

# United States Senate

May 16, 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 Shelley Moore Capito  
Chair  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Labor, Health and Human Services  
Education, and Related Agencies  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
Ranking Member  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Labor, Health and Human Services  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Collins, Vice Chair Murray, Chair Capito, and Ranking Member Baldwin,

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 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,



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Tina Smith  
United States Senator

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

<b>Recipient Name</b>	<b>Project Purpose</b>	<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Amount Requested (\$000)</b>
Alexandria Technical and Community College	The purpose of this project is to assist Alexandria Technical and Community College in obtaining funds to increase training capability for students in our transportation careers, including diesel technician and professional truck driver.	Alexandria MN	\$2,250
Critical Care Services, Inc. (D.B.A. Life Link III)	Life Link III respectfully requests funding to replace its crew quarters at our base in Alexandria, Minnesota. This project will provide improvements to the working conditions of our staff, enhance clinical training, and ultimately contribute to better patient care outcomes.	Alexandria MN	\$350
Reading Is Fundamental, Anoka-Hennepin Schools, Little Free Library	This initiative seeks to close the literacy achievement gap by implementing a comprehensive children's literacy initiative in Minnesota.	Anoka MN	\$1,000
Riverland Community College	The purpose of this project is to expand concurrent enrollment opportunities for students who wish to pursue technical careers while still in high school, reduce barriers to higher education for rural students, and to respond to local labor market needs.	Austin MN	\$1,729
Northwest Technical College	The manufacturing industry in northwest Minnesota faces specific challenges: lack of access to modern technology, shortages of skilled workers, and economic inequalities. NTC will invest in equipment, curriculum development, workforce training, and industry partnerships to address these issues.	Bemidji MN	\$1,900
Bemidji State University	Development of a comprehensive advanced manufacturing career pathway through higher education to family-supporting advanced manufacturing careers.	Bemidji MN	\$1,988
Northwest MN Center for Hope	This proposal requests funding for substance abuse recovery and behavioral health programs at a rural Minnesota treatment center, focusing on program development and service accessibility—not construction—using successful national care models.	Bemidji MN	\$2,500
Normandale Community College	To support development of new microelectronics certificates, associate's degree, and earn-and-learn opportunities as well as a Workforce/Education Hub at Normandale Community College to meet the needs of the semiconductor, medical technology, and manufacturing industries in the Twin Cities region.	Bloomington MN	\$1,421
Crescent Cove	This project will support children with life-limiting conditions and the families who love them through dedicated pediatric respite and end-of life-care and supportive resources for parents and siblings.	Brooklyn Center MN	\$611
CAPI USA	CAPI's new technology and resource center will provide walk-in employment career services to increase the economic prosperity of immigrants in Brooklyn Center.	Brooklyn Center MN	\$276
Stratis Health	To reduce opioid deaths and overdoses for those most at risk for those coming out of a county jail incarceration in Minnesota.	Chaska MN	\$500
United Way of Northeastern Minnesota	Funding for purchasing books for children ages 0-5 in UWNEMN's service area, including the Iron Range, Koochiching County, and Lake of the Woods County.	Chisholm MN	\$78

