

United States Senate

May 14, 2024

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

The Honorable Susan Collins
Vice Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee
on Labor, Health and Human Services
Education, and Related Agencies
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee
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Education, and Related Agencies
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Dear Chair Murray, Vice Chair Collins, Chair Baldwin, and Ranking Member Capito,

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 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, 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,



Tina Smith
United States Senator

**Smith, Tina(D-MN) Labor and Health and Human Services
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Alexandria Technical and Community College	The purpose of this project is to enhance the training quality provided by the college in the diesel and truck driving programs and to introduce students to clean energy technology.	Alexandria MN	\$2,250
Anoka Technical College	The Plumbing program will be designed to deliver a holistic educational experience, aiming to create proficient and ethical professionals in the field.	Anoka MN	\$400
Critical Care Services, Inc. (DBA Life Link III)	Life Link III respectfully requests funding to implement 60 FAA Weather Camera Systems in strategic locations across our service area that will provide weather camera images and textual weather data so our pilots can make safe and accurate flight determinations.	Anoka County MN	\$3,000
Best Buddies International, Inc.	The Best Buddies in Minnesota Inclusion Project for Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities will deliver inclusion services at 60 schools, serving 2100 participants who will take part in a minimum of 480 inclusive activities and leadership training opportunities.	Apple Valley, Bloomington, Chanhassen, Delano, Eagan, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, Owatonna, Rosemount MN	\$500
Innovations for Aging, LLC (d/b/a 'Trellis')	Expanding the Juniper Community Care Hub, will expand access to vital services like chore assistance and home modifications in Minnesota. Our infrastructure enables collaborations between social and health organizations, boosting health outcomes and healthcare quality metrics.	Arden Hills MN	\$1,650
Bethel University	Bethel University is seeking to renovate an existing campus building space and purchase equipment to provide therapeutic, clinical care for the St. Paul and surrounding rural communities, and to support degree/certificate completion opportunities that lead to well-paying, high-demand local jobs.	Arden Hills MN	\$1,165
Riverland Community College	This project will upgrade the Riverland Community College Healthcare Simulation Lab with state-of-the-art simulation equipment which is used as an instructional tool to train hundreds of students for healthcare careers in Southeast Minnesota.	Austin MN	\$1,225
The Hormel Institute, Regents of the University of Minnesota	The purchase of a new microscope system linking two different fields of view, allowing us to visualize a field of live cells or tissue at the cellular level and then move the sample directly to cryoEM to reveal atomic details.	Austin MN	\$1,000
Bemidji State University	This unique educational model meets MN's environmental workforce demands by providing access to industry-standard credentials, hands-on field skills, college credit, and Indigenous knowledge. Five tracks guided by industry insights create self-sustaining tailored training and career paths.	Bemidji MN	\$2,000
Northwest Technical College	The manufacturing industry in northwest MN faces specific challenges: lack of access to modern technology, shortages of skilled workers, and economic inequalities. NTC proposes investing in equipment, curriculum development, workforce training, and industry partnerships to address these issues.	Bemidji MN	\$1,900

Normandale Community College	This project will provide Normandale students with a state-of-the-art Health Sciences Center for Interprofessional Education and Simulation (IPE). Phase one pre-design and curriculum development of this project are complete. This next phase will include the construction and purchase of equipment.	Bloomington MN	\$4,059
Crescent Cove	The purpose of this project is to meet the needs of families whose children will die before reaching adulthood. Our pediatric end-of-life program supports the family as they say goodbye to their dying child.	Brooklyn Center MN	\$104
Anoka-Ramsey Community College	ARCC will renovate over 4000 square feet to construct an on-site clinic, labs (simulation and wet/dry), and radiology bays, all equipped with modern dental technology.	Cambridge MN	\$1,000
United Way of Carlton County	This program offers a "resource space" for the homeless to get basic resources and meet a "Host Home" to decide whether to live with them. Some funds will also go to support the "Host Home" families for costs.	Carlton County MN	\$98
The Grief Club of Minnesota	Applying for funding to pioneer a grief care project in Minnesota that develops specialized curriculum, resources, and training to offer crucial mental health support for bereaved children and families and address the pressing need for accessible bereavement services.	Chanhausen MN	\$125
Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services, Inc.	CMJTS seeks funds to expand WIOA programs, including the Father project, career exploration camps, and the Inclusive Workforce Employer Designation program. The goal is to promote gender equality and support families. Employers are customers to be served as well.	Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Kandiyohi, McLeod, Meeker, Mille Lacs, Renville, Pine, Sherburne, Wright Counties MN	\$445
Reading Is Fundamental	RIF, in partnership with local school districts and youth-serving organizations, will implement a multi-pronged program to support childhood literacy that reaches thousands of students from PreK through middle grades in under-resourced communities.	Coon Rapids MN	\$1,500
Dawson-Boyd Public Schools	This project will expand available childcare spots in the Dawson area to help meet the 70 unmet needs in our community. This project will enhance the safety and security of our school by moving daycare out of academic spaces.	Dawson MN	\$2,000
Divine Konnections Inc	This will provide culturally centered child abuse prevention, recovery, and healing services to young BIPOC moms with complex mental health needs. Including providing holistic wraparound support and programming, community and connections, and advocacy and education in intentionally safe spaces.	Duluth MN	\$136
True North Goodwill	True North Goodwill requests funding to transition Center Based Employment participants to independent employment in the community. These Center Based Employment participants are individuals with barriers to employment, primarily physical, mental, and emotional disabilities.	Duluth MN	\$255
Groves Learning Organization	Groves Literacy Partnerships professional development is for educators to build knowledge of the science of reading to enhance teaching effectiveness by learning evidence-based instruction and assessment. This transforms practices and ultimately improves student reading achievement.	Duluth, Thief River, Alexandria, Mankato MN	\$254
Hennepin Technical College Foundation	Funds are requested to support the expansion of LPN and Dental Assistant programs. These funds will update LPN equipment and support adding a part-time option. Funds for the dental assistant program would renovate the clinic and lab, doubling program enrollment.	Eden Prairie MN	\$1,771

