

United States Senate

March 31, 2023

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,
Food and Drug Administration,
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 2024 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.

Sincerely,



Tina Smith
United States Senator

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

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
City of Albert Lea	City Center is a building that houses the library and many city operations including City Hall. One is converting the old fire quarters of the City Center into library space for more programming room. The other is remodeling the facility to increase security, efficiencies and wellness of staff.	Albert Lea MN	\$1,100
Alexandria Area YMCA	A shovel-ready project will be a 20,000 sq foot expansion to the existing Alexandria Area YMCA to include a senior center, community rooms, teen program center, lobby/social connection space, a commercial kitchen for congregate and offsite senior food programs, and four licensed childcare classrooms	Alexandria MN	\$3,950
City of Argyle	The Argyle Volunteer Fire Department/Rescue Squad's equipment has exceeded the space of their current Fire Hall. Funds will be used towards constructing a new fire hall.	Argyle MN	\$500
City of Callaway	The City of Callaway and Callaway Volunteer Fire Department are requesting funds to assist with building a new fire hall.	Becker County MN	\$1,100
Belgrade Township	Replacement of our equipment that is used daily to maintain our Town Roads.	Belgrade Township MN	\$600
Northwoods Battered Women's Shelter	To double the capacity for crisis shelter, victim-centered advocacy and supportive services for the victims and survivors of intimate partner violence.	Bemidji MN	\$1,500
The Wave Youth Center	The Wave Youth Center of Big Lake seeks to construct a new facility to address the growing needs of youth in the community, expand programs and mentoring, and provide necessary resources providing a facility with the right tools, technology, and space.	Big Lake MN	\$1,800
ISD #318 - Grand Rapids	This shovel-ready project being proposed is a collaboration between the city of Bigfork and the school district. The community has raised funds to combine with school district funds and other funds to add a community fitness and wellness center and other educational enhancements to the school.	Bigfork MN	\$900
Island Hub, Inc.	The Chalkboard Collective Community is a significant private-public partnership to renovate and redevelop the recently closed Bird Island Elementary School.	Bird Island MN	\$1,350
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	The requested funds would be utilized to plan, complete environmental reviews, clear and grub for multi-use trails and trailhead development, create an off-road parking area and install a vault toilet for the proposed Brookston Parks and Recreational Area.	Brookston District of the Fond du Lac Reservation near Brookston, MN MN	\$150
City of Carlos	To construct a new fire hall to better house all fire trucks and equipment in one building.	Carlos MN	\$3,000
Carver County Minnesota	Constructing fiber to upwards of 2200 rural locations in Carver County. Funding goes to the cost of fiber construction to the last 450 most vulnerable rural/underserved locations within Carver County by constructing the last 70 miles of rural open access fiber in various routes in 10 townships.	Carver County MN	\$2,500

City of Dassel	Constructing a new fire station and training facility is a cost-effective method to provide the Dassel Fire Department the ability to maintain high quality coverage of its service area and enhance public safety needs into the future.	City of Dassel MN	\$3,600
City of Deer River	This Center will serve a large array of needs. For seniors who need a place to gather to walk, socialize, or receive one of the services offered, families who need help with food or social services, or a place to gather and spend time with one another in a safe and open setting.	City of Deer River MN	\$8,000
Grant County Sheriff's Office	Construction of a new standalone Law Enforcement Center.	City of Elbow Lake MN	\$6,802
City of Halstad	As several Northwest Minnesota communities look at their long-term home heating needs many have questions of future costs, quality, ability to pay, and sustainability. Halstad, and their neighboring communities are exploring our options as a solution to make sure all heating needs are met.	City of Halstad MN	\$8,250
City of Madison	The project is to construct a new 72 x 124-foot fire hall. The city has identified a location along Highway 40 within City limits that is adjacent to the ambulance hall.	City of Madison MN	\$1,687
City of Owatonna	The Vine Street Pedestrian Bridge is about safety, filling a gap identified in the Parks and Trails System Master Plan.	City of Owatonna MN	\$1,500
City of Waldorf	Because of the rapid growth within the City of Mankato, Minnesota, the nearby City of Waldorf, Minnesota is in desperate need of \$5.8 million dollars to complete the Phase 2 - portion of our plan to address infrastructure needs.	City of Waldorf MN	\$2,800
Clara City	A new library building on the existing library building site.	Clara City MN	\$750
Cook Hospital/Cook-Orr Health Care District	Existing boilers were installed when the facility was built in 1959. The project would replace these original 1959 steam boilers with hot water boilers that operate at higher efficiencies than steam boilers, leading to energy savings.	Cook MN	\$1,800
Ag Innovation Campus	Will provide lab space hands-on training for plant operators, addressing the shortage of qualified professionals in the food processing industry. The AIC will work with established education systems in the region, ensuring a promising future for those with two-year degrees and plant experience.	Crookston MN	\$4,530
City of Crosslake	The NLC is building a world-class, net-zero energy facility that will create dozens of valuable permanent jobs, stimulate the local and regional economy, and position Minnesota as a national leader in loon and freshwater conservation.	Cross Lake MN	\$2,000
Ely's Historic State Theater	This project aims to address these issues by providing comfortable, accessible seating and art gallery hanging systems to display art for shows, performances, discussions, and community events.	Ely MN	\$31
Martin County	Martin County is seeking funding to assist in the construction of a new, 71,000 square foot MARTIN COUNTY REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY and JUSTICE CENTER to house co-located county sheriff and City Police, law enforcement operations, including dispatch and emergency management services.	Fairmont MN	\$2,000
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa is seeking funds for a new Public Works Building with administrative offices and a maintenance facility.	Fond du Lac Reservation – Cloquet District near Cloquet, MN MN	\$8,000

