

The image shows the interior of a grand, ornate chamber, likely the U.S. Senate chamber. The room features a large, multi-tiered crystal chandelier hanging from the ceiling. The walls are decorated with blue murals of figures in classical attire, framed by gold and red architectural details. A long, dark wood conference table is set up in the foreground, surrounded by dark red leather chairs. In the background, there are two large arched doorways with red curtains, and a central doorway leading to another brightly lit room with a chandelier. The overall atmosphere is formal and historic.

# U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations & Congressionally Directed Spending

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# Senate Appropriations Committee

- Senator Collins is the first Mainer in 92 years to lead the powerful Appropriations Committee.
- The last Mainer to hold the chair position on the Senate Appropriations Committee was Senator Frederick Hale in 1933.
- She is also the first Republican woman to Chair the Committee.

# About the Appropriations Committee

- The Senate Appropriations Committee is the largest committee in the U.S. Senate, consisting of 29 members in the 119th Congress. Its role is defined by the U.S. Constitution, which requires "appropriations made by law" prior to the expenditure of any money from the Federal treasury.
- The Committee writes the legislation that allocates federal funds to the numerous government agencies, departments, and organizations on an annual basis.

# About the Appropriations Committee *(cont.)*

- The Committee has 12 subcommittees that are tasked with drafting legislation to allocate discretionary funding to government agencies within their jurisdictions. These subcommittees are responsible for reviewing the President's budget request, hearing testimony from government officials and other witnesses, and drafting the spending plans for the coming fiscal year.
- The Committee is also responsible for supplemental spending bills, which are sometimes needed in the middle of a fiscal year to compensate for emergency expenses.

# Overview of Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Process

- The annual appropriations process has provided opportunities for Members of Congress to advocate for funding to address the needs of their states and local communities through Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) in the Senate and Community Project Funding (CPF) in the House.
- These projects become part of the annual government funding bills, or Appropriations bills, authored by Congress and signed into law by the President.

# CDS Process (*cont.*)

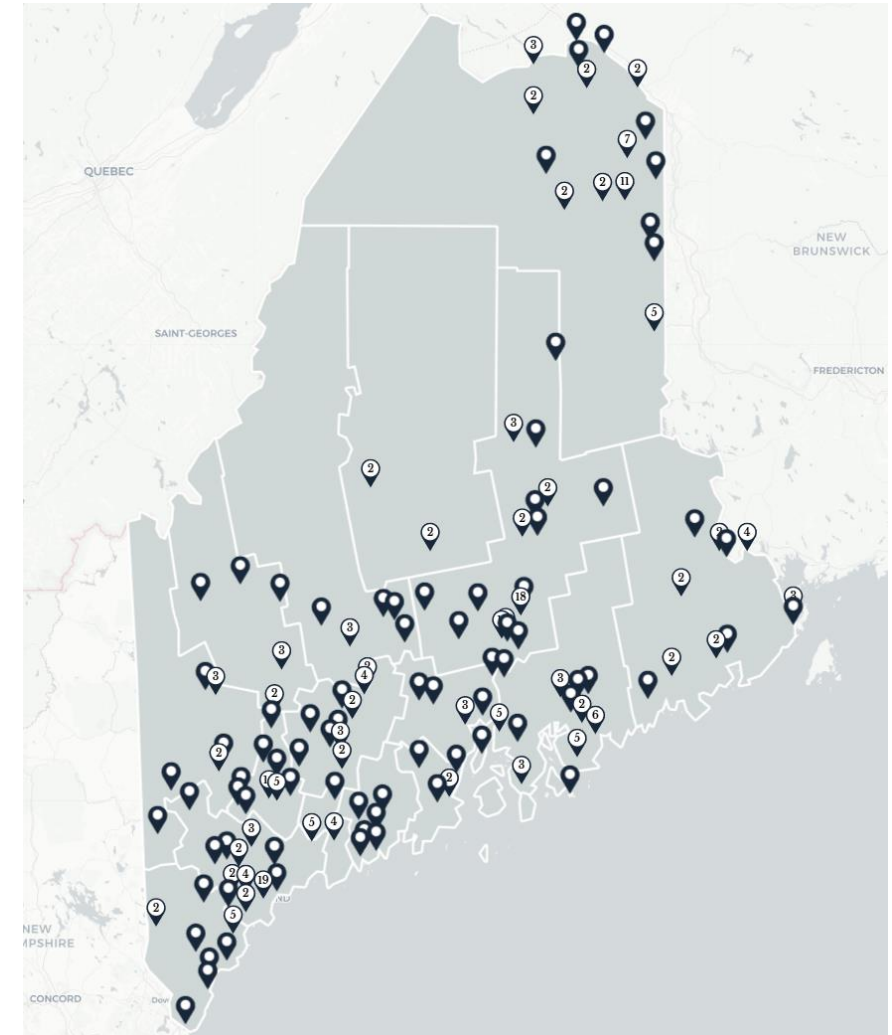
- The Committee issues guidance on request eligibility. Each Senator then creates his or her own applications with questions for organizations seeking to apply for funds.
- Project guidance and eligibility has varied year to year and the House Appropriations Committee guidance may differ from that of the Senate Appropriations Committee guidance.
  - For example, the House Appropriations Committee has imposed a 15-request maximum per Representative. The Senate has not had a request maximum.