Star Legacy Foundation	Addressing perinatal loss and infant death disparities: culturally sensitive strategies. This project would identify and implement prevention and support strategies to reduce stillbirth and infant death in Minnesota with special emphasis on Native American and Black populations.	Eden Prairie MN	\$1,000
Ely Community Health Center	The purpose of our project is to increase access to medical and dental services in our rural area. Our goal is to remove barriers to care that our community members are facing and improve overall community health.	Ely MN	\$46
Ramsey County Historical Society	This project will build on the success of Gibbs Farm as the region's premier site for cultural heritage education, doubling its annual capacity to 30,000 students. The story of Minnesota's history and Indigenous cultures will reach 600,000 students by 2045.	Falcon Heights MN	\$2,000
Faribault Cares	The purpose of this project is to take steps to reduce the documented gap in childcare availability in Rice County through the redevelopment of a vacant commercial space into a combination of center and family childcare license pods.	Faribault MN	\$1,600
Minnesota State Community and Technical College	We are developing a state-of-the-art center to serve as a premier destination for our unique suite of in-demand healthcare programs; allowing us to expand offerings to meet workforce needs. We are committed to educating the next generation of healthcare professionals.	Fergus Falls MN	\$1,670
Tehor Tibetan Organization of Minnesota	This project would restore land in Finlayson to its natural habitat and create an experiential learning center for Tibetan culture, values, and the environment.	Finlayson MN	\$2,500
Polar Cubs Childcare Center	Polar Cubs Childcare Center planning started in June 2022, and we anticipate doors will open in June 2024. Funds in this proposal will aid in the start-up to help us keep our doors open.	Floodwood MN	\$50
Heart of America	Workabilities provides training services to developmentally disabled adults and would use funds to undergo a facility upgrade.	Golden Valley MN	\$1,500
J-HAP Inc	To support programming that will ensure the security of the building and the safety of its tenants, all of whom have intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), and all who enter the premises.	Golden Valley MN	\$50
Grand Marais Arts Inc, dba Grand Marais Art Colony	The purpose of this project is to increase access to the arts in a rural, underserved community by working with the four county schools as well as homeschool cooperatives.	Grand Marais MN	\$40
Reif Arts Council	We will invite schools up to 120 miles away to attend an event called "Anishinaabe Dibaajimowin: An Ojibwe Story," featuring Ojibwe artists and storytellers.	Grand Rapids MN	\$5
Better Futures MN	Better Futures Minnesota is seeking to upgrade current equipment resources to allow for better training and employment opportunities for the participants of our programs. We exclusively serve men with a history of homelessness, unemployment, and incarceration.	Hennepin County MN	\$740
Hennepin West Education Consortium	This aims to revolutionize education and employment by providing knowledge and experience to secondary and postsecondary learners, enhancing employability skills and connecting them to the workforce. This benefits MN's workforce by improving academic success, entry-level job access, and skills.	Hennepin County MN	\$1,500

Achieve Twin Cities	Building on Achieve's career and college readiness infrastructure supports 17,000 Twin Cities public high school students. Project will innovate new advising strategies, partnerships, and evaluation systems for access to the full range of post-graduation options, including non-college pathways.	Hennepin and Ramsey Counties MN	\$1,500
The African American Registry	Our Teacher's Forum supplements existing curriculum standards with a diverse, culturally competent curriculum and pedagogy.	Hennepin, Ramsey, Clay, and Blue Earth Counties MN	\$500
Critical Care Services, Inc. (D.B.A. Life Link III)	Life Link III respectfully requests funding to expand our central base located at the Anoka County-Blaine Airport in Minnesota to better serve the region, particularly rural communities throughout Minnesota, with high quality critical care access and air medical transportation services.	Hibbing MN	\$500
International Falls Memorial Hospital Association DBA Rainy Lake Medical Center	We are seeking \$7,000,000 to construct a new hospital and rural health clinic. Our existing facility, over 50 years old, cannot accommodate our current patient volumes.	International Falls MN	\$7,000
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Project purpose is to construct a new medically assisted detox facility connected to the Ahnjiibimaadiz Recovery Center. The goal is to have a recovery campus that will provides services for the different stages of recovery.	Leech Lake Reservation MN	\$2,500
Meeker Memorial Hospital and Clinics	Improve the cybersecurity of our hospital system.	Litchfield MN	\$80
Meeker Memorial Hospital and Clinics	Incident command radio and system for communications in a disaster.	Litchfield MN	\$12
Meeker Memorial Hospital and Clinics	Improve the ability of patients with joint injury or replacement to restore functional gait.	Litchfield MN	\$49
Meeker Memorial Hospital and Clinics	To educate and help nursing staff retain confidence in maternity and birthing skills with decreased numbers of births in our region.	Litchfield MN	\$109
Finishing Trades Institute of the Upper Midwest Trust Fund	Our student holistic health model combats the high rate of suicide in the construction industry by prioritizing whole-person wellness. On site wraparound care - from physical and behavioral health professionals will keep students mentally and physically healthy and save lives.	Little Canada MN	\$1,176
Mahnomen Health Center	For hospital renovations.	Mahnomen MN	\$35,000
Community Dental Care	Community Dental Care will expand access to comprehensive, culturally-sensitive oral health services to advance health equity for underserved populations. The new clinic will increase access to essential dental services for people of all ages and abilities by 23,000 visits annually.	Maplewood MN	\$2,500
Southwest Minnesota State University (SMSU) Foundation, Inc.	SMSU, in collaboration with regional healthcare systems, will create a Nursing Simulation Laboratory and Regional Healthcare Training Facility. This project will create BSN, RN and MSN programs.	Marshall MN	\$1,562
Family Tree, Inc. (dba Family Tree Clinic)	Family Tree Clinic seeks funding to finalize capital upgrades to its innovative new clinic. With 79% of patients identifying as LGBTQ and 70% low-income, upgrades like computers and ultrasounds will expand capacity to deliver quality, affordable healthcare for underserved communities.	Minneapolis MN	\$334
Education Partnerships Coalition of Minnesota - Greater Twin Cities United Way	Social-emotional and wellness measures are underexplored in understanding how young people move through educational systems and onto economic self-sufficiency. This project employs a community-based co-design model to explore this topic and to leverage learnings for advocacy and action.	Minneapolis MN	\$1,415

