



# Sens. Sinema & Kelly FY25 Congressionally Directed Spending Request Checklist

(Ambulance Equipment )

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*\* indicates a required field.*

## Section 1. Applicant Information

Please provide information about the entity requesting the funding.

### 1. Requestor Name \*

Name of the entity requesting Congressionally Directed Spending (i.e. City of Phoenix)

Northwest Fire District

### 2. Name of Project/Proposal

This should match the name that you include in the FY25 Congressionally Directed Spending Appropriations Request Form (Microsoft Form).

Northwest Fire District EMS Ambulance Equipment

# ✔ Questionnaire Submitted!

## INSTRUCTIONS

This short questionnaire will allow us to match your request's supporting documents with your Microsoft Form submission.

If you have any questions or issues, please email [appropriations@kelly.senate.gov](mailto:appropriations@kelly.senate.gov) or [appropriations@sinema.senate.gov](mailto:appropriations@sinema.senate.gov).

**Please DO NOT use this form to submit programmatic requests.**

You submitted your questionnaire on 03/22/2024. If you have questions or need to change information in your questionnaire, you must contact Senator Kelly's office.

 [Print Questionnaire](#)

# ✔ Checklist Completed!

## INSTRUCTIONS

This year, our offices are collecting congressionally directed spending request details via Microsoft Form. This website/ application portal, Office Application Manager (OAM), will be used to upload supporting documents (required or supplemental) for requests and will direct you to the Microsoft Form.


**Applicants should ensure that all necessary components of their request are completed before the deadline.**

## ✔ Complete CDS Request Form via Microsoft Form


Complete 03/25/2024 ⓘ Complete when verified by the office.

Please fill out the CDS Request Form via Microsoft Form: <https://forms.office.com/g/6SVzLYNYHn> 

This request form is a joint request form for Senator Sinema and Senator Kelly's offices. This form must be completed along with completing the checklist in the Office Application Manager (OAM) for your congressionally directed spending request to be considered.

Please keep in mind that you cannot save your answers to the Microsoft Form and come back to it later. Be prepared to submit the Microsoft Form in one sitting. Here is a document that provides a preview of the Microsoft Form, so you know what to expect before filling out the form: [Microsoft Form Preview - CDS](#) 

**Please Note:** The OAM and Microsoft Form platforms do not communicate with each other. Our offices must go in on the back end to confirm receipt of your Microsoft Form and mark this item as complete. Please allow for 72 hours after your Microsoft Form submission to see confirmation of receipt.

 Office Comment

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## ✔ Detailed Budget or Planning Document

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Please share a detailed budget or planning document which justifies your funding request. This must include documentation which shows:

- That the project is fully planned and "shovel ready"
- The total cost of the project
- Whether the intended recipient is able to provide local funding to meet the "cost-match" requirements.

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Letter of Support (Optional)

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Letters of support are highly suggested for all CDS projects. Please either include the letter with your initial application, or send letters after your submission to [appropriations@kelly.senate.gov](mailto:appropriations@kelly.senate.gov) **AND** [appropriations@sinema.senate.gov](mailto:appropriations@sinema.senate.gov).

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Additional Documentation (Optional)

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Please attach any additional documentation which supports the project.

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Required for Military Construction Projects (Optional)

Please upload your DD1391.


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.pdf, .doc, .docx, .jpg, .jpeg, .gif, or .png only

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Required for Transportation Projects (Accounts: THUD - HIP) (Optional)

Please attach a copy of your completed ADOT Cost Estimate Tool. You can find the tool here: <https://azdot.gov/business/programs-and-partnerships/local-public-agency/project-initiation>.

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## **FY25 Congressionally Directed Spending Appropriations Request Form Information Provided**

**Project Name:** Northwest Fire District EMS Ambulance Equipment

**Project Purpose:** This project will fund Emergency Medical Services (EMS) equipment for two Northwest Fire District ambulances to ensure timely lifesaving response and EMS transport within the Town of Marana and unincorporated Pima County.

