

Senator Kelly & Senator Gallego: FY26 Requests for Federal Appropriations

Programmatic & Congressionally Directed Spending Requests

Overview:

The offices of Senators Kelly and Gallego are accepting requests from Arizona stakeholders for items to be included in the fiscal year 2026 appropriations bills. These include requests for a specific funding level or directive language for an existing federal program or agency (called **programmatic requests**) or requests for funding for a specific project or activity within the state of Arizona (called **Congressionally Directed Spending requests**).

- To submit requests, visit: kelly.senate.gov/fy26 or gallego.senate.gov/FY26
- **Deadline: Programmatic and Congressionally Directed Spending requests are due on April 25, 2025, at 11:59pm Mountain Standard Time.**

Programmatic Requests:

Overview:

Programmatic appropriations requests can include requests to increase or decrease federal funding for federal agencies or programs, or requests that the government funding bills, or their adjoining committee reports, include language to direct federal agencies or programs to take certain actions.

- **Funding Requests:** Arizona stakeholders may request to increase or decrease federal funding for federal agencies or initiatives.
- **Language Requests:** Our office is accepting requests to include (or exclude) language in the appropriations bills or committee reports which would direct a federal agency or program to take a certain action.

Requests for Congressionally Directed Spending:

Arizona entities may request federal appropriations for projects or programs within Arizona. Requests for Congressionally Directed Spending are governed by strict rules and are subject to disclosure and oversight requirements.

Requirements:

In accordance with the rules of the U.S. Senate and recent guidance issued by the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the offices of Senators Kelly and Gallego will only consider congressionally directed spending requests that meet the following criteria:

- All funds requested must exclusively benefit entities within the state of Arizona.

- No requests for projects in which Senator Kelly or Senator Gallego or their families have a financial interest will be considered.
- Requests for assistance for for-profit entities will not be considered.
- All entities requesting congressionally directed spending must acknowledge that any information provided in the application could be publicly disclosed.
- All entities must identify which eligible federal program through which they would like to have their project funded. A list of eligible programs can be found [HERE](#).
- Priority will be given to:
 - "Shovel-ready" projects
 - Projects that are sponsored or supported by units of local government.
 - Projects that can be fully funded through a combination of congressionally directed spending and state/local/private funds.

New for FY26: *Senators Kelly and Gallego will not accept project requests in which a nonprofit is the applicant, except for health care providers under LHHS accounts.*

Nonprofits wishing to participate in the FY26 CDS process are very strongly encouraged to partner with a public entity such as a local government as the project sponsor.

Please note: Any project which is funded through Congressionally Directed Spending will be administered by the appropriate federal agency as a federal grant program. All projects which receive funding will be required to comply with ALL federal construction, environmental review, and historic preservation requirements. Requests may be audited by the Government Accountability Office.

Applicants are encouraged to review which types of projects were funded in the [2023](#) and [2024](#) appropriations bills.

How to submit a request?

To submit a request visit:

[Kelly.senate.gov/fy26](https://kelly.senate.gov/fy26) or gallego.senate.gov/FY26

Please note that there are separate forms for Congressionally Directed Spending and Programmatic requests. Requests submitted to the wrong form may not be considered.

Questions? Please email appropriations@kelly.senate.gov or appropriations@gallego.senate.gov.