



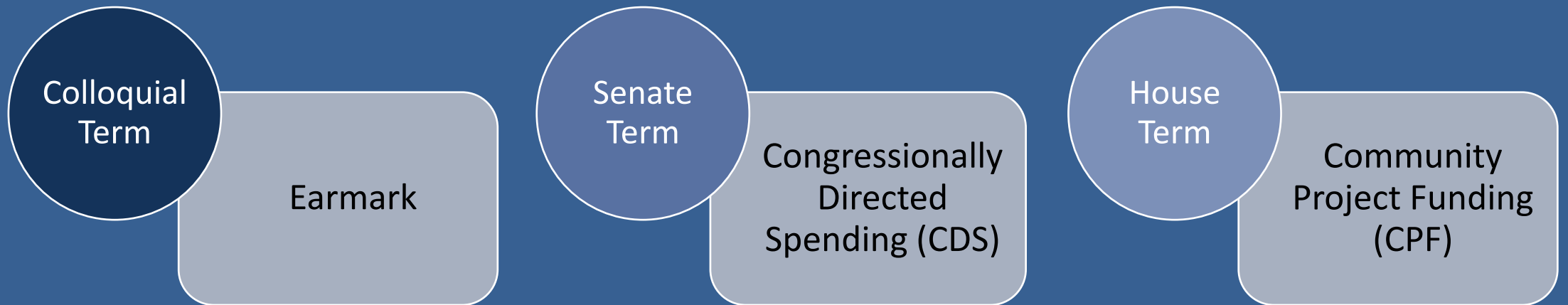
FY26 Earmark Informational Webinar

Offices of Senator Chris Van Hollen
and Senator Angela Alsobrooks

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What is an Earmark?

- One-time grant funding for local community projects
- Only nonprofit entities and units of local government are eligible
- Funding comes from existing federal grant program authorities



Senate

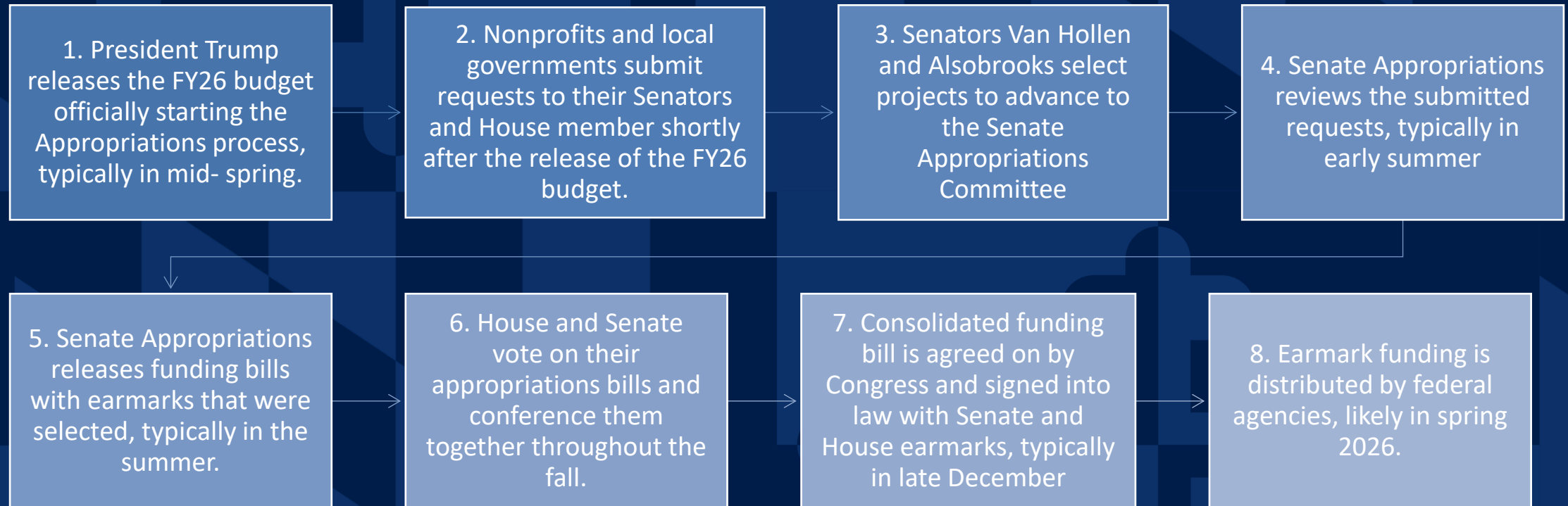
- No limit on number of requests per office
- Some accounts differ from House
- 2 Letters of support required by our offices