Boys & Girls Club of Detroit Lakes, Inc.	Safe & Sound 2.0 will enhance the physical and emotional safety focus for children at Boys & Girls Club of Detroit Lakes. It will upgrade physical safety features, improve education and resources, and prioritize creating environments which help youth feel safe, seen and supported.	Detroit Lakes MN	\$1,139
Lake Superior College	Purchase of simulation equipment and interactive classroom equipment to support healthcare education at the area two year community and technical college to improve Career and Tech Education learning opportunities for students and to prepare them for the workforce.	Duluth MN	\$2,776
Udac, Inc	The project will consolidate and incorporate Udac's successful and cost-savings business internship strategies to help communities in NE Minnesota meet workforce needs and employ people with intellectual disabilities. A Transforming Work Toolkit will be produced.	Duluth MN	\$201
23rd Veteran	23rd Veteran seeks to expand and adapt a highly successful veteran-focused mental health program into a model specific to public safety professionals. Programming includes clinical mental health support, group cohesion, outdoor wellness experiences, physical fitness, and structured exposure therapy.	Duluth MN	\$963
College of St. Scholastica, Inc.	The College of St. Scholastica proposes an Advanced Practice Suite (APS) to enhance interprofessional collaboration and expand capacity in PA Medicine, OT, PT, and Nursing programs.	Duluth MN	\$792
MAC Midwest	MAC Midwest seeks funding to renovate our Eagan clinic to better support individuals across the autism spectrum and their families. Improvements include HVAC replacement, sensory-friendly repainting, and new flooring to create a safer, more calming space that supports trauma-informed care.	Eagan MN	\$144
Hennepin Technical College Foundation	Funds are requested to expand HTC's LPN and Dental Assistant programs by updating equipment, and renovating the dental clinic and lab to double enrollment capacity.	Eden Prairie MN	\$2,089
Polar Cubs Childcare Center	This grant will ensure that the Polar Cubs Childcare Care Center (PCCC) a non-profit entity can retain five full-time teachers to maintain quality early childhood education while we reach full enrollment, securing PCCC long-term sustainability and impact.	Floodwood MN	\$208
J-HAP	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, and all who enter the premises.	Golden Valley MN	\$50
Grand Itasca Clinic and Hospital	Renovation of the Emergency Department to better meet the emergency care needs of the rural community and to better use current space.	Grand Rapids MN	\$3,002
Rainy Lake Medical Center	Building a replacement critical access hospital.	International Falls MN	\$15,000
Finishing Trades Institute of the Upper Midwest	To prevent suicide and to prevent and treat substance use disorder in the construction trades.	Little Canada MN	\$1,298
Minnesota State University, Mankato	Expansion of Healthcare Simulation Education at the Maverick Family Nursing Simulation Center, through investment in capital equipment and human capital to support growth of the Pre-Licensure Program in Nursing, workforce development for the region, and establish best practices in nursing.	Mankato MN	\$3,707

Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare	We are seeking Community Project Funding to support the purchase and installation of a replacement biplanar slot scanning imaging technology that is used at our Maple Grove clinic.	Maple Grove MN	\$1,200
Southwest Minnesota State University Foundation, Inc. (SMSU Foundation)	This project will renovate an existing classroom and purchase modern simulation and healthcare equipment to create a state-of-the-art nursing simulation lab and healthcare training lab and allow SMSU to create a four-year BSN program.	Marshall MN	\$1,227
Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc.	To build a new, state-of-the-art Center for Addiction Medicine to help meet growing demand and expand capacity.	Minneapolis MN	\$3,002
Girls on the Run International	To support community programming that will improve youth development for adolescent girls in the Minneapolis region who have unmet mental and physical health needs, demonstrated high economic need, and live in rural areas or communities receiving low resources.	Minneapolis MN	\$500
Family Tree, Inc. (dba Family Tree Clinic)	Family Tree Clinic seeks funding to finalize capital upgrades for its new clinic.	Minneapolis MN	\$360
St. David's Center	Renovate and expand an underutilized building in downtown Minneapolis to increase access to children's mental health services, autism treatment, and pediatric therapies and improve the health, educational achievement, and lifelong economic prosperity of children in Minneapolis and surrounding areas.	Minneapolis MN	\$1,000
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
Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center	To establish a workforce program for Native American women.	Minneapolis MN	\$400
OIC of America	The Workforce of the Future project will provide hands-on learning experiences, enhanced educational opportunities, and career exposure for individuals in the Twin City area, enabling them to build skills and confidence for career success.	Minneapolis MN	\$2,000
Augsburg University	Augsburg's project will strengthen the healthcare workforce through the construction of a multi-disciplinary simulation lab and the purchase of simulation equipment to train healthcare professionals in social work, nursing, clinical psychology, PA, and a new community health worker certification.	Minneapolis MN	\$2,500
West Broadway Business and Area Coalition	Creating a Youth Jobs Training Program in Partnership with Northside businesses.	Minneapolis MN	\$375
Achieve Twin Cities	Building on career and college readiness infrastructure supporting 17,000 Twin Cities public high schoolers and our paid internship program. This will innovate new advising strategies, partnerships, career exploration experiences, and evaluation systems so students access all post-graduation paths.	Minneapolis-Saint Paul MN	\$1,500
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

Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services, Inc.	Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services, Inc. (CMJTS) aims to expand vital WIOA programming in response to high unemployment rates in Pine, Kanabec, and Mille Lacs counties and offer innovative programming.	Mora MN	\$255
Apple Tree Dental	This project is the final phase of creating Minnesota's most advanced Center for 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	\$4,487
South Central College	The College will update and modernize its labs, equipment, and to attract new populations of students to Ag careers. It will expand Ag and bioindustrial manufacturing pathways and ensure a skilled Ag workforce that meets the regional industry's evolving needs.	North Mankato MN	\$1,639
Little Rubies	Little Rubies seeks funding to purchase a school bus and launch a free transport program, connecting underserved rural children to daily outdoor, farm-based education. This initiative would help all students benefit from hands-on STEAM learning, nature exploration, and farm-to-school nutrition.	Pemberton, North Mankato, Mankato, Eagle Lake, St. Clair, and Waldorf MN	\$275
St. Croix River Education District (SCRED)	Implement a water drainage solution and playground enhancement at a school.	Pine City MN	\$300
Northern Connections Center	The Northern Connections Center will provide Career and Technical Educational training to students in northern Minnesota. The Northern Connections Center will partner with regional industries to ensure a well trained workforce to support the economic needs of the region.	Proctor MN	\$1,465
Red Lake Nation College	RLNC plan to expand its Postsecondary Pathways programming by enhancing career support, introducing micro-credentialing, and upgrading technological infrastructure to improve workforce readiness.	Red Lake Reservation and Minneapolis MN	\$666
C.A.R.E. Clinic	CARE Clinic will renovate their existing clinic and increase capacity for their dental clinic.	Red Wing MN	\$1,100
North Memorial Health Hospital	Purchase of ultrasound machines to improve access to prenatal care and diagnostic services for high-risk and low-risk pregnancies at North Memorial Health Hospital's Maternal and Fetal Medicine locations, and Camden Clinics.	Robbinsdale MN	\$1,200
ExerciseAbilities, Inc. (D.B.A. EA Therapeutic Health)	Purchase of advanced capital equipment technology.	Rochester MN	\$627
University of Minnesota	This request would enable the purchase of equipment and training materials for students in UMN's college in three and other health professions programs to use smart med-tech devices in practice before they enter the workforce.	Rochester MN	\$2,850
Workforce Development Inc	Bridges to Healthcare is a workforce program that provides career education, support services, and job training in high demand healthcare fields.	Rochester MN	\$250
The Phoenix Residence, Inc.	Requesting funds to improve the accessibility of their main office to accommodate individuals with disabilities.	Saint Paul MN	\$160
St. Cloud Technical & Community College	St. Cloud Technical & Community College (SCTCC), in partnership with St. Cloud Regional Airport, Delta Air Lines, Sun Country Airlines, Cirrus Aircraft, and Metropolitan Airports Commission, will launch an Aircraft Maintenance Technician (AMT) program to train for high-demand workforce needs.	St. Cloud MN	\$1,154

