

United States Senate

April 4, 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 Jeff Merkley
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee
on Interior, Environment, and Related
Agencies
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee
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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 Interior, Environment, 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) Interior and Environment
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
City of Aitkin	The City of Aitkin has an undersized, outdated wastewater treatment facility that has met the end of its functional life cycle. Time has taken its toll on the facility, and continued maintenance is futile. The project will upgrade the plant.	Aitkin MN	\$5,000
City of Albert Lea	The city will need to update the infrastructure at the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) to support area industries that produce food while maintaining the city's high standards for improving area natural resources and meeting new NPDES phosphorus limits.	Albert Lea MN	\$15,000
City of Alpha	The project includes construction of wastewater treatment ponds and a wastewater treatment collection system in Alpha, MN.	Alpha MN	\$4,773
City of Alpha	The project includes design and construction of a water treatment plant and water distribution system in Alpha, MN.	Alpha MN	\$4,112
Preserve Appleton's Heritage	The funds would be used to: purchase high quality windows that would be as historically accurate as possible but still be energy efficient.	Appleton MN	\$400
Ash River Sanitary District	The Ash River Community is seeking funding to make improvements that will eliminate the need for individual septic systems on the properties within the District.	Ash River MN	\$7,000
City of Austin	Austin seeks funding for an Expansion & Phosphorus Reduction Project for the municipal wastewater treatment plant (WWTP).	Austin MN	\$21,000
City of Gilman	Federal funds will be used to support the design and construction for replacement of Gilman's sanitary sewer and stormwater collection infrastructure.	Benton County MN	\$2,500
City of Bloomington	Funds will be used for construction of the new drinking water supply well and associated distribution system components including water mainline pipe to connect the new supply to the existing system.	Bloomington MN	\$1,892
Brainerd Historic Water Tower Preservation Committee	The funds designated for the project will be approximately half of the estimated construction cost to restore the exterior stucco on the water tower, in which is the last phase of the city's and committee's goal of fully preserving the Brainerd Historic Water Tower.	Brainerd MN	\$500
City of Brewster	This important funding will be utilized for the design, construction, and related costs for a new wastewater treatment facility.	Brewster MN	\$3,200
City of Buhl	Funds will be used to replace the city's water tower and construct new water and sewer lines that will provide basic utility services for the development of the City of Buhl's South Industrial Park.	Buhl MN	\$3,047
City of Calumet	The use of funds for this project will be strictly materials and labor for construction to replace water and sanitary sewer infrastructure.	Calumet MN	\$289
City of Harris	This project will extend municipal sewer and water.	Chisago MN	\$1,679
City of Barnesville	In order to accommodate current and future growth, the city plans to perform critical infrastructure improvements within an area that holds clear promise for redevelopment and additional housing.	City of Barnesville MN	\$6,400

City of Chisholm	Funds are requested to address vital water and sanitary sewer main improvements, storm water needs, and replace the lift station.	City of Chisholm MN	\$750
City of Climax	This project will address water quality and quantity concerns. When complete, the West Central Regional Water District will provide an estimated 360 million gallons of water each year.	City of Climax MN	\$5,144
City of Cook	This project proposes to complete pond restorations, regrading of the dike, and placement of additional rip-rap on the dike walls.	City of Cook MN	\$286
City of Floodwood	The City of Floodwood is requesting funding for the design, replacement and expansion of water and sewer infrastructure along County Road 8, State Highway 2 and State Highway 73 to enhance business and residential development.	City of Floodwood MN	\$3,000
City of Fosston	The City of Fosston is in dire need of expanding our wastewater treatment system to accommodate the needs of growing employers and the current lack of winter storage for wastewater.	City of Fosston MN	\$5,000
City of Le Sueur	The City is proposing to construct and establish a wetland bank (account) in the State Wetland Bank program.	City of Le Sueur MN	\$800