House

- 15 requests per office
- Some accounts differ from Senate
- Two letters of support required for each request by committee

Note that deadlines may be different for House and Senate

FY26 Senate Earmark Consideration Timeline



Earmark Project Categories – Nonprofits

Community Infrastructure

HUD Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

USDA Rural Development Community Facilities

National Park Services Save America's Treasures (SAT)

Department of Energy, Energy Projects

Transportation

Department of Transportation Highway Infrastructure Program

Criminal Justice

Department of Justice Byrne JAG Discretionary Projects

DOJ COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Health Care Services and Facilities

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Health Facilities Construction and Equipment

HRSA Rural Health

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Mental Health

SAMHSA Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention

Earmark Project Categories – Nonprofits

Seniors and Children

Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Child Abuse Prevention

ACF Social Services Research and Demonstration

Small Business and Workforce Development

Small Business Administration (SBA)

Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration, Workforce Development

Education and Research

Department of Education Fund for the Improvement of Education

ED Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE)

NOAA Operations, Research and Facilities (ORF) Special Projects

NIST Scientific and Technical Research and Services (STRS)

NIST Construction of Research Facilities, Extramural Construction

NASA Safety, Security and Mission Support (SSMS)

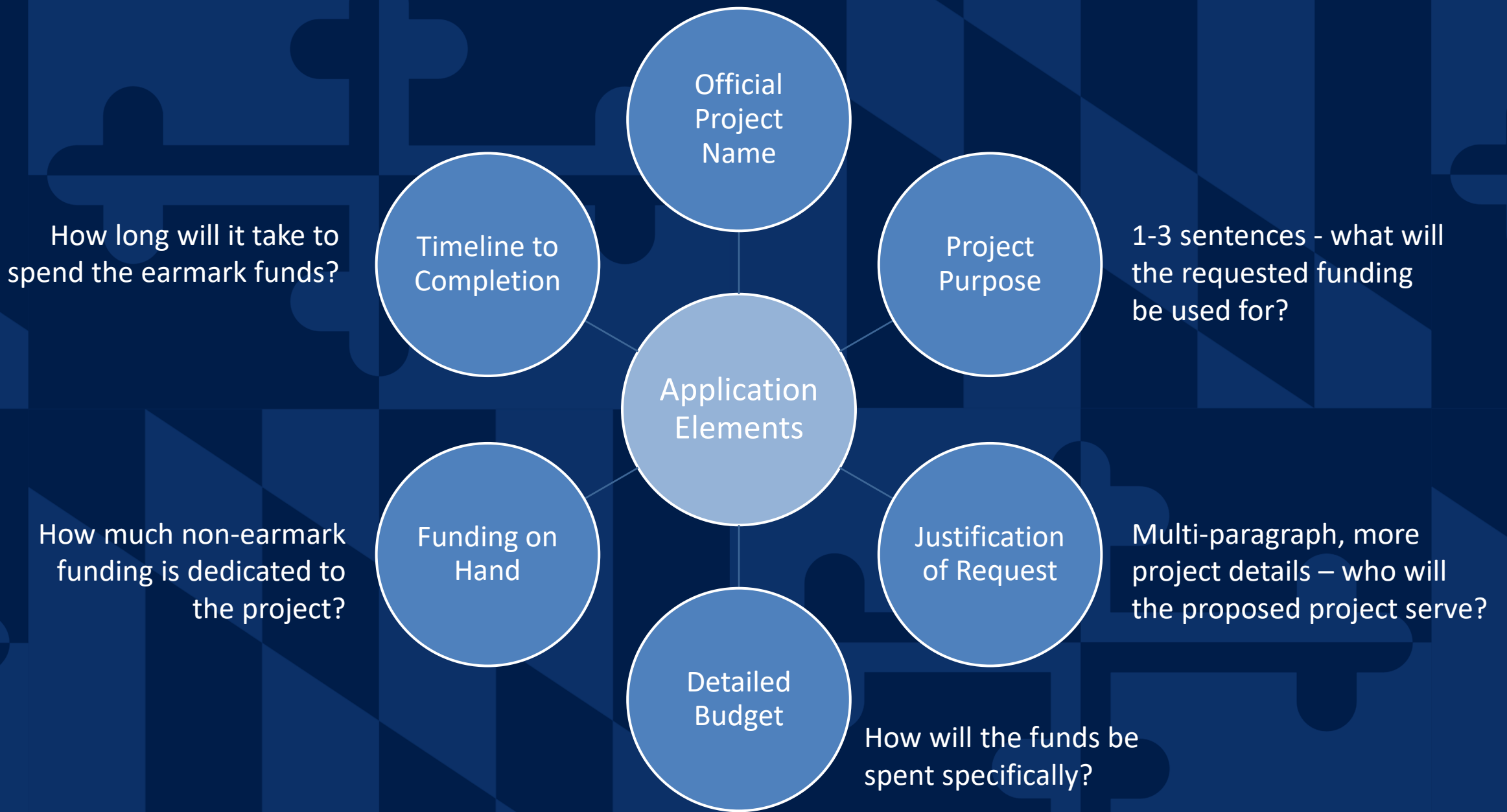
Previously funded projects can be found at:

Senator Van Hollen's Website

- [FY 2022](#)
- [FY 2023](#)
- [FY 2024](#)
- FY 2025 (will be updated once passed)

Senate Appropriations Committee Website

- [ALL FUNDED PROJECTS, FY22 – FY24](#)
- [PENDING PROJECTS, FY25 \(Senate Only\)](#)



Tips for a Strong Application

Reach out to both your Senate and House Delegation members to maximize our ability to support you

If seeking letters of support from state legislators, start early to avoid the height of the General Assembly session

Explain clearly how your project advances equity and addresses unmet community needs

If requesting multiple projects, provide a ranked priority list

Communicate with delegation staff throughout process, including project idea development

Include any information on the scalability of your project, especially for large requests

If relevant, consider inviting field staff to visit your project to learn more about your needs

Explain how your project will become self-sustaining without the need for further earmark funding

Sample Project & Application:

Request Information

Name of Proposal: Fort Avenue Community Center and Food Pantry

Specific Location in Maryland: 12345 Fort Ave in the Shaw Neighborhood of Baltimore City, Maryland 21215

County/Counties Where Project Is Located: Baltimore City

Congressionally Directed Spending Request: \$1,500,000

Total Cost of the Project: \$5,000,000

Relevant Appropriations Bill: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD)

Specific Account: THUD, Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Applicants will complete ONE application through the joint Van Hollen/Alsobrooks portal

Sample Project & Application:

Project Purpose

Funds will support construction of a facility in the Shaw neighborhood in Baltimore City with a commercial kitchen and food pantry, afterschool tutoring, and job training to serve local families. The Shaw Community has experienced major disinvestment, which is part of the reason for the family poverty and lack of growth.

Justification of Request

This funding would enable construction of a larger food pantry facility to distribute healthy food to residents of Shaw without adding to their household budgets. The median household income in this area is \$34,041, compared to the City median of \$52,318. The City Health Department, in a study with Johns Hopkins Public Health, determined that this neighborhood was one of the poorest in the City and considered to be a Healthy Food Priority Area for increasing access to healthy foods. The funds being requested are needed to subsidize the costs of constructing a state-of-the-art food pantry and community center that will support the overall transformation of this community.

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Questions?

These presentation slides and the earmark guide packet will be available on both senators' websites:

www.vanhollen.senate.gov
www.alsobrooks.senate.gov

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