Friends of Career Solutions	CareerONE is a work readiness program for youth 14-17 that trains them to create a sustainable future economically and personally. It focuses on the trades of Construction and Manufacturing, Healthcare, Early Childhood Education, and Public Safety.	St. Cloud MN	\$300
GiGi's Playhouse Down Syndrome Achievement Center of the Twin Cities	Accelerate access to therapeutic programming, access and curriculum for children with Down syndrome for independent living initiative.	St. Louis Park MN	\$250
Amherst H. Wilder Foundation	Construction and furnishings to expand mental health and substance use services at Saint Paul clinic.	St. Paul MN	\$1,500
Metropolitan State University	The funding would enhance nursing education training facilities to benefit educational outcomes and increase the number of nurses in MN.	St. Paul MN	\$1,466
United Family Practice Health Center dba Riverland Community Health	Riverland Community Health is redesigning the clinic's spaces and improving IT infrastructure to improve the patient experience and expand its services to the Greater St. Paul Community. Meeting patient needs and providing quality care remain at the forefront of our mission and work.	St. Paul MN	\$718
Advocating Change Together (ACT)	Job of Your Dreams will revolutionize employment opportunities for people with disabilities through education and internships supported by our experienced disability-culturally-attuned facilitators.	St. Paul MN	\$241
University of St. Thomas	To purchase simulation, virtual reality, and advanced imaging and measurement equipment for enhanced training of future and current health professionals.	St. Paul MN	\$716
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis	Support of Catholic Charities' Homeless Elders program, helping individuals aged 60+ (or 55+ for individuals identifying as Native American) across the Twin Cities access safe and stable housing.	St. Paul MN	\$500
Central Lakes College	To purchase updated heavy equipment machines to support, replace and enhance the Central Lakes College Heavy Equipment Operations and Maintenance program, which is the only program offering in Minnesota.	Staples MN	\$2,000
Science Museum of Minnesota	Establish five additional Regional STEM Educator Resource Centers across Minnesota to expand access to STEM education materials, equipment, and professional development for educators in 87 school districts throughout Minnesota representing 108,000 K-12 students in rural communities.	Statewide MN	\$2,500
AgCentric - Minnesota State	AgCentric is poised to bring four colleges together for one common purpose of advancing precision Ag education. Funding would support technical program serving hundreds of students.	Statewide MN	\$2,000
Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project DBA Standpoint	Standpoint is seeking funding for their toll-free, confidential Action Line and Text Service. Through the Action Line, Standpoint's advocates and attorneys provide legal information and advice on issues related to domestic violence, sexual violence, and child abuse to victims and professionals.	Statewide MN	\$1,000
Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans	MACV proposes a strategic expansion of our supportive services delivered to senior veterans experiencing or facing homelessness in Minnesota.	Statewide MN	\$975
BARR Center	To expand trauma-responsive education, equipping schools with evidence-based strategies to support students facing adversity. By strengthening relationships, mental health interventions, and educator training, BARR ensures vulnerable youth overcome trauma and achieve academic and social success.	Statewide MN	\$650

Best Buddies International Inc.	The Social Skills Education Project for Minnesota Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities will engage students with and without intellectual disabilities at 30 elementary, middle, and high schools serving at least 1,050 students and offering 240 educational activities.	Statewide MN	\$250
Junior Achievement North	Junior Achievement North (JA) is creating a mobile JA Finance Park unit for our high impact experiential financial literacy program, increasing access for middle and high school students across the state.	Statewide MN	\$300
SEWA-AIFW	The requested funds will be used to directly provide prevention and intervention services, including education, support networks, and resource access, to address mental health, suicide and substance use among vulnerable populations.	Statewide MN	\$500
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.	Statewide MN	\$1,343
Minnesota Hospital Foundation	The Minnesota Hospital Foundation (MHF) Mentorship Program provides financial support to Minnesota Hospitals and Health Systems for the cost associated with employment of interns.	Statewide MN	\$300
Minnesota Humanities Center	To develop five new high-quality civic-learning courses for undergraduates in five Minnesota institutions of higher education (IHEs) and building an online resource-hub to support all participating IHEs and creating "Civic and Career-Readiness Certificate" programs in two Minnesota IHEs.	Statewide MN	\$347
Lifeworks Services, Inc.	Expansion of disability services in rural Minnesota.	Statewide MN	\$1,500
Range Mental Health Center	Renovate Treatment Center to improve existing services and offer new services.	Virginia MN	\$1,091
Warroad Community Childcare Center	WCCC seeks funding to continue to provide educational childcare opportunities in an area of high poverty and low childcare availability. By supporting this innovative childcare solution, we can help young families thrive and ensure local businesses have the workforce they need to succeed.	Warroad MN	\$520
MN School-Based Health Alliance	School-Based Health Centers in MN have grown by 60% over the last 3 years as districts seek ways to address mental health and medical needs of students without inflating education costs. SBHCs create ease for families and communities. This initiative supplies MN SBHCs with resources to expand care.	White Bear Lake MN	\$350
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 or zero cost course resources and textbooks.	White Bear Lake MN	\$347
Winona Health	Purchase of medical simulation equipment for rural health training.	Winona MN	\$239
Minnesota State College Southeast	MN State College Southeast's Commercial Truck Driving program prepares students for lucrative careers in transportation, and renovating/modernizing the driving range and acquiring more updated tractor/trailer units will ensure long-term viability, supporting students and meeting industry demands.	Winona MN	\$1,900

Family and Children's Center of Minnesota	For outpatient behavioral health services, increasing access for underserved children and families in rural Minnesota. Addressing gaps worsened by substance abuse and violence, this investment will serve 100 more individuals, fostering healthier, resilient communities.	Winona MN	\$750
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