

# United States Senate

May 8, 2024

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins  
Vice Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Martin Heinrich  
Chair  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Agriculture, Rural Development  
Food and Drug Administration,  
and Related Agencies  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Hoeven  
Ranking Member  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Agriculture, Rural Development,  
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and Related Agencies  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Murray, Vice Chair Collins, Chair Heinrich, and Ranking Member Hoeven,

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the Fiscal Year 2025 Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. None of the entities for which I have requested congressionally directed spending are for-profit entities.

Sincerely,



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Tina Smith  
United States Senator

**Smith, Tina(D-MN) Agriculture  
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

<b>Recipient Name</b>	<b>Project Purpose</b>	<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Amount Requested (\$000)</b>
City of Albert Lea	This is a mixture or remodeling, securing, updating and improving the Albert Lea City Center to expand library space serving as a community center and town hall.	Albert Lea MN	\$1,300
Alexandria Area YMCA	This project aims to meet the need in Douglas County, MN for additional childcare and early childhood education opportunities, improved well-being for older adults, and social support for youth and teens.	Alexandria MN	\$2,556
Mewinzha Ondaadiziikw Wiigaming	Mewinzha Ondaadiziike Wiigaming seeks to create a culturally integrated maternal and child health clinic in Bemidji, Minnesota. This initiative aims to enhance health access for underserved American Indian people.	Bemidji MN	\$4,400
Brainerd Family YMCA	To create new early childhood care opportunities for working families in the Brainerd Lakes Area in rural Minnesota.	Brainerd MN	\$847
City of Butterfield	The City needs to update its wastewater treatment facility to meet upcoming permit requirements by the MPCA and the reconstruction of failing city streets, sanitary sewers, storm sewers and water mains that are in unsafe conditions.	Butterfield MN	\$12,400
City of Chisholm	The purpose of the project is to construct a new Chisholm public works garage in the industrial park. The current facility is aging and located in a residential neighborhood adjacent to Long Year Lake.	Chisholm MN	\$2,000
City of Clarks Grove	Treatment plant for our drinking water.	Clarks Grove MN	\$5,900
City of Clarks Grove	Replace two old, dilapidated sewer lift stations.	Clarks Grove MN	\$3,800
Cloquet Area Fire District	An aging and undersized facility will be replaced with a new building incorporating ambulance, fire, and rescue response, along with the Cloquet Area Fire District's administration.	Cloquet MN	\$2,000
City of Cold Spring	The City's current Fire Hall Facility is in need of significant renovations, modifications and additions to safely accommodate service vehicles, equipment and Fire/Rescue staff. A new fire station is a more cost-effective solution to provide appropriate space.	Cold Spring MN	\$2,000
Cook Hospital/Cook-Orr Health Care District	Replacement of our original 1959 steam boilers and steam related components with hot water boilers that operate at higher efficiencies.	Cook MN	\$3,360
Ag Innovation Campus	The Ag Innovation Campus in Crookston is a multifaceted oilseed crush and research facility. Phase 1 is fully operational, crushing soybeans for feed uses. Additional phases include an office complex, research labs and an incubator for projects ready for commercialization.	Crookston MN	\$2,000
City of Crosslake	The National Loon Center is constructing a 15,000 sq/ft world-class, family-friendly facility that will uplift environmental conservation, local economy, and community placemaking with educational exhibits, scientific research, and conservation programming on a 10-acre natural campus in Crosslake.	Crosslake MN	\$1,700
City of Dassel, Minnesota	The design and construction of a new regional fire facility to serve the City of Dassel and surrounding area.	Dassel MN	\$4,125

