

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS) Subcommittee Guidance

Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS)

The CJS Subcommittee will accept CDS in the following accounts:

- “Department of Commerce; National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST); Scientific and Technical Research Services (STRS); External Projects”;
- “Department of Commerce; NIST; Construction of Research Facilities”;
- “Department of Commerce; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); Operations, Research, and Facilities (ORF); Special Projects”;
- “Department of Justice; Office on Justice Programs; State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance; Byrne Discretionary”;
- “Department of Justice; Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS); COPS Law Enforcement Technology”; and
- “National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Safety, Security and Mission Support”.

NOAA ORF Special Projects. The Subcommittee will accept requests for CDS for NOAA ORF. Projects should address fisheries, marine mammals, ocean, climate, weather, and atmospheric research and programs. Construction projects will not be accepted.

NIST STRS External Projects. The Subcommittee will accept requests for CDS for NIST STRS. Projects should address standards-related research and technology development. Construction projects will not be accepted.

DOJ Byrne Discretionary. The Subcommittee will accept requests for CDS for Byrne Discretionary projects to provide additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice systems. Awarded grants will be subject to the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#). Allowable costs are those costs consistent with the principles set out in the 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E, and those permitted by the grant program’s authorizing legislation. To be allowable under Federal awards, costs must be reasonable, allocable, and necessary to the project, and they must also comply with the funding statute and agency requirements. This funding cannot be used for land acquisition or construction.

DOJ COPS Law Enforcement Technology. The Subcommittee will accept requests for CDS for COPS Law Enforcement Technology projects for the development of technologies and automated systems to assist law enforcement agencies in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime. Recipients shall include State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments and their public agencies (for example, police and/or sheriff’s departments). Allowable activities are limited to the statutorily allowable purpose areas under the [COPS Office statute](#), including the procurement of equipment, technology, or support systems, and the development of new technologies to assist recipient entities in reorienting the emphasis of their activities from reacting to crime to preventing crime. Awarded grants will be subject to the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#), and the applicable Award Owner’s Manual. Agencies should consider the full range of potential legal, constitutional, and civil liberties and privacy implications associated with generating, acquiring, or using technology or data. For example, agencies who purchase unmanned aircraft systems must be aware of the Federal

requirements and best practices for their effective and safe operation that is respectful of civil liberties and maximize the safety of citizens ([see guidance](#)).

NASA Safety, Security and Mission Support (SSMS). The Subcommittee will accept CDS for NASA SSMS. Projects should focus on science education, research, and technology development related to NASA's mission. Medical research projects, Space Grant projects (which require a funding match), and projects at NASA-owned Visitor Centers are discouraged. This account does not fund construction but could be used for equipment, research funding, or education programs.

NIST Construction of Research Facilities. The Subcommittee will accept CDS for NIST Construction projects for non-Federal research facilities at research institutions and colleges and universities. However, given the significant investments necessary for construction projects, only a very limited number of projects will be able to be supported on an annual basis.