceptable Uses of Funds** | **Unacceptable Uses of Funds** | **Cost-Share and Notes** |
| FEMA – Pre-Disaster Mitigation Projects \* | Projects should reduce risk to individuals and property from future natural hazards.  All projects must meet the requirements of the FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant program, found [here](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_fy24-cds-nofo.pdf). | Management costs can be no more than 5% of the total project cost. | The applicant is required to contribute 25% of the total project cost.  If the applicant is a small and impoverished community, they may be eligible for a lower cost-share of 10%. A small and impoverished community is defined as having a population of 3,000 or fewer individuals, with an average per capita income not exceeding 80% of the national per capita income. |
| FEMA – Emergency Operations Center Grant Program \* | Projects should improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities, construction of emergency operations centers. | Funds may not be used to construct a building that is primarily a fire station. | The applicant must contribute 25% of the total project cost. |

\* - Applicants must secure a letter from the Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), certifying that their request for CDS funding would be eligible for these accounts.

Please contact Christine Whelan ([Christine.N.Whelan@maine.gov](mailto:Christine.N.Whelan@maine.gov)) to request the required letter for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation account. Please contact Jonathan Ross ([jonathan.ross@maine.gov](mailto:jonathan.ross@maine.gov)) to request the required letter for the Emergency Operations Center account.

**Interior and Environment**

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| **Agency – Account** | **Acceptable Uses of Funds** | **Unacceptable Uses of Funds** | **Cost-Share and Notes** |
| EPA – STAG – Clean Water SRF | Wastewater treatment plants (including sludge handling facilities), collector sewers, interceptor sewers, sewer pipes, outfall sewer, storm water management, combined sewer overflow/sanitary sewer overflow control, infiltration/inflow correction, water security, septic tanks, land, water reuse, capital nonpoint source pollution control.  Projects must be on the state's most recently finalized Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan (IUP), or be eligible for inclusion on the IUP. | Projects which will use funds for land, operations and maintenance costs, non-municipal point source control, acid drainage correction, ambient water quality monitoring, flood control projects, unless the project is otherwise managing, reducing, treating or recapturing stormwater, privately owned sewer pipes. | The applicant must contribute 20% of the total project cost. |
| EPA – STAG – Drinking Water SRF | Compliance with national drinking water regulations/addressing public health risks (PFAS), rehabilitate or develop water sources, install/upgrade treatment facilities, install or upgrade storage facilitates, install or replace transmission and distribution pipes, projects to consolidate water supplies, land if integral to a project needed to meet or maintain compliance, project planning, design, and other related costs.  Projects must be on the state's most recently finalized Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan, or be eligible for inclusion on the IUP. | Dams or rehabilitation of dams, operations and maintenance costs, water rights (see exception in guidance), Reservoirs (see exception in guidance), laboratory fees for monitoring, projects needed mainly for fire protection, projects for systems which lack technical, managerial, and financial capability (unless assistance will ensure compliance), projects for systems in significant noncompliance (unless funding will ensure compliance), projects intended to primarily serve future growth. | The applicant must contribute 20% of the total project cost. |
| Indian Health Service – Sanitation Facilities Construction | Projects included on the Indian Health Services' (IHS) Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS) list.   Projects not on the IHS SDS list may be considered in exceptional circumstances, if eligible for funding under the Sanitation Facilities Construction Program. |  |  |
| National Parks Service – Historic Preservation Fund | Projects must be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or must be registered as a National Historic Landmark either individually or as contributing to an historic district. |  | Applicants must provide equal matching funds to the request amount (dollar-for-dollar match)  Maximum award size is $500,000. |
| US Forest Service – State and Private Forestry – Forest Resource Information and Analysis | Forest health management, cooperative fire protection, wood innovation, and urban/community forestry.  Projects should be on the state's Forest Action Plan, or contribute to meeting the goals for the Forest Action Plan. | Only non-federal forest landowners are eligible for funding in this account. |  |
| Great American Outdoors Act, Land and Water Conservation Fund  Land Management Agencies, Construction | Please consult with Senator King's staff if you are interested in applying for CDS funds under one of these accounts |  | These accounts will only be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please contact Senator King’s staff if you are interested in applying for CDS funds under one of these accounts. |
| Land Management Agencies, Local Projects and Research   BIA, Operation of Indian Programs, Special Initiatives   EPA, Science and Technology, Research: National Priorities   EPA, State and Tribal Assistance Grants, STAG Infrastructure Grants | Please consult with Senator King's staff if you are interested in applying for CDS funds under one of these accounts |  | These accounts will only be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please contact Senator King’s staff if you are interested in applying for CDS funds under one of these accounts. |

**Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education**

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| **Agency – Account** | **Acceptable Uses of Funds** | **Unacceptable Uses of Funds** | **Cost-Share and Notes** |
| Department of Labor – Employment and Training Administration, Training and Employment Services. | Projects should focus on meeting employment and training needs of workers, generally direct services including career services, training services, supportive services, and other activities defined in the WIOA. Activities include training workers to help them obtain employment, and enhancing skills of current workers to get better jobs.  Equipment purchases and curriculum development are allowed, but a detailed justification is required to demonstrate the need. | Funds may not be used for the construction or renovation of facilities, or the purchase of land or buildings. | No cost share is required. |
| Department of Health and Human Services – Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Facilities Construction and Equipment. | Funds can be used for Limited-scope construction, renovation or capital equipment purchases for facilities for health, mental health, substance abuse services, training of health professionals, or medical research.  Eligible entities include Hospitals, health centers, clinics, skilled nursing facilities, mental health centers, facilities for schools of medicine, nursing or other health professions, and medical research laboratories.  Funds can be used for architectural and engineering costs associated with a construction project, but not for feasibility projects, or planning and design projects. | Funds cannot be used to acquire land or purchase existing buildings, or to pay salaries and other operating costs.  Expendable supplies such as pharmaceuticals, lab chemicals, and office paper are not eligible. | No cost-share is required, but the request may not exceed $15 million.  Equipment-only projects should generally only contain requests for equipment with a unit cost of at least $5,000, and a useful life of longer than one year. |
| Department of Health and Human Services – Health Resources and Services Administration, Rural Health | Projects should address medical, dental, or mental health care services, health promotion and education, chronic disease management, telehealth service, and improvements to emergency medical services.  Projects must be for areas which meet HRSA's definition of rural. |  | No cost share is required. |
| Department of Health and Human Services – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration - Mental Health | Funds should be used for programs that promote the prevention or treatment of mental health disorders, including rehabilitation, outreach and other support services. | Funds may not be used for projects to distribute sterile needles or syringes for I.V. drug injection, or for projects which promote the legalization of illegal drugs or substances.  Funds may not be used for construction, outside of a limited amount of renovation that is necessary in order to carry out a funded project. | No cost share is required. |
| Department of Health and Human Services – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration - Substance Abuse Treatment | Funds should be used for programs that improve access, reduce barriers, and promote high quality, effective treatment and recovery services. | Funds may not be used for projects to distribute sterile needles or syringes for I.V. drug injection, or for projects which promote the legalization of illegal drugs or substances.  Funds may not be used for construction, outside of a limited amount of renovation that is necessary in order to carry out a funded project. | No cost share is required. |
| Department of Health and Human Services – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration - Substance Abuse Prevention | Funds should be used for programs to prevent illegal drug use, prescription drug misuse and abuse, alcohol misuse and abuse, and underage alcohol and tobacco use. | Funds may not be used for projects to distribute sterile needles or syringes for I.V. drug injection, or for projects which promote the legalization of illegal drugs or substances.  Funds may not be used for construction, outside of a limited amount of renovation that is necessary in order to carry out a funded project | No cost share is required. |
| Department of Health and Human Services – Administration for Children and Families, Child Abuse Prevention. | Funds should be used for projects to improve the prevention, assessment, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect through research, model service improvement, information dissemination, and technical assistance. | Funds may not be used for construction or renovation of facilities. | No cost share is required. |
| Department of Health and Human Services – Administration for Children and Families, Social Services Research and Demonstration. | Funds should be used for projects which promote the financial self-sufficiency of families in order to reduce poverty, and promote the healthy development of children and families. Projects can serve low-income individuals, children, youth, families, individuals with developmental disabilities, and Native Americans. | Funds may not be used for construction or renovation of facilities. | No cost share is required. |
| Department of Health and Human Services – Administration for Community Living, Aging and Disability Services Programs | Funds should be used for Projects to improve the ability of older adults and individuals with disabilities to live independently and participate in their communities. | Funds may not be used for construction or renovation of facilities. | No cost share is required. |
| Department of Education – Fund for the Improvement of Education | Funds may be used for a wide variety of elementary and secondary education projects, including instructional services, afterschool centers, curricula development, teacher training, acquisition of books and computers, arts education, social and emotional learning activities.  Projects may focus on providing and improving special education services, including early intervention services for infants and toddlers, transition services, and postsecondary education services. | Funds may not be used for the construction or renovation of a building, except in the case of minor remodeling or alterations in a previously completed building.  Daycare and childcare projects that do not include educational services are not eligible. | No cost share is required. |
| Department of Education – Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education | Funds should be focused on improving access to, or quality of postsecondary education. Examples include projects to hire and train faculty, establish and improve degree programs, improve teacher preparation programs, develop and improve curricula, upgrade technology, equipment, and telecommunications, provide student support, and implement university partnerships with school districts.  Recipients are generally colleges and universities, but could include other nonprofit organizations as appropriate.  If a significant portion of the project is equipment purchases, this must be noted and justified. | Funds cannot be used for endowments, or the construction or renovation of facilities, except in the case of minor alterations or remodeling in a previously completed building, for example as part of technology upgrades. | No cost share is required. |

