

# Congressionally Designated Spending

CDS is a program run through the offices of Senator Murphy and Senator Blumenthal to provide 'ear-marked' funds for specific projects. Grants are reviewed by the Senator's office and submitted to the Appropriations Committee under Senate Rule XIV. It generally takes a year or more for a funding request to be awarded, and then is reviewed by the relevant federal agency before funding is released.

Note that Wilton received a \$983,000 grant in FYE 2022 for a public safety system upgrade so the town is already familiar with the process

Multiple Departments and agencies direct or are involved in these grants. These may be of interest to Wilton

## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Provides Funding in support of small businesses, including entrepreneur training, counseling, research, construction of facilities, etc.

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION- INNOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT – FUND FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION

Supports programs that fund early, elementary, and secondary school projects including instructional services curricula development, teacher training acquisition of books and computers, arts education, social and emotional learning activities. Also funds to provide and improve special education services. School districts are eligible for these grants.

## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND WITHIN THE 'ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES.'

Primarily supports projects that address affordable housing, and economic development, such as Blight Removal/Remediation, construction of affordable housing, and improvements to public facilities.

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING – AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES PROGRAMS

Supports programs that improve the ability of older adults and persons with other disabilities to live independently by improving access to education, training, support services, etc.

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Provides for preservation of historical and archeological sites. Sites must be on the National Register of Historic Places or a National Historic Landmark (Weir Farm?)

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION

Provides funds for projects focused on meeting the employment and training needs of workers

## AGRICULTURAL, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED AGENCIES:

Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations. This account funds projects that prevent erosion, floodwater, and sediment damage in certain rivers or watersheds. Funds for this may not be available because at least 20% of the project's benefits must be directly related to agriculture

Rural Development, Community Facilities grants funds projects for purchase, construction, or improvement of rural development facilities (healthcare, public safety, community support services, etc.). Wilton squeaks into the 'rural 'category but funding would be limited to 35% of any project because of its population. Funds may not be used for recreational facilities.

## ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

May provide funding to construction, and rehabilitation of projects involving flood and storm damage reduction. However, funds are limited and very few 'new projects' are funded.