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	The Fond du Lac Band is proposing to combine and expand their solid waste and composting capabilities in a larger facility at a new site.	Fond du Lac Reservation – Cloquet District near Cloquet, MN MN	\$3,986
Grand Itasca Clinic & Hospital, part of Fairview Health Services	The funding will support adding three rooms to the Grand Itasca Clinic & Hospital ED that will be designed to house patients with varying dispositions and acuity levels.	Grand Rapids MN	\$1,400
Lil' Chomper's Child Care	Funds for this project would be used to help support our non-profit construct a facility within our rural community that is an estimated cost of \$1.8 million. Currently, Roseau County does not have a childcare center within the County.	Greenbush MN	\$1,000
Greenwood Township	Extend the NTIA funding for Broadband. The funding does not include all areas of Greenwood Township. The areas not included with the NTIA funding, for Bois Forte, Tower MN, are underserved.	Greenwood Township MN	\$800
ISD 701 Independent School District 701 Hibbing	The Hibbing Schools are preparing to have the 1991 addition of the Hibbing High School AHU system upgraded to OSHA standards.	Hibbing MN	\$1,000
ISD 701 Independent School District 701 Hibbing	An Exterior Restoration project on the Historic Hibbing High School.	Hibbing MN	\$750
ISD 701 Independent School District 701 Hibbing	This summer we are scheduled to replace the last roof section at our Lincoln Elementary School that is out of its 30 year warranty.	Hibbing MN	\$300
ISD 701 Independent School District 701 Hibbing	The Hibbing Schools are planning to replace 2 sections of roofing that are out of their 30 year warranty period.	Hibbing MN	\$500
City of Hibbin	We are asking for support to build the Hibbing Regional Public Safety Center. This facility will be occupied by the Hibbing Police, Fire, and Ambulance services.	Hibbing MN	\$2,000
Fairview Range Medical Center	Our project will enable us to continue adding behavioral health services to this region's citizens and care for the most vulnerable patients across the state.	Hibbing MN	\$1,000
Lake Crystal Area Recreation Center	The LCARC is proposing to build an approximately 2,200 sq ft expansion that will house not only an indoor children's playground, but will strategically include an adult exercise area.	Lake Crystal MN	\$1,000
Lake of the Woods County	This project will provide a new 22,000-square-foot Public Safety and Emergency Operation Center for Lake of the Woods County in Baudette, Minnesota.	Lake of The Woods County MN	\$20,000
Le Sueur County	This project would expand broadband access throughout Le Sueur County, Minnesota.	Le Sueur County MN	\$5,000
Cass Lake-Bena ISD 115	This project aims to implement needed high-impact health and safety and energy efficiency upgrades at the elementary school for the Cass Lake-Bena School District within the Leech Lake Reservation in northern Minnesota.	Leech Lake Reservation MN	\$1,066
City of Madison Lake	The City must build a new fire hall to accommodate the fire department's needs.	Madison Lake MN	\$1,700
White Earth Tribal and Community College	Congressionally directed funding will be used to construct a trades building in Mahnomem, Minnesota to house our 2-year Construction Technology AAS program that will provide a high-quality educational experience designed to prepare future professionals in electrical, heating, HVAC, and carpentry.	Mahnomen MN	\$5,833