City of Edgerton	The plan is to renovate multiple existing homes and customize the homes to be built for in-home daycare (PODS). The ideal situation will be to turn each home into two "PODS".	Edgerton MN	\$500
Ely Area Community Foundation	To create an innovative community hub for individuals of all ages in Ely and the surrounding area to provide healthy living services for all while meeting unmet needs of the community in partnership with a variety of nonprofits.	Ely MN	\$600
Martin County, MN	To construct a 75,700 square foot facility to house county sheriff and city police, law enforcement operations, including county attorney's office, courtroom, court related services, victim witness, a behavioral health unit, and 50-bed jail.	Fairmont MN	\$3,500
Fairmont Opera House, Inc.	The Fairmont Opera House Preservation and Rehabilitation Project aims to preserve and enhance MN's Oldest Continuously Operating Theater, ensuring its structural integrity and enabling continued artistic expression and community engagement for future generations.	Fairmont MN	\$3,134
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	To provide a safe, modern, efficient and environmentally responsible composting, recycling and waste transfer station on the Fond du Lac Reservation.	Fond du Lac Reservation – Cloquet District MN	\$5,733
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	To provide a new Public Works Building with the intentions of creating space for both administrative and maintenance offices and storage for the economic growth on the Fond du Lac Reservation. While also benefiting the community through faster responses times.	Fond du Lac Reservation – Cloquet District MN	\$8,000
County of Cook, MN	Cook County requests funding to construct a transfer station facility that meets the current and future demands of solid waste processing. The facility will reduce or eliminate pollutants becoming airborne or leaching into groundwater, and significantly reduce fossil fuels usage.	Grand Marais MN	\$3,000
City of Grand Meadow	The City of Grand Meadow intends to replace its current Public Works facility, which was built over 50 years ago and is in poor condition and inadequate for current needs.	Grand Meadow MN	\$356
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	The Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa is seeking funds to design and build an Emergency Services Garage that is large enough to accommodate fire trucks, ambulances and other required equipment to provide lifesaving services the area.	Grand Portage Tribal Lands MN	\$1,875
Grand Itasca Clinic & Hospital	Grand Itasca Clinic & Hospital (GICH) seeks funding to renovate and expand its OB/GYN department to accommodate the region's increased demand for women's health services. This expansion would enable our physicians to manage over 10,000 annual clinic appointments.	Grand Rapids MN	\$405
KOOTASCA Community Action	The purpose of this project is to renovate and modernize KOOTASCA Community Action's Early Childhood Hub to expand childcare services and provide social and workforce support with the aim of community empowerment through collaboration, education, and inclusive programming.	Grand Rapids MN	\$1,500
City of Harris	Extend the water main across CSAH 30 and BNSF-owned railroad tracks at two locations to improve system reliability and redundancy. Install shut-off valves to enable shutting down sections of the water main for repairs, rather than shutting down entire system.	Harris MN	\$1,828

City of Hendrum	This project will provide Hendrum's 290 residents and rapidly growing economy with safe, reliable, and sustainable drinking water. By connecting to a new regional water supply, the City will cost-effectively address numerous challenges posed by its current water system.	Hendrum MN	\$4,000
Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency	Funding is sought to build a new facility in Hibbing, consolidating Housing, Senior, and Nutrition Services Programs to establish a regional hub. This request focuses on constructing an on-site kitchen.	Hibbing MN	\$724
Independent School District 701	Update and remodel of our Historic High School to better serve students, staff and visitors for decades to come.	Hibbing MN	\$1,000
Independent School District 701	Re roof of an old, leaking roof section at our Lincoln Elementary School	Hibbing MN	\$300
Independent School District 701	Indoor Air Quality upgrade to our Historic Hibbing High School in the 1991 addition end of the building.	Hibbing MN	\$1,000
City of Hitterdal	Construction of a combination firehall and public works building to replace an old, outdated firehall and old, outdated public works building.	Hitterdal MN	\$1,500
International Owl Center	The purpose of this project is to construct a facility that meets the needs of the International Owl Center visitors, live owls and staff and consolidate most operations into a single location.	Houston MN	\$2,000
Dream of Wild Health	To build a processing facility to improve access to infrastructure for middle-of-the-food-supply-chain activities for Native American producers. The facility will support aggregating, processing, storing, manufacturing, and transporting. This project will support the entire local food ecosystem.	Hugo MN	\$2,625
City of Kandiyohi	This project will replace Kandiyohi's deteriorating drinking water and sanitary sewer infrastructure, much of which is more than 60 years old. The project will specifically provide a new water tower and approximately 5,000 feet of new watermain and sewer main.	Kandiyohi MN	\$7,000
City of Lewisville	The City of Lewisville is in desperate need of new city-wide sewer and water system including road reconstruction due to the age and condition of these facilities. The City conducted an analysis of these facilities and determine they are in extremely poor condition and need to be replaced ASAP	Lewisville MN	\$7,000
Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District	Purpose of the Project is to remove the City from the 100 year Flood Plain determined by FEMA. This fund will cover the part of the construction cost of the final phase of the project.	Marshall county MN	\$2,000
The Calvary Group d/b/a Project Sweetie Pie	Project Sweetie Pie is seeking to expand their community gardens operations to include year-round aquaponics production of fresh produce.	Minneapolis MN	\$350
University of Minnesota	Requested funds are for research on novel and safe nanotechnology-based plant protection strategies to combat plant pathogens and pests, including viruses, bacteria, fungi, and nematodes.	Minneapolis/St. Paul MN	\$600
City of New Prague	The primary purpose of this project will be to give the New Prague law enforcement officers a modernized structure that has the space and functional capabilities that are needed in today's law enforcement field.	New Prague MN	\$2,500
City of Halstad	Consumer Gas project will be a long-term, low maintenance, sustainable regional approach to heating supply needs. Federal funds will be utilized for the local economy to own and govern for the consumer.	Norman and Polk Counties MN	\$9,250