City of Litchfield	The project proposes improvements to the Litchfield Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF), which was originally constructed in 1927 and has undergone numerous expansion projects.	City of Litchfield MN	\$8,000
City of Monticello	The funds would be utilized to construct a new water treatment facility.	City of Monticello MN	\$10,000
City of Mountain Iron	Install or replace transmission and distribution pipes to prevent contamination caused by leaks or breaks in the pipe, or improve water pressure to safe levels.	City of Mountain Iron MN	\$1,200
City of Now Then	To design and install a fire truck water fill station so that fire trucks have a station that is strategically located so as to be able to fill fire trucks in a more timely manner than having to drive 10-15 minutes back to the fire station.	City of Now Then MN	\$1,000
City of Clarks Grove	The City of Clarks Grove is in desperate need of several infrastructure replacement projects including two new lift stations and city-wide sewer and water system replacement due to the age and condition of these facilities and large amount of inflow and infiltration.	Clarks Grove MN	\$7,000
City of Cologne	The funds will be used to aid in the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant in the City of Cologne.	Cologne MN	\$1,500
City of Columbia Heights	The funds will be used to hire a contractor to stabilize the slope between the water tower and pumping station, remove the structurally deficient retaining wall and install a new large block retaining wall.	Columbia Heights MN	\$350
City of Columbia Heights	The funds will go to directly fund the installation of cured in-place pipe in the sanitary sewer system. The money will allow for the work of rehabilitating sanitary sewer mains and hiring a contractor to install the lining material.	Columbia Heights MN	\$500
City of Otsego	Congressionally directed spending funds will be used for the completion of a project consisting of design and construction of drinking water treatment improvements for the City of Otsego.	County of Wright MN	\$3,400
Douglas County	The City of Kensinton, MN requires funding for the extension of City sewer and water service to its mixed-use development and an industrial user.	Douglas County MN	\$2,500
City of Duluth	The pedestrian sidewalks suspended off each side of the bridge's trusses require substantial work.	Duluth MN	\$2,000

City of Eagle Lake	Federal funds would be applied directly to construction costs associated with a new well, well house, and treatment facility.	Eagle Lake MN	\$1,000
City of Ely	Project funds for this project will be used for engineering and construction costs for the replace the main water supply line to the City of Ely.	Ely MN	\$3,384
City of Elysian	Funds will be used to design and construct a water treatment plant in Elysian.	Elysian MN	\$6,688
City of Excelsior	The City of Excelsior intends to rehabilitate its existing water treatment plant to provide clean drinking water to Excelsior as well as to the neighboring communities.	Excelsior MN	\$4,081
City of Fairmont	The funds will be utilized for the construction of the biosolids processing facility at the City's wastewater treatment facility. The planning and design work for this project is complete and the project is shovel ready.	Fairmont MN	\$15,000
Feeley Township	Funding will allow for much needed pavement rehabilitation and sub grade corrections to portion of the roadway, improving safety and continued access to Shallow Lake	Feeley Township MN	\$820
City of Felton	This project will address water quality and quantity concerns. When complete, the West Central Regional Water District will provide an estimated 360 million gallons of water each year.	Felton MN	\$3,440
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	The Band is seeking to implement and construct a sanitation facility to collect, convey and treat wastewater from around the Big Lake area which is located in the Sawyer District of the Fond du Lac Reservation to Duluth, MN where final treatment can occur.	Fond du Lac Reservation – Sawyer District near Cloquet, MN MN	\$17,000
City of Gem Lake	Funds will be used to design and construct new watermains, service lines, and connections and to install hydrants and gate valve assemblies, along with new interconnections and metering stations.	Gem Lake MN	\$5,488
City of Gilbert	The City of Gilbert is requesting funding to design and construct a new pellet softening water treatment plant, raw water main, and lime sludge storage facilities and then demolish the existing water treatment, sludge facility, and abandoned wells.	Gilbert MN	\$4,000
City of Grand Marais	This project improves and makes more efficient the Grand Marais wastewater treatment system.	Grand Marais MN	\$3,984