# CDS Process *(cont.)*

- Only nonprofits and state and local governments are eligible to apply for CDS funding.
- Requests are subject to certain Committee and federal guidelines.
- Senators review the requests they received and then advance requests by submitting them to the Appropriations Committee.
- Not every project submitted by a member may move forward or be incorporated into legislation.

# Senator Collins and CDS

- Senator Collins has secured more than \$1 billion for hundreds of Maine projects in [FY 2022](#), [FY 2023](#), and [FY 2024](#) appropriations legislation across all 16 Counties.
- For FY25, Senator Collins has advanced a large number of important projects throughout the state. These projects are included in the FY25 Appropriations bills that are tied to congressional funding negotiations.





# SENATOR SUSAN M. COLLINS

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## Androscoggin County

**37 Projects**

**\$76,731,000**



**\$9.1 Million** for  
Transportation  
Improvements



**\$16.2 Million** for  
Health Care  
Investments



**\$3 Million** for Fire  
and Emergency  
Response Services



**\$5.9 Million** for  
Public Safety  
Infrastructure

**More than  
\$3 Million**

to expand health care  
training programs at  
Central Maine  
Community College.

**\$3 Million**

to build a new  
Auburn PAL  
Community Center.

## Aroostook County

**55 Projects**

**\$151,198,000**



**\$79.2 Million** for  
Transportation  
Improvements



**\$17.3 Million** for  
Health Care  
Investments



**\$6.9 Million** for  
Emergency Response  
Services



**\$12.1 Million** for  
Higher Education  
Programs and  
Infrastructure

**More than  
\$20 Million**

to replace the Presque  
Isle International  
Airport's passenger  
terminal.

**Nearly  
\$2.2 Million**

for the Town of Van  
Buren to construct a  
new fire station.

## Cumberland County

**63 Projects**

**\$79,436,888**



**\$3.3 Million** for  
Transportation  
Improvements



**\$14.4 Million** for  
Health Care and  
SUD Treatment  
Investments



**\$19 Million** for  
Housing Initiatives



**\$1.9 Million** for Public  
Safety Infrastructure

**\$15 Million**

to expand the  
McAuley Residence  
treatment program.

**\$1 Million**

for a mobile  
bioscience lab to  
instruct K-12  
students in the life  
sciences.

## Franklin County

**9 Projects**

**\$21,576,160**



**\$15 Million** for  
Transportation  
Improvements



**\$1 Million** for Higher  
Education Programs  
and Infrastructure



**\$2 Million** for Public  
Safety Infrastructure



**\$1.75 Million** for  
Child Care  
Investments

**\$1 Million**

to conserve the  
headwaters of the  
Kennebago River.

**\$750,000**

to construct a new  
child care facility for  
the Rangeley region.

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## Hancock County

## Kennebec County

## Knox County

## Lincoln County

**35 Projects**

**\$56,995,075**

**38 Projects**

**\$80,831,710**

**15 Projects**

**\$24,825,000**

**12 Projects**

**\$40,673,000**



**\$3.9 Million** for  
Public Safety  
Infrastructure



**\$6 Million** for  
Health Care  
Investments



**\$38.4 Million** for  
Transportation  
Improvements



**\$13.9 Million** for  
Health Care  
Investments



**\$13 Million** for  
Transportation  
Improvements



**\$3.5 Million** for  
Health Care  
Investments



**\$8.6 Million** for  
Transportation  
Improvements



**\$8.9 Million** for  
Water Infrastructure  
Upgrades



**\$10.1 Million** for  
Water Infrastructure  
Upgrades



**\$13.7 Million** for  
Advancements in  
Biomedical Research



**\$4.6 Million** for Fire  
and Emergency  
Response Services



**\$8.4 Million** for Water  
Infrastructure  
Upgrades



**\$5.5 Million** for  
Working Waterfront  
Recovery



**\$1 Million** for the  
Army Corps of  
Engineers to conduct  
needed maintenance



**\$1.5 Million** for Child  
Care Investments



**\$900,000** for Public  
Safety Infrastructure

**More than  
\$4 Million**

to improve the  
Bucksport Dock to  
provide services year-  
round.

**More than  
\$1.5 Million**

for the Town of  
Hancock to construct  
a new fire station.

**\$2 Million**

to renovate a facility  
that supports  
Woodfords Family  
Services.