The Family Partnership	The purpose of this project is to create a Family Resource Center in south Minneapolis to help reduce the number of families in our of home placement.	Minneapolis MN	\$500
YMCA of the North	The project addresses inclusion and access for marginalized Minnesotans to improve programs and services meeting the needs our diverse communities, giving their voice to addressing core issues of: isolation, hunger, homelessness, eviction and unemployment related to housing and basic needs.	Minneapolis MN	\$460
Open Arms of Minnesota	Open Arms proposes to ship medically tailored meals throughout the state of Minnesota, focusing especially on rural areas with challenges accessing healthy food and nutrition counseling.	Minneapolis MN	\$900
Hennepin Schools	The purpose is to increase the availability of age appropriate, culturally and linguistically responsive texts available to all students as executed through an integrated three year strategic plan focused on literacy and the science of reading.	Minneapolis MN	\$308
Universal Medical Services D.B.A. Axis Medical Center	Increase the quality of care for underserved patient population by expanding services to include: mental health, dental, and physical therapy.	Minneapolis MN	\$2,000
American Indian OIC	American Indian OIC will use funds to complete planning for a rehabilitation project that will enhance its healthcare career training and workforce development facilities.	Minneapolis MN	\$700
Hennepin County, MN	To develop a local workforce so that 50% of jobs from the Bottineau Light Rail development are held by corridor residents, providing the project partners (government/private construction industry) with sufficient resources to train, recruit, and promote residents as project employees.	Minneapolis MN	\$1,000
Riverside Plaza Tenant Association	Recently, RPTA has found another partner to also allow us to provide training for entry health care jobs as well and we are looking to expand our workforce programs with the new partners	Minneapolis MN	\$500
Twin Cities RISE	The purpose of this project is to develop a qualified and diverse workforce for the Transportation sector in Minnesota, equipping low-income individuals with skills to drive the state's infrastructure goals and achieve financial independence, thus overcoming generational poverty.	Minneapolis MN	\$1,542
Augsburg University	Augsburg University seeks \$400,000 in funding to expand degree programs as part of our new School of Health. Funds would be used to develop curricula for new degree programs and develop resources and training opportunities for students.	Minneapolis MN	\$2,000
Avivo	Avivo is requesting funds to support a capital construction project of Avivo's headquarters in Minneapolis that will bring all three divisions, Career Education and Employment Services, Chemical and Mental Health, and Ending Homelessness, under one roof.	Minneapolis MN	\$4,000
GMCC (Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches)	GMCC, a longstanding social services agency, will partner with Southside Community Health Services (SCHS), a 501c3 Federally Qualified Health Center, to build and launch a food and supply distribution center serving people living in poverty and experiencing homelessness in Minneapolis.	Minneapolis MN	\$1,159
Hennepin County, MN	Funding will support investment in life-saving ambulances, equipment, and a facility enhancement for Hennepin Healthcare Emergency Medical Services.	Minneapolis MN	\$2,700

Indian Health Board of Minneapolis, Inc.	The purpose of constructing a new medical and dental center on IHB's Menaandawiwe Wellness Campus is to significantly reduce health disparities among the American Indian / Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities through comprehensive, culturally competent care.	Minneapolis MN	\$2,250
Lighthouse of Minnesota, Inc.	Lighthouse of Minnesota will meet the unmet need for healthcare for those experiencing homelessness during the winter months in Minneapolis Minnesota in a clinic setting after regular clinics close and provide an observation shelter to protect them.	Minneapolis MN	\$3,687
Neighborhood HealthSource	To build a Health and Housing facility on Lowry Avenue in North Minneapolis as the home for Neighborhood HealthSource-Fremont Clinic (A FQHC) and CommonBond Communities affordable housing.	Minneapolis MN	\$600
The Calvary Group d/b/a Project Sweetie Pie	To establish a stand-alone, 24hr, in-person Urgent Care facility in north Minneapolis 55411	Minneapolis MN	\$1,986
Augsburg University	Augsburg University seeks \$2 million in funding to build a simulation lab as part of our new four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing. These funds will help Augsburg, the most diverse university in the Midwest, prepare a culturally responsive workforce.	Minneapolis MN	\$400
University of Minnesota	CNEE requests funding for a nursing workforce summit, equipment for VR simulation services across Minnesota, an IT solution to low enrollment in nursing programs especially in rural Minnesota, and extensive data analytics to address equity gaps in Minnesota's nursing workforce.	Minneapolis MN	\$694
Girls on the Run International	Improving outcomes for adolescent girls with unmet mental and physical health needs through increasing program access to girls of the highest economic need, girls who are racial and/or ethnic minorities, and underserved girls residing in Native American tribal communities/reservations.	Minneapolis MN	\$500
GMCC (Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches)	LakeStreet Youth Labs (LSYL) is GMCC's out-of-school, year-round academic enrichment, workforce development, and career exploration program that serves underinvested, primarily BIPOC youth and families. LSYL's mission is to provide accessible STEAM learning opportunities for youth in grades 1-12.	Minneapolis MN	\$250
Heart of America	Exploration High School is moving to a new location due to continual growth in student enrollment and their new location has multiple rooms that need to be reimaged to enhance the student experience and provide well-equipped learning environments.	Minneapolis MN	\$1,250
Ignite Afterschool	This request supports continued development of the Minnesota STEM Ecosystem which closes STEM learning and workforce opportunity gap.	Minneapolis MN	\$620
Junior Achievement North	Funding will support Junior Achievement North's ramps-up to provide every K-12 student attending Minneapolis Public Schools with financial literacy and work readiness programming. We are creating new instruction methods, which will be a model for expanded rural programming.	Minneapolis MN	\$650
The Origins Program	Providing hands-on intensive training and support for Minnesota public schools elementary, middle, and high school education personnel so they can successfully integrate social-emotional academic learning into their curricular practices.	Minneapolis MN	\$1,503

