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

The Honorable John Hoeven
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
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Dear Chairman Heinrich and Ranking Member Hoeven,

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 2024 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sincerely,



BERNARD SANDERS
UNITED STATES SENATOR

**Sanders, Bernard(I-VT) Agriculture
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Town of Athens	With this funding, the Town of Athens will renovate the former Athens Elementary School to establish a community gathering space for meetings, events, and shelter in case of weather emergencies. It will also provide space for the Town Office, which has outgrown its current one-room location.	Athens VT	\$414
Northeast Kingdom Community Action	With this funding, Northeast Kingdom Community Action will transform a prior health care clinic into a childcare development center so that 10-12 families in Canaan, Vermont can have access to quality, affordable childcare and support services Monday through Friday.	Canaan VT	\$75
Canaan Naturally Connected	With this funding, Canaan Naturally Connected will establish a new community gathering place in Canaan using an existing Episcopal church building. Renovations will improve the interior fixtures and bring the space up to ADA compliance, ensuring a safe space for all community members to gather.	Canaan VT	\$94
Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District	With this funding, the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District will upgrade their truck fleet with a new larger, more efficient box truck, improving services and overall efficiency of the fleet.	Lyndonville VT	\$90
Ilsley Public Library	With this funding, the Ilsley Public Library will expand and renovate of library, providing additional space for growing collections and community programming, upgrading HVAC systems, and ensuring ADA compliance at entrances and on the elevator.	Middlebury VT	\$2,225
Greater Northfield Seniors	With this funding, Greater Northfield Seniors will expand the Northfield Senior Center, providing a larger main meeting area as well as space for classes and clinics.	Northfield VT	\$151
East Valley Community Group	With this funding, the East Valley Community group will renovate the East Valley Community Hall in East Randolph. Renovations will: strengthen the foundation, improve fire prevention, ensure access to the building is up to code/ADA compliant, and provide needed commercial-grade kitchen equipment.	Randolph VT	\$759
Town of Rochester	With this funding, the Town of Rochester will repurpose the Rochester High School building into a multi-use community resource facility to fill gaps in local services and serve low- and moderate-income people in a geographically isolated area.	Rochester VT	\$2,329
South Royalton Rescue Squad	With this funding, the South Royalton Rescue Squad will construct a new ambulance garage with crew quarters to ensure the squad has high-quality facilities to maintain and store equipment and remain ready to perform life-saving care at a moment's notice.	South Royalton VT	\$649
Springfield Regional Development Corporation	With this funding, the Springfield Regional Development Corporation will restore a wing of the former Park Street School, a community landmark and national register historic building, for community uses including an existing gym, theater, and community gathering space.	Springfield VT	\$2,475
Springfield Hospital, Inc.	With this funding, Springfield Hospital will purchase a new second boiler to upgrade its heating system, which is now 42 years old and well beyond its useful life. Funding will help eliminate the risk of the hospital going without a functioning heating system.	Springfield VT	\$220
Town of St. Johnsbury	With this funding, the Town of St. Johnsbury will redevelop the vacant armory building in town to house a 24-7 police department and emergency dispatch center while providing much-needed regional essential services training and education.	St. Johnsbury VT	\$5,731
Old School Enrichment Council, Inc.	With this funding, Old School Enrichment Council will complete needed renovations at the Wilmington Community Center, ensuring a quality space for vital programs and services in this rural community.	Wilmington VT	\$137

Woodbury Volunteer Fire Department	With this funding, the Woodbury Volunteer Fire Department will build a new emergency services building to house and maintain all of the Woodbury Volunteer Fire Department's equipment, as well as provide space for training and meetings.	Woodbury VT	\$1,125
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