**Nearly  
\$1 Million**

for the University of  
Maine at Augusta's  
adult learner ATLaS  
Program.

**\$125,000**

to to repair and  
restore the Rockland  
Breakwater  
Lighthouse.

**\$75,0000**

to expand the island  
of Vinalhaven's only  
child care center.

**More than  
\$12 Million**

to construct an  
Innovation and  
Education Wing at  
Bigelow Laboratory.

**\$4.5 Million**

to expand  
LincolnHealth's  
oncology and  
infusion suite.

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## Oxford County

**18 Projects**

**\$19,673,036**



**\$3.5 Million** for  
Transportation  
Improvements



**\$1.8 Million** for  
Health Care  
Investments



**\$2.3 Million** for Fire  
and Emergency  
Response Services



**\$3.1 Million** for Public  
Safety Infrastructure

**\$1 Million**

to construct an early  
childhood education  
and school age center  
in Rumford.

**More than  
\$1 Million**

for the Town of  
Sweden to construct a  
new fire station.

## Penobscot County

**99 Projects**

**\$254,914,000**



**\$33.5 Million** for  
Transportation  
Improvements



**\$32.1 Million** for  
Health Care  
Investments



**\$8.4 Million** for Fire  
and Emergency  
Response Services



**\$91.2 Million** for  
Higher Education  
Programs and  
Infrastructure

**More than  
\$1.7 Million**

to relocate and  
upgrade the Corinna  
Fire Department.

**Nearly  
\$10 Million**

to expand the  
emergency department  
at Millinocket  
Regional Hospital.

## Piscataquis County

**14 Projects**

**\$42,170,000**



**\$25 Million** for  
Transportation  
Improvements



**\$1.2 Million** for  
Health Care  
Investments



**\$1.6 Million** for  
Community Facilities



**\$11.5 Million** for  
Public Safety  
Infrastructure

**More than  
\$6 Million**

to construct a new  
public safety building  
in Milo.

**\$16 Million**

to rehabilitate Route  
15 from Abbot to  
Greenville.

## Sagadahoc County

**5 Projects**

**\$9,950,000**



**\$3.8 Million** for  
Transportation  
Improvements



**\$4 Million** for  
Affordable Housing  
Initiatives



**\$1.75 Million** for Fire  
and Emergency  
Response Services



**\$400,000** for Drinking  
Water Infrastructure  
Upgrades

**\$400,000**

to improve water  
infrastructure in  
Richmond.

**\$4 Million**

to create low- to  
moderate-income  
rental housing in  
Bath.

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## Somerset County

**19 Projects**

**\$27,176,000**



**\$7.7 Million** for  
Transportation  
Improvements



**\$7.9 Million** for  
Water Infrastructure  
Upgrades



**\$2.8 Million** for Fire  
and Emergency  
Response Services



**\$3.2 Million** for  
Community Facilities

**More than  
\$800,000**

to expand Kennebec  
Valley Community  
College's plumbing  
training facilities.

**Nearly  
\$2 Million**

to construct an early  
childhood center in  
Skowhegan.

## Waldo County

**15 Projects**

**\$25,244,000**



**\$10.2 Million** for  
Transportation  
Improvements



**\$2.2 Million** for  
Health Care  
Investments



**\$1.8 Million** for  
Emergency Response  
Services



**\$2.6 Million** for Public  
Safety Infrastructure

**\$2 Million**

to complete the  
municipal pier  
improvements in  
Searsport.

**More than  
\$1.3 Million**

to construct a public  
health dental practice  
in Belfast.

## Washington County

**38 Projects**

**\$88,041,769**



**\$26 Million** for  
Transportation  
Improvements



**\$15.9 Million** for  
Health Care  
Investments



**\$8.3 Million** for  
Water Infrastructure  
Upgrades



**\$4.3 Million** for Public  
Safety Infrastructure

**More than  
\$4 Million**

to expand behavioral  
health services in  
Washington County.

**\$2 Million**

to improve working  
waterfront access in  
Jonesport.

## York County

**41 Projects**

**\$84,323,000**



**\$23.3 Million** for  
Transportation  
Improvements



**\$13.3 Million** for  
Health Care  
Investments



**\$2.5 Million** for Fire  
and Emergency  
Response Services



**\$3.4 Million** for Public  
Safety Infrastructure

**\$1.5 Million**

to expand the welding  
training facility at  
York County  
Community College.

**\$2.5 Million**

to design a new child  
care center for the  
Portsmouth Naval  
Shipyard.

# Timeline

- Once we have received all of the applications, our office and Senator Collins herself will vet the proposals.
- After about a month following the submission deadline, you will know if your project has advanced and been submitted to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- It takes about a full calendar year to a year and a half between the time an applicant applies and – should the applicant and project advance through the Appropriations Committee and legislative process – begin working with the federal agency to execute an agreement and start drawing down the funds.