Bellis	Bellis™ evidence-based, outcomes-supported Stronger Together Peer Support™ serves mothers who experience termination of parental right/transfer of custody (TPR/TOC). The goal is helping mothers build resiliency by addressing this trauma and develop a greater sense of control over their own lives.	Minneapolis MN	\$150
Metro Youth Diversion Center	Breaking the Cycle initiative aims to enhance community safety and well-being in Minneapolis by focusing on violence prevention and substance abuse treatment among East African/Muslim youth. It integrates outreach, education, and support services to reduce recidivism, prevent opioid misuse.	Minneapolis MN	\$1,570
Native American Community Clinic	NACC will expand our clinic to provide integrated, culturally responsive physical, mental, and spiritual care services for 8,000 majority American Indian patients annually. Funds will support utilities installation, debris removal, construction framing, and clinic equipment purchases.	Minneapolis MN	\$2,500
St. David's Center	The purpose of this project is to purchase and renovate the former YWCA building in downtown Minneapolis, increase access to children's mental health services, autism treatment, and pediatric therapies, and improve developmental and behavioral health outcomes for OVER 2,000 young children annually.	Minneapolis MN	\$3,550
Education Partnerships Coalition of Minnesota - Greater Twin Cities United Way	Social-emotional and wellness measures are underexplored in understanding how young people move through educational systems and onto economic self-sufficiency. This project employs a community-based co-design model to explore this topic and to leverage learnings for advocacy and action.	Minneapolis MN	\$1,712
Youth Collaboratory	Mentoring+ MN promotes positive outcomes for youth and families through research-informed tailored enhancements of family engagement, mentor development and support, and community group activities. The project will support five nonprofit organizations, promoting peer learning and sustainable change.	Minneapolis MN	\$970
Children's Health Care	The project's purpose is to improve patient experience in our Emergency Departments by creating a more comfortable and child-friendly waiting area, and to improve throughput and decrease wait times by creating a space that allows for more efficient workflows.	Minneapolis and St. Paul MN	\$6,120
createMPLS	createMPLS will expand technology learning experiences for PK-12 students in the Minneapolis schools. Our focus will be on students that are part of the BIPOC community or are economically vulnerable, two underrepresented groups in the tech workforce.	Minneapolis and St. Paul MN	\$985
Way to Grow	This project will expand Great By Eight home visiting for families in Minneapolis and nearby suburbs. Great By Eight connects caregivers with resources, support, and education to stabilize homes, increase self-sufficiency, and promote greater well-being and healthy development for children.	Minneapolis, Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, St. Louis Park, Richfield MN	\$159
Bolder Options	Bolder Options will provide disadvantaged youth aged 12-22 with intensive 1-to-1 wellness, goal-setting, and academic-focused mentorship; programs that teach life and job-seeking skills; career and college achievement coaches; and connections to employment, job training, and education opportunities.	Minneapolis, St. Paul and Rochester MN	\$500
Minnesota Autism Center (MAC)	To establish four vocational skills labs across MN, providing job/life skills training, performance-based assessments, career exploration, and work behavior development. This project aims to increase the ability, focus on strengths, and address barriers of autistic teens, young adults and adults.	Minnetonka MN	\$232

Jasmin Child Care and Preschool	We are opening a new multicultural child care center in Moorhead MN in a high needs neighborhood and our target audience is BIPOC, low-income and immigrant families.	Moorhead MN	\$500
Minnesota State University Moorhead	This project will increase the number of clinical mental health counselors by addressing the financial barriers associated with completing an unpaid internship. This project will supply counselors to rural and small town communities in NW Minnesota.	Moorhead MN	\$901
Clay County Public Health	This project will enhance the new withdrawal management and detoxification facility with furnishings, supplies, transportation, updated system for medical records and wireless system for wireless connectivity to help maintain a therapeutic environment for those experiencing substance use disorders.	Moorhead MN	\$540
Minnesota State Community and Technical College	Maximizing career potential while accelerating both career entry and up-skilling, M State LaunchPad collaborates directly with industry stakeholders to craft "fast track" programs, ensuring learners are prepared and placed into good-paying jobs in high-demand fields.	Moorhead MN	\$1,140
Moorhead Area PS Independent School District 152	Continue to build solid programming options for high school students to explore agriculture, health Science, and advanced manufacturing careers. The MHSCA is on the leading edge of CTE advancement in the west central Minnesota.	Moorhead MN	\$750
Concordia College	Working with members of the Anishinaabe and Dakota communities, Concordia College will expand teacher preparation for individuals seeking to teach Indigenous language, knowledge, and culture through our proposed FIPSE grant.	Moorhead MN	\$1,000
Morrison County United Way	The MCUW Youth Programs: Imagination Library and Tools for School. The Imagination Library program delivers books to enrolled children age 0-5 years old. Our Tools for School program provides school supplies to families and educators in elementary schools (ages 4-12).	Morrison and Todd Counties MN	\$20
Apple Tree Dental	This project is the final phase creating Minnesota's most advanced Center for Equitable Oral Health, serving medically, behaviorally, and dentally complex patients from rural and urban areas. Health outcomes will be improved and costly hospitalizations will be avoided.	Mounds View MN	\$4,221
South Central College	South Central College will modernize its agricultural programs through updated facilities, equipment, and technology. The project provides industry-relevant skills, expands equitable pathways, and collaborates with partners to strengthen the agricultural workforce in order to meet evolving needs.	North Mankato MN	\$1,639
Northfield Public Schools ISD #659	The Northfield School District currently has some programming that is modeled after Full-Service Community School supports. The District seeks to sustain those current services and build on them by establishing two new, comprehensive Full-Service Community School sites.	Northfield MN	\$100
Renville County	Construct a senior center as part of regional wellness center in Renville County. Filling a gap in senior support services by providing an inviting space for socializing, congregate dining, therapy services, exercise, and other activities.	Olivia MN	\$2,000
Mille Lacs Health System	Mille Lacs Health System is requesting funding to replace two outdated ambulances which are used in the Onamia and Isle bases. The requested amount is for \$600,000.	Onamia and Isle MN	\$600

