



The Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee has decided to accept earmark requests and released (via the Senate's internal website) bipartisan guidance as to how requests can be made. Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-VT) [announced this publicly on his](#)

- - Consider the cost and effort to advocate for the funding request versus the amount of funding that may be received. In addition, each earmark is a one-time fund with a built-in funding cliff. Finally, consider whether the amount of funding allows demonstration of impact.
- - Generally, earmarks favor proximity to power. Engaging in efforts to secure earmarks may also run counter to the collective advocacy ethos and capacity of many organizations or networks working in coalition. However, some argue that earmarks give opportunity to those without capacity for grant writing.
  
- - This is the first earmark effort in 10 years under new rules, so we do not know what types of projects will be funded. To date, the [Labor-HHS-Education guidance](#) lays out which accounts are eligible for earmarks requests under its agencies. Community Project Funding guidance for other agencies can be accessed [here](#). The Senate Labor-