City of Harmony	Purchase and construction of an ultraviolet wastewater disinfectant system for the City of Harmony's waste water plant.	Harmony MN	\$2,004
City of Henderson	This project includes design and construction of a drinking water filtration plant and connections to existing well and distribution system	Henderson MN	\$4,640
Minnesota Forest Zone Trappers Association	The funds would be used to construct: 90 RV and 24 primitive camp sites, bog walk trails, hunting & trapping training facility, educational areas, parking space, equipment/maintenance building, restroom/shower facilities and seating bleachers.	Hibbing MN	\$7,500
City of Hutchinson	The purpose of the project is to enhance the natural resource known as Otter Lake via habitat restoration and improved access for outdoor recreational opportunities.	Hutchinson MN	\$5,000
City of Ironton	Funds will be used for the construction of a new Water Treatment Plant to serve Ironton, Minnesota residents. The new facility will provide municipal water services to city residents and replace a 70+ year old existing facility.	Ironton MN	\$3,500
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	The purpose of the larger Isle City Water Project is to construct a water and wastewater system to connect a neighborhood, populated mostly by Band member households, with an existing municipal system.	Isle MN	\$750

City of Nashwauk	This infrastructure project replaces the water, sewer, and stormwater systems for the six blocks of Third Street that pass through the center of the City of Nashwauk.	Itasca County MN	\$1,300
City of Braham	The City of Braham is requesting federal funds to upgrade our water and wastewater plants and replace our primary City Well No. 3 and backup Well No. 2. Well No. 3 is currently listed as vulnerable for Tritium.	Kanabec MN	\$5,000
The City of Lake Lillian	Federal funds will be used to fund the design and construction of drinking water, sanitary sewer, water tower, storm sewer, and street restoration overlying the replaced underground utilities.	Kandiyohi County MN	\$2,500
The City of Prinsburg	Federal funds will be used to fund the design and construction of drinking water distribution systems.	Kandiyohi County MN	\$2,500
The City of Raymond	Federal funds will be used to fund the design and construction of the drinking water distribution system, sanitary sewer, water storage, storm storage, and street restoration overlying the replaced underground utilities,.	Kandiyohi County MN	\$2,500
City of Silver Bay	The funds would be used to cover the costs for sitework, materials, labor, and engineering in the rehabilitation and upgrade of the Water Treatment Facility and the construction of a new booster station/distribution main.	Lake County MN	\$6,500
Lone Pine Township	CDS funds will be used for construction costs for the regional project that connects the Swan Lake project area to the City of Nashwauk wastewater treatment plant.	Lake Pine Township MN	\$6,216
City of Le Sueur	Part one is optimization of the existing water treatment plant. Part two is expansion of the existing water treatment plant.	Le Sueur MN	\$3,200
City of Lewisville	The funding would be used to replace of the dilapidated roads, sanitary sewer lines, water lines and water tower.	Lewisville MN	\$7,000
Morrison County Historical Society	The funds will be used to implement the Design Plan Engineered by Roger Clay Senior Engineer Ulteig Engineering and approved by Morrison County Historical Society Board on March 1, 2023.	Little Falls MN	\$618
City of Russell	Federal funds will be used to support infrastructure improvements including water, stormwater, and wastewater.	Lyon County MN	\$2,500
The City of Tracy	The use of the federal funds will be used for construction of the water system	Lyon County MN	\$207
City of Madison	This project includes expansion of the current innovative reverse osmosis treatment facility to allow more complete softening and allow the City to meet the chloride wastewater limits and protect the receiving waters.	Madison MN	\$9,540
City of Mankato	This project provides wastewater service delivery to seven jurisdictions that serve more than 65,000 residents and treat approximately twelve million gallons of effluent per day, in addition to conducting phosphorus trading with three jurisdictions.	Mankato MN	\$9,153
City of McKinley	The City of McKinley is pursuing funding to replace outdated and damaged watermains and water infrastructure, sanitary sewers, storm sewers, and street infrastructure within the city boundaries.	McKinley MN	\$6,166
City of Medicine Lake	Fund would be used for construction of a new public water system, fire hydrants, sewer lining, and street reconstruction to a Complete Streets design.	Medicine Lake MN	\$3,000
