

**Guidance for FY26 is currently not available, but you can find guidance from FY25 below.**  
**Please note that this is subject to change.**

The Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies accepted FY25 CDS requests for the following accounts. Please be sure to read all the program requirements and guidance below very carefully before selecting an account.

**NIST STRS, External Projects**

- Projects should address scientific, technological, and standards-related research and technology development, limited to equipment, initial salaries, and limited contracting.
- There must be a clear, demonstrable nexus to the research component of the project and to a NIST research program.
- Construction projects are not eligible – NIST allows minor alterations in terms of “retrofits,” based on how the agency utilizes STRS internally, including electrical and/or HVAC upgrades, and other minor modifications (e.g., expanding a door or putting up a partition wall). Anything that could be considered new construction (e.g., pouring a foundation or erecting walls or a roof) is not allowable.

**NIST Construction of Research Facilities, Extramural Construction**

- The Subcommittee will accept CDS requests for NIST Extramural Construction projects for non-Federal research facilities, including for projects 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 supported on an annual basis.

**NOAA ORF, Special Projects**

- Projects should address fisheries, marine mammals, ocean, coastal issues, climate, weather, atmospheric research, data acquisition, and forecasting programs.
- Construction projects are not eligible.

**DOJ Byrne Discretionary**

- Projects should provide additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice systems.
- CDS requests funded in a final bill will be subject to the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and the DOJ Grants Financial Guide: <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedoj/>
- **Applicants are highly encouraged to review this guide before submitting a request.**
- 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 and Equipment**

- The Subcommittee will accept CDS requests for COPS Law Enforcement Technology and Equipment 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.
- CDS requests funded in a final bill will be subject to the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#), and the applicable Award Owner's Manual.
- **Applicants are highly encouraged to review this guide before submitting a request.**
- 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 that 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: <https://cops.usdoj.gov/RIC/Publications/cops-w0822-pub.pdf>

### **NASA Safety, Security and Mission Support (SSMS)**

- Projects should focus on science education, research, and technology development related to NASA's mission.
- Medical research projects and projects at NASA-owned Visitor Centers or a State's designated Space Grant Consortium will not be funded.
- This account cannot fund construction but may be used for equipment, research funding, or education programs.