

United States Senate

May 23, 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 Bill Hagerty
Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee
on Financial Services and General
Government
Washington, D.C. 20510

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

Dear Chair Collins, Vice Chair Murray, Chair Hagerty, and Ranking Member Reed,

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

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
The Northspan Group, Incorporated	Northspan's DAWN (Driving Access to Wealth & Networks) program to empower underestimated entrepreneurs in low -to moderate-income communities and families is proud to partner with ILT Academy. Together, ILT Academy and DAWN are committed to fostering innovation and entrepreneurship.	Duluth MN	\$650
Zeitgeist Center for Arts and Community	Support critical building infrastructure projects and investments, primarily HVAC repairs and replacements, energy upgrades, and building design improvements.	Duluth MN	\$700
Neighborhood Development Center	This project will provide technical assistance to 1400 small business owners, enhancing money management skills and increasing access to capital through one-on-one and group training, capacity building for NDC, and a study identifying financial gaps among entrepreneurs.	Minneapolis MN	\$670
Community Action Center	To prevent drug abuse and reduce drug use at rural high schools.	Northfield MN	\$140
Minnesota Center for Employee Ownership	Broad Employee Ownership Marketplace - Statewide in MN.	St. Cloud MN	\$1,050
Rondo Community Land Trust	To provide support for local small business entrepreneurs through one-on-one advising, workshops, and a technical resource library.	St. Paul MN	\$1,000
Latino Economic Development Center	To support Latino and immigrant-owned small businesses in the Twin Cities metro area and Greater Minnesota.	St. Paul MN	\$500
African Economic Development Solutions (AEDS)	AEDS will provide training and technical assistance to help 450 MN entrepreneurs—mainly limited English proficient African immigrants —start, stabilize, and grow businesses.	St. Paul MN	\$1,000
Bridgemakers	To support the launch and operation of a technology-focused lean commercialization bootcamp that helps entrepreneurs license federal R&D, build prototypes, and bring innovative products to market through mentorship, training, and non-dilutive capital.	St. Paul MN	\$2,445