City of the Village of Minnetonka Beach	The Village needs funds to construct a facility designed to reduce PFAS in groundwater.	Minnetonka Beach MN	\$1,720
City of Moose Lake	With this project, the City is proposing to line over 15,000 feet of existing sanitary sewer mains and 88 manholes to reduce the I&I in their system.	Moose Lake MN	\$2,500

City of Mora	The City of Mora would use congressionally directed spending to help protect residents and businesses located in the city from future potential flooding from Mora Lake.	Mora MN	\$1,200
The City of Buckman	The City of Buckman, MN requires funding to install a water treatment facility, drill one new municipal well, re-coat their water tower, install watermain to correct looping deficiencies, and correct storm drainage deficiencies.	Morrison County MN	\$2,500
The City of Flensburg	The City of Flensburg needs funding for replacement of existing wastewater, drinking water, and street infrastructure.	Morrison County MN	\$2,500
City of Mound	Federal funding would be added to a package of potential state grants, low-interest loans, and local match, to fund the design and construction of a new water treatment facility capable of removing Manganese.	Mound MN	\$4,000
City of Dexter	Funds will be used for the engineering and design and construction of a new 50,000-gallon water tower to replace the City of Dexter's existing, nearly 100-year old water tower.	Mower County MN	\$1,500
Red Rock Rural Water System	This proposed CDS proposal will provide dollars to connect our existing members to the USDA project water lines and create looped water lines, improved water pressure and an alternate supply pipeline for added system reliability.	Murray County MN	\$2,100
City of New Germany	The funds would be used to design and construct improvements at the City of New Germany Wastewater Treatment Plant.	New Germany MN	\$7,120
Norman County	The funds being applied for within this project request will be used to develop a preliminary engineering report that will provide Norman County with planning information to make informed choices regarding the future of the regions potable water needs.	Norman County MN	\$5,313
Beltrami County	The requested funds will be used to engineer, construct, and install a sanitary sewer system from the termini of the current City of Bemidji system around the North end of Lake Bemidji along County Road 20, ending in the Lake Bemidji State Park.	Northern Township MN	\$5,500
The City of Elizabeth	Federal funds will be used for the design and construction to replace the drinking water treatment, drinking water distribution, and sanitary sewer collection.	Otter Tail County MN	\$1,430
City of Proctor	Funds for this project will be used to extend water, sewer, and electric utilities from Ugstad Road on the north side of I-35 to the south side and extend along the frontage of the 150 acres.	Proctor MN	\$3,100
Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians	The purpose of this project is to replace the asbestos cement (AC) sanitary sewer and water mains that were originally constructed in the 1960s to serve the existing homes south of Highway 1 and west of Pike Creek commonly referred to as Back-of Town (BOT) on the Red Lake Indian Reservation.	Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians MN	\$4,339
City of Redwing	Providing grant funding, leveraged with utility funds, will maintain Red Wing's drinking water costs affordable for households.	Red Wing MN	\$500
The City of Lamberton	Federal funds will be used to construct 13,000 feet of sewer and water service to meet industrial requirements of 10 industrial lots and one large industrial user.	Redwood County MN	\$2,500
The City of Sacred Heart	Federal funds will be used to design and construct a Reverse Osmosis (RO) system to improve the drinking water treatment system while eliminating the environmental impact of disposing of approximately 356,000 lbs. of salt (containing chlorides) into the environment annually.	Renville County MN	\$2,500
Shattuck St. Mary's School	Funds will be used to remove the current roof material, replace and underlayment boards that are in poor condition and reroof with same materials used in the original installation when the structure was constructed.	Rice County MN	\$500

City of Rochester	The City will construct a regional stormwater infiltration basin to provide water quality treatment for urban stormwater runoff generated from a 503-acre watershed within a parcel located directly adjacent to Foster Arend Park.	Rochester MN	\$1,000
City of Rochester	Rochester proposes to preserve the site and address the deteriorating conditions outlined in the Facility Master Plan for the property along with addressing the issue of humidity control.	Rochester MN	\$500
