

# United States Senate

May 9, 2025

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

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

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

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen  
Ranking Member  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Agriculture, Rural Development,  
Food and Drug Administration,  
and Related Agencies  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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

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 2026 Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. None of the entities for which I have requested congressionally directed spending are for-profit entities.

Sincerely,



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Tina Smith  
United States Senator

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

<b>Recipient Name</b>	<b>Project Purpose</b>	<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Amount Requested (\$000)</b>
Alexandria Area YMCA	This project addresses the need for additional childcare, enhanced well-being for older adults, and social support for youth and teens by expanding and renovating 13,000 square-feet at the YMCA and building a 6,000 square-foot childcare center in Brandon, MN.	Alexandria MN	\$3,993
Bemidji Fire Department	The requested funds will be used to upgrade the Bemidji Fire Department sleeping and lockerroom facilities to accommodate coed use and support a modern, inclusive workforce	Bemidji MN	\$450
Cass Lake Volunteer Fire Department	Constructing a new fire hall	Cass Lake MN	\$4,900
City of Chisholm	To construct a new public works facility and public utilities heated storage building.	Chisholm MN	\$2,900
Cloquet Area Fire District	A new ambulance and fire station public safety facility will replace a failed, undersized facility that is the base of operations for the pillar of advanced life support ambulance and fire/rescue services for a very large region in North Minnesota.	Cloquet MN	\$2,000
Embarrass Region Fair Association	Preservation, renovation, and remodeling of Timber Hall Event Center facilities and property enhancements.	Embarrass Township MN	\$1,700
KOOTASCA Community Action	Replacement of the deteriorating main water line at the Early Childhood Hub, ensuring safe, reliable water access for 174 childcare slots, Head Start classrooms, and community services, preserving this vital resource for families, educators, and workforce development.	Grand Rapids MN	\$315
City of Harris	Drinking water system improvements that are critical to maintaining a secure, safe, and efficient water supply for our residents and businesses.	Harris MN	\$1,834
International Owl Center	The International Owl Center is building a 22,000 sq/ft facility in Houston with ground-breaking walk-through aviaries and world class educational programming.	Houston MN	\$2,000
City of Kandiyohi	Improve drinking water supply and treatment systems.	Kandiyohi MN	\$3,000
City of Le Sueur	This project would construct a 21st century public safety space to house the Le Sueur Police Department and Emergency Management operations. The current Police Department space is grossly undersized and inadequate to provide for the safety of our rural community.	Le Sueur MN	\$6,000
City of New Prague	This City would like to expand the Fire Station to include a new Police facility and create a Public Safety Facility that houses the Fire, Police, and Ambulance services.	New Prague MN	\$2,500
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Construction of an Emergency Services Garage to improve emergency services for the community, including by lowering response times.	Other (Grand Portage Reservation lands) MN	\$2,250
Pine Technical and Community College	The project will use high-flex technology to expand access to career technical education programming in East Central Minnesota.	Pine City MN	\$935
City of Plummer	Improve the sanitary sewer system.	Plummer MN	\$3,000
Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians	Complete the construction of the Ponemah Community Center on the Red Lake Indian Reservation.	Ponemah (Red Lake Indian Reservation) MN	\$1,500

City of Red Lake Falls	Construct an efficient Community Center with City Hall office to replace the current large and inefficient building.	Red Lake Falls MN	\$1,950
City of Roseau	Building a Community Center	Roseau MN	\$2,000
Wonder World Preschool, Inc.	Building a new daycare and preschool facility.	Slayton MN	\$2,250
City of Spring Grove	The City of Spring Grove (pop 1,256) is seeking funding for a new community center and library, which will address community needs while contributing to the revitalization of downtown after a devastating fire in 2022.	Spring Grove MN	\$3,000
Spring Grove Fire Department	Building a new Fire Hall.	Spring Grove MN	\$3,000
Apple Tree Learning Center	Bringing a closed childcare center up to safety standards, curbing worsening childcare shortage on the Iron Range.	Virginia MN	\$1,000
Emplify Health	Gundersen St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Clinics is requesting \$2.5 million to support its Primary Care, Rehabilitation, and Retail Pharmacy Expansion Project. This project will address increased patient and community demand for rehabilitation care, wellness services, and chronic disease management.	Wabasha MN	\$2,500
EagleWatch, Inc. (D.B.A. National Eagle Center)	The National Eagle Center is completing a beautiful renovation to provide updated exhibit space, expanded galleries for the Preston Cook collection, a classroom auditorium, and administrative offices.	Wabasha MN	\$2,000
University of Minnesota	This would fund the purchase of additional PCR testing devices for avian flu and other zoonotic diseases and upgrade the data and results management system. This investment would double capacity of UMN's Veterinary Diagnostics Lab.	Willmar MN	\$2,250