Empowering Kids Perham	To provide a variety of high-quality and affordable mental health services to neurodivergent (autism and ADHD) individuals of all ages who reside in and around the rural community of Perham, Minnesota.	Perham MN	\$201
Missions Inc. Programs	The Mission Lodge project in Plymouth, MN, completes a limited scope renovation and HVAC installation to provide sustainable housing and support services for adults with mental illness and substance use disorder.	Plymouth MN	\$2,450
Nexus Family Healing	The Minnesota Mental Health Navigator program would be an established free, live helpline with a Care Coordinator to assist Minnesotans to locate available mental, behavioral, and/or substance abuse services.	Plymouth MN	\$1,343
MN State IT Center of Excellence	This project increases technical education opportunities in rural counties and Tribal nations lacking content and instructor expertise. This program will provide high school and workforce training content and pathways for instructors to gain Career and Technical Education Licensure.	Ramsey County MN	\$400
Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul	Economic Mobility Hub for American Indians is a partnership, Interfaith Action's Department of Indian Work and the Montessori American Indian Childcare Center, using research-based approaches, family-centered coaching, integrated service delivery with local, culturally based wisdom and connections.	Ramsey County MN	\$904
Red Lake Nation College	Red Lake Nation College aims to expand its Postsecondary and Career Pathways programming with career support, micro-credentialing, and upgraded technology.	Red Lake Reservation MN	\$666
C.A.R.E. Clinic	CARE Clinic will renovate our clinic to sustain our services and construct new dental operatories to expand our dental clinic. We aim to increase access to health care, especially dental health care, for low-income, uninsured/publicly insured residents of Goodhue County.	Red Wing MN	\$1,100
Minnesota State College Southeast	The college plans to expand the one-year Mechatronics/Industrial Automation Technology program in the Red Wing Campus to a full two-year AAS degree that will serve to upskill existing industry employees, as well as increase the available skilled technician talent pipeline.	Red Wing MN	\$892
Healthy Community Initiative	Healthy Community Initiative champions healthy habits and lifestyles and offers effective navigational services that promote positive health. We work with people and coalitions of partners to build health equity in Rice County, Minnesota.	Rice County MN	\$400
ExerciseAbilities, Inc. (dba EA Therapeutic Health)	To improve and expand access to advanced rehabilitative care for paralysis patients in Rochester and Southern MN with advanced technology and medical devices for neurologic rehabilitation. Increase access to treatment through community-based care option that would otherwise be severely limited.	Rochester MN	\$862
Workforce Development, Inc	Bridges to Healthcare is a workforce program that provides career education, support services, and job training in high demand health care fields to low-income parents, nonnative speakers of English, and other hard-to-train individuals.	Rochester MN	\$250
Minnesota State HealthForce Center of Excellence through Winona State University	Minnesota State HealthForce Center of Excellence seeks funding to kickstart MN HEART. With a vision to make Mental Health First Aid as common as Basic Life Support, this project will train 1,000 healthcare professionals, paving the way for broader implementation.	Rochester MN	\$471

