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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
Energy and Water Development
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Kennedy
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
Energy and Water Development
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairwoman Feinstein and Ranking Member Kennedy,

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 2022 Energy and Water Development 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) Energy and Water Development
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
University of Vermont	Following the discontinuation of the Regional Test Center in Williston, Vermont in 2020, Sandia National Labs donated a solar research array to the University of Vermont. With the requested funding, the Burlington Electric Department, in partnership with the University of Vermont, will conduct the permitting, design, equipment purchase and construction of the solar array at its new location at Burlington Electric Department (BED), where it will serve students from the University of Vermont and Vermont Technical College (VTC).	Burlington, Chittenden County VT	\$150
Vermont Department of Public Service	Using \$500,000 of the requested funding, the Vermont Department of Public Service will establish no fewer than 10 sustainable energy projects located at Vermont elementary, middle, and high schools, with an emphasis on schools with a high percentage of students receiving free and reduced lunch. With the remaining \$500,000, the Vermont Department of Public Service will develop, build, and administer 10 sustainable energy projects at state and municipal, buildings, including, but not limited to town halls and public libraries.	Montpelier, Washington County VT	\$1,000
Vermont Housing and Conservation Board	With the requested funding, the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board will provide needed funding for an innovative community solar initiative through Evernorth, a highly-respected and well-established housing non-profit that serves individuals and families throughout the state. Funding would be used to support 1,125 apartments across Vermont, reducing their environmental footprint and providing cost savings that will support lower operating expenses and lower rent prices than would otherwise have been possible. Working with solar energy companies in Vermont, Evernorth will create a Community Solar LLC to finance and own up to five 500kW solar PV systems located around the state. By utilizing this structure, each solar PV system will attract private equity investment for the federal Investment Tax Credit.	Statewide VT	\$3,605
Vermont Public Power Supply Authority	The project would allow Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA) and its 11 municipal and cooperative members to assist commercial and residential customers make the transformation from fossil fuel to electric use and other cleaner energy sources. This will reduce greenhouse gas emissions in a way that minimizes impacts on Vermont's electric rates. This funding will also allow VPPSA members – many of whom are small, rural utilities – to test out financing options like a revolving loan fund and on-bill financing via VPPSA. This financial assistance is anticipated to be especially important to their many rural, low- and moderate-income customers for whom up-front costs are a significant barriers. Based in Washington County, VPPSA is centrally located and well-positioned to provide assistance to a wide array of Vermonters and energy projects, including the expansion of electrification for the support of electric vehicles.	Waterbury Center VT	\$1,000
NeighborWorks of Western Vermont	With the requested funding, HEAT Squad, a service of NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, will do extensive outreach and education to expand clean heating options, such as heat pumps and advanced wood heat, in the Northeast Kingdom region of Vermont to reduce emissions, save people money, and keep energy dollars local. This funding would allow Vermont's innovative HEAT Squad to continue and expand their work.	West Rutland, Rutland County VT	\$500