

LEAN Energy Webinar

Community Project Funding (Earmarks): How to Bring Federal Dollars to Your CCA Project



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How CCA Can Tap into Earmarks to Advance Local Clean Energy Initiatives

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Earmarks – Grants -- Coalitions



AGENDA: FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS OVERVIEW

01

- The Funding Trifecta:
- 3 Types of Requests

02

- Building a Winning Request:
- Practical Strategies for Congressional Support

03

- The Approps Roadmap:
- Calendar & Process

04

- FY27: Here & Now

05

- What's on the Horizon
- FY27 and Beyond

06

- Your Questions, Answered

THREE TYPES OF APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

Programmatic
Funding

Bill/Report Language

Community Project
Funding (CPF) &
Congressional
Directed Spending
(CDS) -- Earmarks

NUTS & BOLTS OF EARMARK REQUESTS

PART 1: BEFORE YOU APPLY



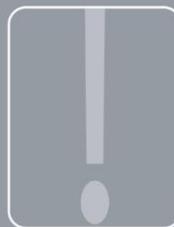
Confirm Eligibility &
Qualifying Projects



Find your
Champion(s)



Know Your
Member's Rules



Choose Project
Carefully

NUTS & BOLTS OF EARMARK REQUESTS

PART 2: SUBMISSION TO APPROVAL

1

Submit via Member's Portal

2

Stay Engaged

3

Stay Informed

4

If Selected,
Advocate Vigorously

5

If Enacted - Follow
Through

6

Implement Project

BUILDING CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT: KEY TAKEAWAYS



A COMPELLING
PROJECT



THE RIGHT
MEMBER
RELATIONSHIP



PROOF OF
COMMUNITY
SUPPORT

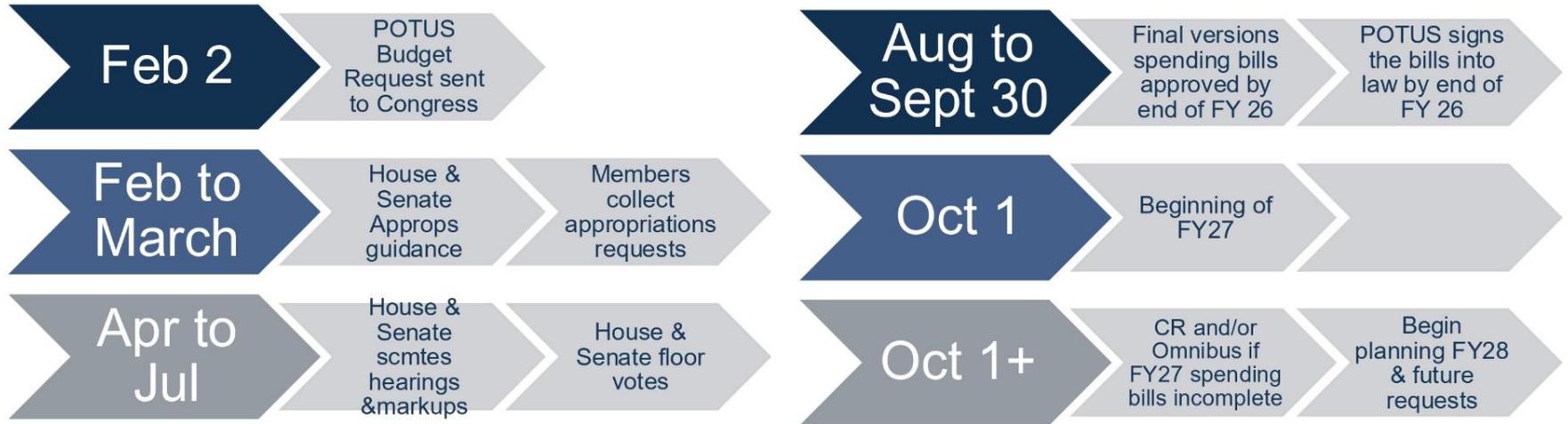


NON-FEDERAL
MATCH FOR SOME
PROJECTS



PERFECT
PAPERWORK

THE APPROPRIATIONS ROADMAP: CALENDAR & PROCESS (*)



FY 2027: WHERE WE STAND TODAY



President's FY27
Budget Request is late



Some House Members'
portals already closed



House Approps issued
guidance for funding
requests



Senate Approps will issue
guidance after POTUS
Budget Request received



House Approps
process underway



Some Senators opened
their portals early

WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON: THE ROAD AHEAD—WHAT TO WATCH FOR

1

FY 2026 Still
isn't Over

3

CPF/CDS
Competition is
Tight

2

Impoundment
Risk

4

Bipartisan Wins
are Still Possible

The background of the slide features a series of high-voltage power line towers and their associated cables, silhouetted against a dramatic sunset sky. The sun is positioned centrally behind the towers, creating a bright glow and casting long, dark shadows. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the horizon to a lighter, hazy yellow and white at the top. The power lines stretch across the frame, creating a sense of depth and perspective.

QUESTIONS?

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