University of Minnesota	This request supports the University of Minnesota Rochester's NXT GEN STEM Learning Innovation Center by funding the purchasing of advanced technology that 1,050-1,350 students/year would be able to practice using before entering high-demand careers in the medical field.	Rochester MN	\$2,000
Winona State University's Minnesota State HealthForce Center of Excellence	The High School to Health Care (H2H) project aims to expand awareness and readiness for healthcare jobs, enhancing Minnesota's workforce in this sector.	Rochester MN	\$430
Greater Rochester Advocates for Universities and Colleges (GRAUC)	Our goal is to create the SE MN Community Healthcare Simulation Center as a cutting-edge regional resource, fostering interdisciplinary, scenario-based training for the healthcare education community.	Rochester MN	\$550
Kids In Need Foundation	The newly established Rural and Indigenous School Equity (RISE) program will serve under-resourced teachers and students living in areas statewide in Minnesota identified as lacking core educational tools, specifically rural and tribal land communities.	Roseville MN	\$725
Southern Valley Alliance	Southern Valley Alliance, the provider of domestic abuse services for Scott and Carver counties, is seeking support to expand outreach and supportive services to victims of domestic violence in rural census tracts in the service area.	Scott and Carver Counties MN	\$350
Northeast Youth and Family Services	Building improvements will expand our capacity to effectively meet the need for mental health services and continue to serve as a community hub.	Shoreview MN	\$1,419
Operation Prairie Venture	Construct an elder care campus including assisted living, memory care, child care, community space and independent living on the location of the former skilled nursing facility that abruptly closed, leaving a gap in services in Murray County.	Slayton MN	\$5,500
Neighbors, Inc.	Neighbors, Inc. - a community-led nonprofit serving low-income community members in northern Dakota County - requests \$350,000 in Community Projects funding to mobilize 100 BIPOC and low-income Dakota County residents into postsecondary education and living wage careers.	South St. Paul MN	\$350
St. Cloud Technical & Community College	The purpose of this project is to purchase and renovate the former YWCA building in downtown Minneapolis, increase access to children's mental health services, autism treatment, and pediatric therapies, and reach more than 2,000 young children annually.	St. Cloud MN	\$1,136
College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University	The College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University (CSB+SJU) seek funding to improve the equipment and training utilized in educating undergraduate- and graduate-level nursing students to be sufficiently prepared for and confident with work in rural settings.	St. Joseph MN	\$610
Family Rise Together	Family Rise Together would like to develop a mobile outreach vehicle to provide housing and mental health services, focusing on BIPOC and rural communities.	St. Louis County MN	\$256
GiGi's Playhouse Down Syndrome Achievement Center of the Twin Cities	Build Gigi's University and Modify building renovation facility to include building of technology lab, career lab and post-secondary classrooms for university for young adults with Down syndrome in The Twin Cities region.	St. Louis Park MN	\$960
GiGi's Playhouse Down Syndrome Achievement Center of the Twin Cities	Accelerate access to therapeutic programming for children with Down syndrome in the Twin Cities, focusing on independent living skills. Ensure leadership, coping skills, and healthy decision-making programs for those with developmental disabilities. Support early learning centers for all children.	St. Louis Park MN	\$500

Amherst H. Wilder Foundation	This will fund renovation/construction, and furnishings to expand Wilder's mental health and substance use services at our Saint Paul clinic. Wilder is one of Minnesota's first Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC), serving primarily low-income, BIPOC, non-English speaking neighbors.	St. Paul MN	\$1,500
Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans	MACV requests support for specialized services targeting senior veterans affected by homelessness or housing instability in Minnesota. The unique characteristics and needs of the senior veteran community require expertise and increased organizational capacity for their long-term stabilization.	St. Paul MN	\$975
Minnesota Department of Health	The purpose of MN StoryCollective is to foster change and build relationships through storytelling, sensemaking, and engagement between and among communities and the State of Minnesota.	St. Paul MN	\$701
New Hope Baptist Church	To bring our current kitchen up to code for our feeding ministry which helps meet the food insecurity needs of our surrounding community, homeless population around our community, as well as senior members in our congregation and nursing homes.	St. Paul MN	\$244
Tibetan American Foundation of Minnesota	This project is undertaken to expand the Minnesota Tibetan community center that will serve the needs of the community with language, social and cultural programming, and social services.	St. Paul MN	\$3,000
Advocating Change Together (ACT)	ACT recognizes the gap between rights people with disabilities are guaranteed under law, and rights they are informed of and supported to exercise. Education for Supported Independence for People with Disabilities, our year-round, culturally aligned education system, dissolves that gap.	St. Paul MN	\$250
Minnesota Department of Health	Support community-based organizations and clinics to provide communities at highest risk of dementia with resources to recognize early signs, seek early diagnosis, and find quality care through establishing community-based Memory Clinics that link clinical and community supports for families.	St. Paul MN	\$1,376
Minnesota Department of Health	Establish a training program for Health Regulation Division staff, providers, and partners to promote cultural awareness and to ensure culturally sensitive, trauma informed care. Convene a workgroup and conduct an inventory of spoken language interpreter needs of HRD regulated entities.	St. Paul MN	\$1,234
Minnesota Department of Human Services	The Multisector Blueprint on Aging is an innovative and collaborative roadmap for action, a strategic framework outlining key priorities and actionable strategies across multiple sectors, including healthcare, housing, transportation, social services, and employment.	St. Paul MN	\$3,000
Minnesota Department of Human Services	Engage priority population communities to learn about culturally appropriate ways to discuss planning for one's long-term care needs, then update the current Own Your Future website and resources with these learnings incorporated.	St. Paul MN	\$280
MN Board on Aging	This project will expand legal services for older adults into communities where there is a lack of access to attorney and/ or historical mistrust or lack of education / awareness regarding availability of legal resources to resolve issues.	St. Paul MN	\$1,000
MN Board on Aging	To protect and promote the health, safety, welfare, and rights of residents living in long-term care facilities	St. Paul MN	\$10,000