Oslo Region Joint Powers Board	This project includes replacing 2 bridges at Oslo, MN and other earthworks in order to reduce the frequency and intensity of flooding that inundates highways, railroads, farmland and the City of Oslo. For an 8-minute video summary of the project, please see <a href="http://fixtheflood.org">fixtheflood.org</a>	Oslo MN	\$29,429
Ottertail Family & Recreation Center	Funds will be used to construct a 6,900 sq ft center that will encompass 4 family child care pods, multi-purpose community space, and will be located in Ottertail, Minnesota.	Ottertail County MN	\$2,997
City of Plummer	This project will provide the City of Plummer with a reliable, resilient, and cost-effective sanitary sewer system. The project will reduce the likelihood of sanitary breaks and backups, thereby protecting the health of environmental resources and local residents.	Plummer MN	\$2,580
Fairview Health Services	Northland Medical Center requests funding to replace our 30-year-old roof, update our birthplace, build out an existing space to provide cancer infusion care, and upgrade another space to create a mental health clinic for our new outpatient adolescent mental health program.	Princeton MN	\$3,000
City of Red Lake Falls	City Hall with community center.	Red Lake Falls MN	\$1,875
Red Lake Band of Chippewa-Oshkiimaajitahdah	The Emergency Management Building will enhance disaster preparedness for the Red Lake Nation by providing a central hub for emergency response, resource distribution, and community resilience against natural disasters like straight-line winds, flooding and tornadoes.	Red Lake Indian Reservation MN	\$3,500
City of Red Wing	The project is the design and construction of a Public Safety Facility for the City of Red Wing's Police Department. Space constraints, economic and operational efficiency issues has forced the termination of our lease at the County Law Enforcement Center, with Goodhue County in 2026.	Red Wing MN	\$7,000
City of Roseau	Roseau Wellness Center - The City of Roseau identified a strong need for a public facility that would provide the community with year-round health, wellness, social and recreational opportunities, as no existing facilities in the community provide a year-round access to these activities.	Roseau MN	\$2,000
The Food Group MN	To increase resources and accessibility for local food production through dual use of solar farm development and agricultural farm development. A model for integrative land and agricultural management will be developed to maximize biodiversity improving soil and water quality.	Rush City MN	\$8,000
City of Spring Grove	The City of Spring Grove (pop 1,256) is seeking funding for a new community center and library, which will address community needs while contributing to the revitalization of downtown after a devastating fire in 2022.	Spring Grove MN	\$3,000
City of Spring Grove	The current fire hall, the equipment has outgrown the building. The building has limited us on the size of our equipment, which in turn, limits our response to our emergency situations.	Spring Grove MN	\$2,000
City of Sturgeon Lake	The project involves the engineering and construction of a new fire hall for the City's volunteer fire department. This will replace the City's 50+ year old fire hall that no longer meets our needs or NFPA standards for firefighter health.	Sturgeon Lake MN	\$3,000
City of Two Harbors	This project is for the removal of an unsafe, dilapidated coal dock not used since 1964.	Two Harbors MN	\$1,000

Apple Tree Learning Center	Our building is in disrepair. We have the opportunity to purchase a building from a closing provider but would like to simultaneously renovate our current building so we can operate two facilities and mitigate the loss of childcare slots in our community.	Virginia MN	\$1,474
Gundersen St. Elizabeth's Hospital	Gundersen St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Clinics is requesting \$2.5 million to support its Primary Care, Rehabilitation, and Retail Pharmacy Expansion Project. This project will address increased patient and community demand for rehabilitation care, wellness services, and chronic disease management.	Wabasha MN	\$2,500
EagleWatch Inc	Renovation and connectivity of four two-story buildings on the National Historic Register and owned by the National Eagle Center; Demolition of a fifth building will allow for a newly constructed building that will provide a new lobby for the campus, rest rooms, an elevator and exhibit space.	Wabasha MN	\$10,000
City of Waldorf	The City of Waldorf, Minnesota is in desperate need of \$7,548,000 million dollars to complete the Phase 2 - portion of our plan. We have about 1/3 to go with some streets to be completed and some desperate need for affordable housing for both families and seniors citizens.	Waldorf MN	\$3,774
West Concord Historical Society	A Conditions Assessment, funded by the Minnesota Historical Society, has identified a list of high priority repairs that need to be done to preserve our Museum and Community Center. Procuring these funds would allow us to proceed.	West Concord MN	\$800