

United States Senate

April 7, 2026

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 2027 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,



Tina Smith
United States Senator

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

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
City of Argyle	To construct a new Fire Hall for the Argyle Volunteer Fire Department that will replace the outdated 55-year-old structure currently in use.	Argyle MN	\$500
YMCA of the North	To rebuild the YMCA Camp Northern Lights commercial kitchen which services to over 700 families that visit the grounds annually.	Babbitt MN	\$3,164
City of Baldwin	To support construct a new fire department and city hall, including emergency shelter for the City of Baldwin.	Baldwin MN	\$7,000
City of Biwabik	To construct a modern public safety facility to replace an outdated and unsafe building, improving emergency response, operational efficiency, and safety for fire, ambulance, and law enforcement services.	Biwabik MN	\$3,000
Brainerd Family YMCA	To build and incorporate a new licensed child care center and community resource center into new YMCA facility.	Brainerd MN	\$6,000
Cass Lake Volunteer Fire Department	To support construction of a fire department building.	Cass Lake MN	\$3,000
City of Chisholm	To support renovations of the City Hall that was built in the early 1900's and is in a historical district.	Chisholm MN	\$1,000
Ely Area Community Foundation	To support construction of year-round indoor and outdoor space that supports rural economic activity, workforce stability, and community wellbeing in northeastern Minnesota.	Ely MN	\$200
Fergus Falls Community Child Care Center DBA: Children's Corner	To support development of a new and improved childcare center in Fergus Falls.	Fergus Falls MN	\$2,000
Koochiching County	To support construction of a public safety training, emergency operations center and storage facility for City, County, State, Federal law enforcement agencies.	International Falls MN	\$300
City of Jeffers	To support the construction of a new fire hall to replace an outdated and undersized facility in Jeffers.	Jeffers MN	\$720
City of La Crescent	To support a Public Safety-Emergency Operations Center serving La Crescent and the surrounding area in southeast Minnesota.	La Crescent MN	\$1,000
Madison Art and Innovation Center	To build a food aggregation hub to help local food producers access consumers; includes cold storage, food aggregation work space, shared kitchen facilities and local product sales space.	Madison MN	\$120
City of Medford	To support construction of a new fire station for the City of Medford.	Medford MN	\$2,300
City of Mendota Heights	To support construction of a new police department and city hall.	Mendota Heights MN	\$7,500
City of Montgomery	The purpose of the project is the construction of a new fire station to replace a 52 year old station.	Montgomery MN	\$5,216
City of Paynesville	To support construction of a new public safety building to replace an aging fire station that no longer meets safety or operational needs, providing a modern, centralized facility for fire and police services serving Paynesville and nine surrounding rural communities.	Paynesville MN	\$6,600
Red Wing Family YMCA	To rehabilitate and remodel the historic Red Wing Family YMCA building to launch a Healthy Living Resource Center to better serve vulnerable populations in our rural community.	Red Wing MN	\$5,000

University of Minnesota	To support upgrades to the University of Minnesota's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, which serves veterinarians, scientists, educators, companion animal owners, and the livestock and poultry industry by identifying and monitoring emerging diseases and developing new diagnostic methods.	St. Paul MN	\$2,500
University of Minnesota	To support site upgrades to the Cereal Disease Lab, an agricultural research facility.	St. Paul MN	\$5,600
City of Wabasha	To support emergency medical services for the City of Wabasha and the surrounding region.	Wabasha MN	\$2,950
City of Waldorf	To support a facility that will house a public library, city office, and a New Waseca County Public Safety Substation.	Waldorf MN	\$900
City of Welcome	To support a new fire station for the City of Welcome.	Welcome MN	\$2,500
City of Windom	To renovate existing gym facility into two classrooms and add a standalone new gym facility, creating additional childcare slots.	Windom MN	\$1,125
City of Wykoff	To build a new fire station for the City of Wykoff.	Wykoff MN	\$1,500