The Phoenix Residence, Inc.	Phoenix will develop a team of trainers to provide hands on coaching in areas related to the duties of a Direct Support Professional. This training package would be marketed to other direct care organizations, eventually adding additional training opportunities.	St. Paul MN	\$352
The Phoenix Residence, Inc.	Phoenix will purchase four wheelchair-accessible vehicles and provide training to drivers, who will use our vehicles to provide ride share services targeted at people with transportation barriers.	St. Paul MN	\$413
Change Inc.	Change Inc. requests congressionally directed spending funds to support the equipment purchases for the renovation of GAP School, home of YouthBuild Saint Paul West Side. The equipment will support high school diploma attainment, workforce readiness, and job placement.	St. Paul MN	\$500
International Institute of Minnesota	Funding will help the International Institute of Minnesota build a foundation for a STEM Career Pathway, with an emphasis on engineering and manufacturing. It will be tailored for New Americans and will empower them to succeed in this high-demand field.	St. Paul MN	\$277
Minnesota Hospital Foundation	The Minnesota Hospital Foundation (MHF) Mentorship Program provides financial support to Minnesota's hospitals and health systems for the cost associated with employment of interns.	St. Paul MN	\$300
Minnesota Hospital Foundation	This project would support efforts to provide Minnesota's hospitals and health systems with in-person violence prevention training for their frontline workers.	St. Paul MN	\$300
Gillette Children's	Gillette Children's is upgrading technology and equipment in seven operating rooms and one surgical training room.	St. Paul MN	\$4,834
United Family Medicine	The purpose of this project is to provide SBHC that would serve the students at Two Rivers High School. There is a priority to serve students that have difficulty accessing medical care in the community.	St. Paul MN	\$300
University of St. Thomas	Funding will be used to provide nursing simulation equipment and software. Simulation is a vital component of clinical learning in nursing education, offering a dynamic and immersive learning experience that bridges the gap between classroom instruction and clinical practice.	St. Paul MN	\$1,214
West Side Community Health Services, Inc. dba Minnesota Community Care	To create access to culturally affirming mental health services and perinatal care services for over 1200 women annually and over 2400 children annually with the objective of reducing infant mortality rates for children under 200% of the federal poverty level.	St. Paul MN	\$3,500
City of Saint Paul	Public libraries play a critical role in closing the digital equity gap by providing connectivity infrastructure, supporting learning for children and families, and promoting civic engagement. As the community's needs for technology evolves, libraries must evolve to provide accessible technology.	St. Paul MN	\$1,500
Science Museum of Minnesota	Establish four Regional STEM Educator Resource Centers across Minnesota to expand access to STEM education materials, equipment, and professional development for educators in 44 school districts representing 76,000 K-12 students in rural and underserved communities.	St. Paul MN	\$1,361
St. Paul City School	This project will increase community school programming for scholars and their families in urban St. Paul.	St. Paul MN	\$1,094

Fairview Health Services	To develop culturally informed curriculum and trainings to combat Minnesota's opioid use crisis, focusing on youth and communities of color. Work will be based out of Fairview's Health Commons locations and extend into the community through our Cultural Brokers.	St. Paul MN	\$1,500
Minnesota Mental Health Community Foundation-FastTrackerMN	The FastTracker Mental Health Toolkit for Schools aims to educate students, provide resources to schools, and encourage family and community groups to connect to manage their mental health using our online tool and variety of resources.	St. Paul MN	\$370
Penumbra Theatre	As part of Penumbra's evolution into a center for racial healing, the project will repurpose existing space into a wellness center to offer culturally-specific healing services, designed to detoxify bodies from the stresses of living in a racially stratified society.	St. Paul MN	\$478
Interact Center for the Visual and Performing Arts	Arts Training/Paid Employment builds professional skills and creates opportunities for creative people with disabilities through year-round professional arts training programs and by featuring artists with disabilities in performances, pop-up exhibits, and interactive conversations in communities.	St. Paul MN	\$250
Hmong American Partnership	This provides 225 low-income individuals with education, credentialed training, and employment services through HAP Academy OIC. Our programming helps participants attain technical and workplace skills, credentials, and support preparing for jobs in manufacturing, IT, healthcare, and transportation.	St. Paul MN	\$1,000
Metropolitan State University	Metro State contributes to a diverse nursing workforce with quality programs serving disadvantaged groups. High fidelity simulations and virtual technology improve educational quality, interprofessional collaboration, and equitable health care. Funding would enhance educational and health outcomes.	St. Paul MN	\$1,467
Minnesota Humanities Center	To develop five new high-quality civic-learning courses for undergraduates in five MN institutions of higher education (IHEs) while simultaneously building an online resource-hub to support all participating IHEs and creating "Civic and Career-Readiness Certificate" programs in two Minnesota IHEs.	St. Paul MN	\$348
Amherst H. Wilder Foundation	This proposal will enhance school-based services in the Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood, improving family stability and academic engagement. Through evidence-based methods, our community and school-based partnerships will improve student attendance and reduce strain on public resources.	St. Paul MN	\$650
Concordia University, St. Paul	The project's purpose is enhancing Concordia University, St. Paul's health degree programs by integrating Anatomage Table technology – an anatomy visualization and virtual dissection tool. These systems will enrich anatomy and physiology education and train more healthcare professionals in MN.	St. Paul MN	\$502
Leo A Hoffmann Center	The Leo Hoffmann Center is requesting funding through CDS to support their nascent Youth Mental Health Crisis Stabilization Center. This funding would expand capacity for care from 8 to 16 crisis beds.	St. Peter MN	\$750
Gustavus Adolphus College	Operating support to increase enrollment in nursing and athletic training. The project will address nursing shortages and the changing certification requirements for Athletic Trainers.	St. Peter MN	\$892
Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project D/B/A Standpoint	Standpoint's toll-free, confidential Action Line, email, and text service is where individuals get their questions surrounding domestic and sexual violence and child abuse answered by an advocate or attorney to address their legal needs or receive resources within our network.	Statewide MN	\$1,000