Rock County Rural Water	Funds requested would be used for design and construction of a 500,000 gallon water tower in the west side of our system service area and also repurpose our existing tower.	Rock County MN	\$4,500
City of Sauk Rapids	This project includes design and construction of water improvements for the abatement and mitigation of PFAS contamination in Sauk Rapids.	Sauk Rapids MN	\$8,000
Sherburne County	The funding will be used to mitigate the past hundred years of contemporary use that resulted twenty-three buildings used for poultry, dairy, grain processing and other agricultural uses.	Sherburne County MN	\$3,000
Town of Silver Creek	The project is proposed to construct a grinder pump pressure system to service each individual user in combination with a regionalization connection to the City of Two Harbors for treatment.	Silver Creek MN	\$2,500
City of St. Cloud	The funds will be used to construct one (1), three (3)-miles in length, new 42-inch forcemain from the Main Lift station to the Wastewater Treatment Facility.	St. Cloud MN	\$6,500
City of St. Michael	The funds will be used to help fund the construction of the City's Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade project, which includes new biosolids handling, headworks screening processing, equipment storage, and liquids processing.	St. Michael MN	\$5,000
Minnesota Humanities Center	To create permanent exhibit installations at each of their campuses in Minnesota, to foster education about tribal sovereignty in partnership with Tribal Colleges, and to increase educational outcomes for Indigenous students through the development and distribution of educational resources.	St. Paul MN	\$600
Minnesota Transportation Museum	The proposed project is to replace the entire 80,000sf roof and clerestory windows and related siding on the Roundhouse.	St. Paul MN	\$500
East Side Freedom Library	Our building is over 100 years old and is a historically significant building that holds considerable meaning among East Side residents. We are seeking funding for capital improvements to the site.	St. Paul MN	\$500
City of Swanville	The funds would be use to build a new water storage facility and new wells.	Swanville MN	\$3,000
Tower-Breitung Wastewater Board	The Tower-Breitung Wastewater Board (TBWWB) is requesting funding to expand our wastewater capacity. The TBWWB serves over 1,100 residents between the City of Tower and Breitung Township.	Tower MN	\$3,750
Embarrass Region Fair Association	Funding for this project will be used to assist in securing architect, engineer, and design services to properly preserve and restore Timber Hall, the largest free standing log structure in the country and its outbuildings and assets.	Township of Embarrass MN	\$500
City of Tyler	The City of Tyler is requesting CDS funding for a sanitary sewer reconstruction project.	Tyler MN	\$1,896
Forever Green Initiative, University of Minnesota	This project will establish a state-of-the-art site to support research on cropping systems and agricultural management practices that can mitigate water quality concerns, including harmful algal blooms.	Waseca MN	\$256

City of Waseca	Federal funds would be used to acquire property for and partially fund the construction of a 1.0 million gallon water tower and associated site improvements.	Waseca MN	\$3,000
City of Waseca	Federal funds would be used to partially fund the rehabilitation or reconstruction of portions of the sanitary sewer system serving the Hospital Sewershed that were found to have high or moderately high I&I rates.	Waseca MN	\$3,000
City of Wilder	The City of Wilder will construct a public sanitary sewer collection system that will provide the residents with reliable disposal of waste water.	Wilder MN	\$4,040
City of Winton	Funds will be used to replace 4,150 linear feet of water main, water service, and the complete the associated street reconstruction.	Winton MN	\$1,268
City of Wood Lake	Federal funds will be used to fund current project gap items including storm and street.	Wood Lake MN	\$8,690
City of South Haven	The use of congressionally directed spending for this project will enable the City to afford the street repairs and extensive utility work while keeping taxes and utility user rates in line with similar communities.	Wright County MN	\$2,500
The City of Clarkfield	Congressionally directed spending funds will make it possible for the City of Clarkfield to connect to the Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water System, which is in the process of expanding its capacity in the area to serve large customers like the City of Clarkfield.	Yellow Medicine County MN	\$1,965
Hanley Falls	The City of Hanley Falls, MN needs funding for replacement of existing drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and street infrastructure.	Yellow Medicine County MN	\$2,500