# Timeline *(cont.)*

- Once the bills are drafted (with CDS projects), Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee will markup their bills and vote on them (typically in the summer). A majority of Senators on the Committee must vote to advance each bill.
- Bills are then referred to the full Senate for votes, subject to amendments.
- The Senate and House then “conference” each bill and reconcile any differences, which then generates new bills that must be approved by both chambers.
- Once approved by Congress, the bills are sent to the President to be signed into law.

**AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES**

[Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending]

Pursuant to this Act, for contents identified in the "Account" column as "Rural Community Facilities Program Account", the specified amounts will be executed out of the Nonrecurring Expenses Fund under the same authorities and conditions as amounts made available in the second paragraph under the heading "Rural Community Facilities Program Account".

Agency	Account	Project	Recipient	Location	Amount	Requester(s)		Origination
						House	Senate	
Agricultural Research Service	Buildings and Facilities	ARS Western Regional Research Center, Albany, CA	Western Regional Center	CA	\$500,000	Lee (CA)		H
Agricultural Research Service	Buildings and Facilities	ARS Idaho Center for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment, Kimberly, ID	University of Idaho	ID	2,000,000	Simpson		H
Agricultural Research Service	Buildings and Facilities	Capital Improvements, Urbana, IL	ARS, Urbana	IL	1,220,000		Durbin	S
Agricultural Research Service	Buildings and Facilities	ARS National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research, Peoria, IL	ARS, Peoria	IL	1,269,000		Durbin	S
Agricultural Research Service	Buildings and Facilities	ARS Sugarcane Research Unit	USDA-ARS Sugarcane Research Unit	LA	5,000,000	Graves (LA)	Cassidy	H/S
Agricultural Research Service	Buildings and Facilities	ARS New England Plant, Soil, and Water Research Laboratory, Orono, ME	USDA-ARS New England Plant, Soil, and Water Laboratory	ME	10,000,000		Collins	S
Agricultural Research Service	Buildings and Facilities	ARS Cereal Disease Laboratory, St. Paul, MN	Agricultural Research Service	MN	1,000,000	McCollum		H
Agricultural Research Service	Buildings and Facilities	ARS Center for Agricultural Animal Genetic Engineering and Health, Columbia, MO	University of Missouri-Columbia	MO	3,000,000	Luetkemeyer		H
Agricultural Research Service	Buildings and Facilities	ARS Central Crops Research Station	North Carolina State University	NC	1,475,000	Nickel	Tillis	H/S

# Important Highlights

- It is important to note that when the bills are signed into law, recipients do not receive a check in the mail. Recipients have to work with the federal agency to draw down the funds. This process is similar to that of a regular federal grant.
- Funds may **not** be used to reimburse for projects already constructed/acquired or projects that will be completed before the passage of the final bill.
- Requesting organizations must be a nonprofit or state/local government. Project purposes must also be in line with Committee guidance.



# Important Highlights (*cont.*)

- **Matching Funds:** Some accounts require that the requesting organizations have a percentage match towards the proposal (20%, 25%, 50%). Even if there is not a requirement, we like to see that the requesting entity has some skin in the game. Does the organization have a plan for securing the match?
- **Federal Compliance:**
  - Environmental and Historical Reviews
  - Build America, Buy America – Requires that all iron, steel, manufactured products and construction materials must be produced in the US. This applies to the entirety of the project, not just what the CDS funds are going to be used for.

# Proposal Considerations

- **Use of Funds:** How will the funds actually be spent?
- **Sustainability:** If awarded CDS funding, how will the project become self-sustaining?
- **Job Creation:** What is the economic benefit of the project?
- **Outside Approval:** Will the project, a local match, or any component be subject to approval vote or referendum by the town, city, etc.

# Ineligible Requests

CDS funding may not be used for the following activities:

- Salaries, stipends/overhead costs – We have found that CDS applications for hard infrastructure are most likely to advance through this highly competitive process but applications for salaries, personnel costs and stipends, are rarely successful.
- K-12 School Construction
- Fire Trucks
- Proven energy technology (solar panels, EV charging stations)
- Broadband
- Debt or loan repayment
- CDS funds may **not** be used to reimburse funds for projects already constructed or acquired.

# Looking Ahead

- We are currently operating under a Continuing Resolution (CR) that expires on March 14<sup>th</sup> and are hopeful that the Congress is able to pass the FY 2025 Appropriations bills prior to that date.
- Senator Collins is working with her Appropriations Committee counterparts to get the FY 2025 funding bills across the finish line.
- There are a lot of decisions that have to be made before we can confirm that there will be a CDS program for FY 2026.

# Looking Ahead

For more information, please monitor Senator Collins' website or contact the nearest Constituent Service Center.



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