Minnesota Department of Human Services	DHS seeks \$89 million in one-time funding for modernization of the Social Services Information System (SSIS). The vision is to create a set of modular, integrated, person-centered case management tools that support policy for screening, assessment, and service delivery.	Statewide MN	\$89,000
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities	NextGen is the Minnesota State project to create a new technology landscape to support students, faculty, and staff at our 33 colleges and universities across Minnesota. It will create a unified technology system that improves the student and employee experience.	Statewide MN	\$4,500
Minnesota Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs	The purpose of this project is to put licensed or trainee social workers in each Boys & Girls Clubs location across 33 communities in Minnesota. This will help youth deal with mental health issues.	Statewide MN	\$4,000
Minnesota Humanities Center	MHC will partner with the MN Department of Education (MDE) Office of American Indian Education to expand in-person and online Tribal Relations training for school administrators, staff, and educators in collaboration with MN's federally recognized Tribal Nations and Urban Indigenous Communities.	Statewide MN	\$709
Career Solutions	Career Solutions is seeking support for CareerONE /CareerTWO youth work readiness program for underserved youth. Math and reading gaps and soft skill training are addressed with college credits/certifications in healthcare and OSHA, Public Safety, and Early Childhood Education.	Stearns and Benton County MN	\$500
AgCentric - Minnesota State Northern Agriculture Center of Excellence	AgCentric will bring four colleges together for one common purpose of advancing precision agriculture education and training to foster conservation agronomy. Strategic investment in our technical programs will grow partnerships to advance each college's program and leverage the expertise.	Thief River Falls, East Grand Forks, St. Cloud, Brainerd, Staples, Willmar, Hutchinson MN	\$2,000
Range Mental Health Center	To transform our Substance Use Disorder services. We are upgrading our licenses to provide Co-Occurring disorder treatment and Withdrawal Management services. We with this we have major renovations needed to update, upgrade and improve the therapeutic environment in this initiative.	Virginia MN	\$1,136
Essentia Health	This expansion and renovation will ensure the Virginia ED maintains appropriate bed-to-volume ratios and will increase access to urgent behavioral health needs in the Iron Range.	Virginia MN	\$1,700
Mesabi Fit Coalition	Promote community wellness by providing residents of the Mesabi Iron Range with accessible and inclusive fitness opportunities. By expanding our facilities, diversifying our programs, and engaging in outreach efforts, we aim to empower individuals to prioritize their health and well-being.	Virginia MN	\$2,000
Astera Health	This funding would be used for the development of rural based cancer program for larger broader scope of cancer treatment options and services in underserved region of Minnesota. This is a rural access to cancer oncology project.	Wadena MN	\$2,100
Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Minnesota	The Waite Park Youth and Senior Community Connection is a youth and senior facility that will be built on to the existing Discovery Community School in Waite Park, MN. The collaboration offers a multifaceted, multi-generational approach to community building.	Waite Park MN	\$8,130
North Memorial Health	Securing federal funds for North Memorial Health to purchase ambulances and response vehicles is crucial for bolstering emergency medical services in rural Minnesota. Equipped with technology, these vehicles will enhance swift and effective emergency responses, saving lives throughout rural MN.	Walker MN	\$1,900

Warroad Community Childcare Center	Warroad Community Childcare Center is being built next to the Warroad Senior Living Center and will bring residents and children together for programming. WCCC will increase childcare capacity for 110+ children, decreasing the gap of 253 seats in Roseau County.	Warroad MN	\$2,000
Lakes Center for Youth and Families	With federal support, our Sliding Scale option will reach uninsured, underinsured, and impoverished youth and families, ensuring no one is denied care due to finances.	Washington, Chisago, and Anoka Counties MN	\$20
Century College	The purpose of this request is to seek funding for Century College to increase college affordability for students by expanding access to open educational resources (OERs) and increasing courses offered with low/zero cost textbooks.	White Bear Lake MN	\$405
Century College	This request seeks funding for Century College to expand the current Nursing program through maximizing existing capacity and increasing high-fidelity simulations.	White Bear Lake MN	\$1,223
Century College	The purpose of this request is to seek funding for Century College to offer an expanded Dental Hygiene program that will increase Century's capacity to accept and graduate more students.	White Bear Lake MN	\$1,283
Century College	The purpose of this request is to seek funding for Century College's Start Right model to provide proactive, holistic, and intentional wrap-around supports with a goal to increase retention of first year and first-time-in-college students.	White Bear Lake MN	\$1,607
Century College	"The purpose of this request is to seek funding for Century College to expand an innovative multi-modality/hyflex model that addresses the needs for student flexibility and high-impact learning, increasing access and equity for all students."	White Bear Lake MN	\$1,201
Reverence for Life and Concern for People Inc., dba Project Turnabout	Project Turnabout seeks to create a 20-bed, high-quality detox facility in Rural Minnesota, addressing the severe shortage in the area. Project Turnabout's current 15 beds in Granite Falls, MN serve 35,000 square miles, often have to turn individuals away.	Willmar MN	\$340
Gundersen Winona Campus	This project would expand the outpatient operating and procedure capabilities of the Gundersen Winona Clinic. It would finish an operating room and four pre/post operating rooms in the Winona Clinic.	Winona MN	\$1,900
Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center	This project is to improve our behavioral health clinic through improved space configuration that is no longer functional since our agency became a Certified Behavioral Health Clinic and after the pandemic. This will improve quality of care and employee experience.	Winona MN	\$400
Minnesota State College Southeast	Minnesota State College Southeast provides healthcare programs to support the region's demand for workers. This investment to update 13,000 square feet of nursing education space on the Winona campus will enhance educational outcomes and expand capacity.	Winona MN	\$1,492
Stratis Health	Stratis Health will provide training, tools, technical assistance, and facilitation for a cohort of 10 rural Minnesota hospitals to transform their Emergency Department and hospital care to be age-friendly and achieve Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation	Winona MN	\$450
Winona State University	Designate an interactive space for student success in civic learning and democratic engagement.	Winona MN	\$800

Family and Children's Center of Minnesota	This funding investment will help Family & Children's Center (Minnesota) expand our child and adult outpatient behavioral health programming to increase our capacity to serve children and families from underserved communities.	Winona MN	\$750
Family and Children's Center of Minnesota	This funding investment will help Family & Children's Center (Minnesota) expand our youth day treatment education initiative for behavioral health access, programming and services to Minnesota students and families.	Winona MN	\$750