

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 Chris Van Hollen
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee
on Financial Services and General
Government
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Bill Hagerty
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee
on Financial Services and General
Government
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Murray, Vice Chair Collins, Chairman Van Hollen, and Ranking Member Hagerty,

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 Financial Services and General Government, 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) Financial Services and General Government
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
City of Bloomington	The City of Bloomington is seeking capital improvements for a new City-led Small Business Development Center on the site of a former fire station.	Bloomington MN	\$1,000
CAPI USA	CAPI USA proposes to develop a 3-story, 16,050 sq. ft. expansion to its Immigrant Opportunity Center to create new entrepreneurship and wealth building services.	Brooklyn Center MN	\$1,000
African Career Education & Resource, Inc	The African Career, Education & Resource, (ACER) Inc is seeking funds to support the growth and support of small businesses by providing entrepreneurship training, counseling, research and assisting in acquisition of facilities. This work will be done through ACER's Innovation and Catalyst Center	Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, Crystal, New Hope, Robbinsdale MN	\$4,050
Friends of the Mississippi River	For value chain development projects that will help grow markets for 'Continuous Living Cover' (CLC) agriculture. This allocation would supplement the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's 'CLC Value Chain Development Fund,' which prioritizes business projects primed for rapid deployment and impact.	Burnsville, Northfield, Madison (MN) and St. Paul MN	\$500
Minnesota Discovery Center	The Minnesota Discovery Center (MDC) is requesting \$1,000,000 to support a \$1,750,000 archive expansion project at MDC's 14,000 sq. ft. research center and record repository.	Chisholm MN	\$1,000
Minnesota State University Mankato	The purpose of this project is to support small businesses in the agriculture and food industry across Minnesota's First Congressional District by providing entrepreneur training, counseling, research, access to resources, outreach, and scholarships to support development of the workforce.	Mankato MN	\$775
City of Mapleton	To meet future needs, the study shall encompass (A) consideration of expansion/remodeling and/or repurposing of facilities and (B) identification of future locations/configurations for City operations.	Mapleton MN	\$150
Mni Sota Fund	Mni Sota Fund, a Certified Native CDFI in Minneapolis, MN, is seeking funds to acquire, renovate, and equip a building, which will be an indigenous wealth building center.	Minneapolis MN	\$1,000
North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems (NATIFS)	To train and develop Indigenous food producers, create Indigenous food access in tribal communities, and provide Indigenous education focused on Indigenous food systems.	Minneapolis MN	\$2,022
City of Minneapolis	This project will provide needed infrastructure improvements to the Minneapolis Farmers Market, the city's oldest and largest farmers market, to support more than 125 small businesses that participate annually and increase resident access to healthy food.	Minneapolis MN	\$4,000
Neighborhood Development Center	Neighborhood Development Center (NDC) requests funds develop a permanently affordable small business incubator and entrepreneur training center with the goal of expanding and deepening opportunities for racial economic justice through entrepreneurship in North Minneapolis.	Minneapolis MN	\$1,000
Neighborhood Development Center	NDC requests funds to complete the Midtown Global Market Revitalization Project, the first large-scale renovation of the Market, which NDC started in 2022.	Minneapolis MN	\$1,000
Free Geek Twin Cities	Free Geek Twin Cities is constructing a facility on-site to assist in bridging the gap between our local community and access to technological literacy and devices.	Minneapolis MN	\$50

Appetite for Change	o expand and stabilize our workforce development training programs, Appetite for Change is moving into a larger facility which will serve as its headquarters. The approximately 20,000 square foot facility will be owned and operated by AFC and will house all programming and social enterprises.	Minneapolis MN	\$200
Big Stone County	These funds are used for the digitization of historical documents, such as birth certificates, marriage certificates, property records, and other essential documents that provide valuable insights into the past.	Ortonville MN	\$192
Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES)	To operationalize and fund one-time start-up costs of our Childcare Business Incubator Center that fosters small business ownership for low-income Latina women, affordable childcare for low-income working parents and student parents.	St. Paul MN	\$2,700
Minnesota Black Chamber of Commerce	The Minnesota Black Chamber of Commerce (MBCC) requests the support of the federal funding in the amount of \$500,000 to invest in Black entrepreneurship as a strategy to build an equitable economy while also building capacity for the Minnesota Black Chamber of Commerce.	Statewide MN	\$500
City of Wyoming	The City of Wyoming is asking for \$7.8 million to assist the construction of a new Public Safety Facility for both Fire and Police services.	Wyoming MN	\$7,800