**Project Detail: (250-word limit)**

Due to increased demand, Northwest Fire District (NWFD) must place two new ambulances into service to provide Emergency Medical Services to the community served and to remain compliant with the requirements outlined in their Certificate of Necessity (CON) for ambulance transport issued by the State of Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS). Two new ambulances will arrive in the spring of 2025, requiring substantial EMS equipment before being placed into service.

Call volume has increased by over seven percent in the last three years, and all indicators suggest this trend will continue. Call volume has increased, and since 2021, the wall time (EMS staff waiting in the Emergency Department to transfer a patient) has increased significantly, often two to three hours. The District's CON requires an EMS response within 10 minutes or less to 90% of calls received. NWFD's jurisdictional boundaries encompass over 156 square miles, which creates geographical challenges. With increased calls and wall time, the CON requirements are becoming increasingly difficult to fulfill. AZDHS can revoke the CON if the District cannot satisfy the requirements and the community would suffer; there are areas where NWFD is the sole EMS transport provider. We request \$337,495 in funds to purchase the necessary EMS equipment to equip the two new ambulances. AZDHS stipulates that fire districts can't fund an ambulance service from property tax revenues. Without appropriation funding, NWFD cannot purchase the necessary equipment until sufficient ambulance revenue can be generated.

**Congressionally Directed Spending Funding Request:** \$337,495

**Total Project Cost:** \$966,812

**Local Match/Existing Resources:**

Northwest Fire District has ordered two ambulances that will be delivered in the spring of 2025, at a total cost of \$590,083. The District will also purchase the necessary non-capital EMS equipment required to place the ambulances into service for a total cost of \$39,234. With the purchase of the ambulances and non-capital EMS equipment, Northwest Fire District will contribute \$629,317 of ambulance funds towards the total project cost of \$966,812.

**List of Entities or Organizations Partnering in or Supporting the Project:**

***(A good request includes support by local, state, and tribal governments)***

Pima County

Town of Marana

Pascua Yaqui Tribe – Pascua Pueblo Fire Department

**Please provide any additional details you believe our offices needs to know to consider this project.**

**Northwest Fire District – Additional Information**

Northwest Fire District (NWFD) is an internationally accredited, ISO Class 1, career department with 225 full-time firefighters operating out of eleven stations. In 2023, NWFD reported 18,938 responses, 73% of which were EMS/Rescue-related. It provides an “all hazards” range of emergency services including wildland fire and Advanced Life Support (ALS) medical transport services. It also provides public fire safety education, code enforcement, plans review and fire investigation services to the community. The NWFD participates in the Pima County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and has auto-aid agreements with the Golder Ranch Fire District and the City of Tucson. It has mutual aid agreements with four neighboring Fire Districts and participates in the Arizona Statewide Mutual Aid Compact. The NWFD serves a socio-economic community with 9% of people living below the poverty level. A portion of the District lies within a federally identified opportunity zone.

Northwest Fire District provides service to the town of Marana and unincorporated Pima County. Marana is the fifth fastest-growing city in Arizona. World Population Review reports, “Marana is currently growing at a rate of 2.25% annually and its population has increased by 11.27% since the most recent census”. They also report an estimated .82% growth rate for Pima County. In 2023, a total of 1,400 single-family residential units were added to the District. With the current and anticipated growth trend, the District estimates the need for at least two fire stations within the next 2-3 years to provide the necessary level of protection for our community. Currently, Northwest Fire District operates six ALS ambulances within its jurisdictional boundaries and transports patients to emergency room facilities within Pima County, including but not limited to Northwest Hospital, Oro Valley Hospital, Banner University Medical Center, Southern Arizona Veterans Hospital, St. Mary’s Hospital,

Tucson Medical Center, Northwest Emergency Care in Marana, Carondelet Marana Hospital, and St. Joseph's Hospital. The District's jurisdictional boundaries encompass 156 square miles, and many of the emergency room facilities are located outside of those boundaries. Complete data for 2023 is not available (December has not been finalized), but the projected "wall time" (based on actual transports and average wall times) is 91,915 minutes or 1,532 hours that an ALS ambulance is waiting at an emergency room facility to transfer a patient and is unable to respond to other EMS calls within the District. In certain areas of the District, NWFD is the sole EMS transport provider.