**Military Construction and Veterans Affairs**

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| **Agency – Account** | **Acceptable Uses of Funds** | **Unacceptable Uses of Funds** | **Cost-Share and Notes** |
| Department of Defense   * Military Construction - Army * Military Construction - Navy and Marine Corps * Military Construction - Air Force * Military Construction - Defense-Wide * Military Construction - Army National Guard * Military Construction - Army Reserve * Military Construction - Navy Reserve * Military Construction - Air Force Reserve | Major construction, unspecified minor military construction, and planning and design.  Projects cannot have been included in the President's budget request or the FY24 enacted appropriations act, or exceeds the level included in either document.  Eligible lists for major military construction projects include: Future Years Defense Program (FYDP), Unfunded Requirements/Priorities Lists (UFR/UPL), and Cost-to-Complete (CTC). Major construction projects not on the FYDP, UFR/UPL, or CTC lists will not be considered.  Projects must be at 35% design, and must have a DD 1391 form. |  | No cost share requirement  Please contact Senator King’s staff before submitting a request in this account. |

**Transportation, Housing and Urban Development**

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| **Agency – Account** | **Acceptable Uses of Funds** | **Unacceptable Uses of Funds** | **Cost-Share and Notes** |
| Department of Transportation – Transportation Planning, Research, and Development (TPR&D) | Funds may be used for research projects eligible under title 23 or title 49 of the United States Code. National or regional research and development projects are encouraged. | Funds may not be used for planning for specific local highway, transit, or rail projects eligible under HIP, TIG, CRISI or PIDP.  Funds may not be used for operational expenses, administrative salaries, and benefits. | Cost-share will vary based on statutory requirements. |
| Department of Transportation – Grants-in-Aid for Airports (AIP) | Funds may be used for airport projects eligible under title 49, chapter 471 of the United States Code. | Funds may not be used for operational expenses, administrative salaries, and benefits. | Cost-share that must come from the applicant varies based on statutory requirement. In general, applicants are responsible for:  25% - large and medium primary hub airports, or 20% for noise program implementation.  5%-10% - Small primary, reliever, and general aviation airports. |
| Department of Transportation – Highway Infrastructure Program | Funds may be used for highway projects eligible under Title 23, United States Code, including highway and bridge construction, planning, environmental review, design, and right-of-way acquisition. | Funds may not be used for operational expenses, administrative salaries, and benefits. | Cost-share will vary based on statutory requirements. |
| Department of Transportation – Transit Infrastructure Grants | Funds may be used for projects eligible under chapter 53, title 49 United States Code.  Projects must be on the STIP or TIP, or a project must be certified as eligible for the STIP or TIP, by the relevant transit agency. | Funds may not be used for operational expenses, administrative salaries, and benefits. | Cost-share will vary based on statutory requirements. |
| Department of Transportation – Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements | Funds may be used for rail capital projects eligible under Section 22907(c) of title 49, United States Code.  Projects must be either on the state rail plan, or the state rail agency or state DOT must provide a letter confirming that the project is eligible under the statute, and that the stat rail agency is willing to carry out the project. | Funds may not be used for operational expenses, administrative salaries, and benefits. | Cost-share will vary based on statutory requirements. |
| Department of Transportation – Port Infrastructure Development Program | Funds may be used for activities under section 54301 of title 46, United States Code. | Funds may not be used for operational expenses, administrative salaries, and benefits. | Cost-share will vary based on statutory requirements. |
| Department of Housing and Urban Development – Community Development Fund, Economic Development Initiative | Funds may be used for activities under section 5305 of chapter 69, title 42 United States Code, and affordable housing construction.  Activities should address affordable housing, community service, and economic development, including acquisition of property, construction of affordable housing, blight removal and remediation, construction, rehabilitation, and improvements of public facilities.  Projects must be in areas designated as low to moderate income, and applicants must articulate the project’s benefit to low- and moderate-income communities. | Funds may not be used for operational expenses, administrative salaries, and benefits | No cost share requirement.  This account is very competitive. |