City of Mapleton	The City of Mapleton is exploring the feasibility of spurring real estate development in the community to fulfill our facility needs regarding city offices, multifamily housing, and a childcare center.	Mapleton MN	\$700
The City of Hadley	The City of Hadley requires funding support to repair its aging and deteriorating street infrastructure.	Murray County MN	\$970
West Central Initiative	To offer a communal space where all members of Ottertail city and surrounding areas can gather in fellowship and recreation at an affordable cost while also taking care of the next generation with reliable and high-quality child care.	Ottertail MN	\$2,625
Ottertail City Government	Build a much needed Community Center so Citizens will not have to use the overcrowded small existing firehall for events.	Ottertail MN	\$5,000
Lakes Area Enrichment Center	The new center will be comprised of the 10,000 sq foot child care center which will be licensed for 100 children ages birth to school-age as well as a community early childhood hub space.	Pope County MN	\$2,500
the City of Raymond	The project will build a facility to help the City provide basic but essential services to the residents in the community, which are not available elsewhere in the area.	Raymond MN	\$1,185
City of Lamberton	The City of Lamberton, MN needs funding to build a 24-unit assisted living facility for its aging residents.	Redwood County MN	\$2,500
Southeast Minnesota Food Rescue and Redistribution	SE MN Food Rescue & Redistribution (SEMNFR) in partnership with INFUZN Foods, in Pine Island, Goodhue County will support marginalized Agricultural (AG) entrepreneurs by establishing the Rural Community Center for Entrepreneurship Leadership in Agriculture, Innovation, and Multicultures (RECLAIM).	Rochester MN	\$1,605
Great Plains Institute	The goal of this proposed project is to empower local food production and diversification of the agricultural base as part of a large-scale solar development.	Rush City MN	\$2,000
City of Spicer	The project includes constructing a new road, along with water, wastewater, and storm water utilities, to allow for new housing in Spicer.	Spicer MN	\$2,925
Independent School District 297 - Spring Grove	In partnership with the City of Spring Grove, Spring Grove Public Library, and local organizations, the Spring Grove School District is seeking funding to build the public wing of a new, school-owned community center that will fulfill crucial needs and empower the next generation of rural citizens.	Spring Grove MN	\$2,000
Spring Grove Fire Department	A new Fire Hall and a new reliable pumper truck would greatly benefit our community's safety and response as well as being another asset to our surrounding communities.	Spring Grove MN	\$2,275
Town of White	The Township would like to repair Township Road 6517 (Trigstad Road), Road 41, Road 51, and Lane 49. These roads were paved over 40 years ago and are in very poor condition with cracked, heaving, and bumpy pavement with the shoulders sluffing into the ditches causing a safety hazard for citizens.	St. Louis County MN	\$2,873
Center for Farm Financial Management, University of Minnesota	Funding for this program will provide competitive grants to expand the opportunities for producers to benefit from farm management education programs and associations.	St. Paul MN	\$2,500
City of Sturgeon Lake	Funds will be used to engineer and construct a new fire hall for the Sturgeon Lake Volunteer Fire Department.	Sturgeon Lake MN	\$5,000
City of Taconite	The City of Taconite and the Taconite Fire Department plan to construct a new municipal facility to consolidate and enhance several city services.	Taconite MN	\$450

City of Taopi	Funding is being requested to support the construction of a new City Hall and Community Center, helping our small, farming community recover from a devastating tornado with a new amenity that will serve future generations of residents.	Taopi MN	\$750
City of Medford	Building a new fire hall to house all trucks and equipment and repurpose the old fire hall for the public works building.	The City of Medford MN	\$5,000
The Discovery Place Early Learning Center	The space will be licensed for 156 children with care for three rooms each for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and one room for school aged children.	Thief River Falls MN	\$500
Lake Superior School District #381	This project would modernize schools in the Lake Superior School District based on plans developed with community input.	Two Harbors & Silver Bay MN	\$1,500
Warroad Community Development	Warroad Community Development (WCD) has developed a project that will bring together the community with stakeholder partners to provide a platform upon which a modern, cohesive community can be built.	Warroad MN	\$50
Warroad Community Childcare Center	This project brings a high-quality, sustainable, childcare option to a Northern Minnesota community that is part of a childcare desert. The center will be built adjacent to The Warroad Senior Living Center, enabling not only high-quality childcare, but also intergenerational programming.	Warroad MN	\$530
Welcome Fire Department	The Welcome community building will hold the city offices, fire dept. and a community hall for the public to use.	Welcome MN	\$7,000
North Dakota Community Foundation, FBO The Infinity Center	The Infinity Center will be multi-purpose facility to serve residents of all ages. We have thoughtfully designed this space to include a range of activities.	Wilkin County MN	\$8,750
City of Monticello	The City of Monticello's current public works facility was originally constructed in 1975. The City has experienced significant growth since 1975 and the facility is in need of repair and no longer is feasible for the Public Works Department to operate out of.	Wright County MN	\$5,000