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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
Chairwoman
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Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and
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Committee on Appropriations
172 Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairwoman Baldwin and Ranking Member Capito:

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 2025 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, 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,



BERNARD SANDERS
United States Senator

**Sanders, Bernard(I-VT) Labor and Health and Human Services
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Central Vermont Career Center School District	With this funding, the Central Vermont Career Center School District will ensure students currently enrolled in the Emergency Services Pilot can continue working towards certification while the Central VT Career Center works to build a sustainable program partnered with a postsecondary institution.	Barre VT	\$150
Work Based Learning Program at Spaulding High School	Funds will be used to maintain and expand Work-Based Learning programming in Central Vermont to ensure students have access to the skills and knowledge necessary to enter in-demand industries or enroll in 2- or 4-year postsecondary education pathways.	Barre VT	\$40
Downstreet Housing and Community Development	With this funding, Downstreet Housing and Community Development will support people who recently exited homelessness to obtain and maintain housing stability.	Barre VT	\$750
Good Samaritan Haven	With the requested funding, Good Samaritan Haven will fully establish and operate its Recovery-Oriented Emergency Shelter (ROS) for two years. The ROS will benefit individuals experiencing homelessness who identify as having a substance use disorder, as well as their families and communities.	Barre Town, Barre City, Berlin, Montpelier, Washington County, Central Vermont VT	\$558
Town of Bennington Rescue Squad, Inc.	With this funding, the Town of Bennington Rescue Squad will provide non-emergency response and referral for low severity 9-1-1 calls, utilizing trained EMS professionals.	Bennington VT	\$162
Bradford Teen Center	Bradford Teen Center's Program Expansion Project aims to address problems that impact teens by increasing our programming around these issues. Funds will go towards food for culinary programs, equipment for filmmaking projects, and a field trip camping adventure.	Bradford VT	\$10
Community Health Centers of the Rutland Region	With this funding, Community Health Centers of the Rutland Region will expand access to primary care, behavioral health, dental, care management and pharmacy services.	Brandon VT	\$750
Big Brothers Big Sisters VT	With this funding, Big Brothers Big Sisters VT will recruit, train, support and match qualified volunteers with at risk youth ages 6-17 throughout Vermont in community and school-based settings.	Brattleboro VT	\$500
University of Detroit Mercy	With this funding, University of Detroit Mercy – Vermont will establish and support a clinical dental training in Vermont with third- and fourth-year dental students from University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry.	Burlington VT	\$4,600
Johnson Health Center	With this funding, Johnson Health Center will decrease cost of care and reduce recurrent Emergency Department visits and hospital readmissions by establishing a low-barrier, medically supervised care program.	Burlington VT	\$3,000
VT Child Psychiatry Access Program	With this funding, the Vermont Child Psychiatry Access Program will provide training to outpatient therapists who work with children, youth and their caregivers across Vermont.	Burlington VT	\$111

Community Health Centers of Burlington, Inc.	With the requested funding, the Community Health Centers of Burlington, Inc. will renovate an existing Community Health Center location to better serve the needs of the individuals seeking assistance at their site.	Burlington VT	\$600
University of Vermont Medical Center	With this funding, the University of Vermont Medical Center will construct a training facility for nurses and licensed nursing assistants, including classrooms and simulation spaces for student nurses, as well as nurse assistant trainees.	Burlington VT	\$919
Mountain Communities Supporting Education DBA Black River Area Community Coalition?(BRACC)	The Chester Teen Center will offer youth programming and centralize essential resources for youth, like a food shelf, thrift closet, and access to hygiene products. CTC will cultivate developmental values like leadership, mentorship, independence, and mental health support.	Chester VT	\$234
Town of Chester	With this funding, the town of Chester will provide care at home through a mobile integrated health care program.	Chester VT	\$522
Vermont Rural Education Collaborative	The intent of The Vermont Teacher Residency Program is to complement existing, and other emerging pathways, by providing an extended clinical field experience coupled with intensive support so that newly licensed teachers are well prepared to succeed in today's classrooms.	Derby VT	\$552
Vermont Association of Senior Centers and Meal Providers	With this funding, The Vermont Association of Senior Centers and Meal Providers (VASCAMP) will work with Vermont senior centers to offer health and wellness classes, programs and monitoring.	Elmore VT	\$500
Hartford Community Coalition	The Hartford Community Coalition will open a teen center in where recreation, meals, and support services will be available for youth. HCC will support access to primary care, nutrition, meals, mental health support, academic support, health education and group recreational trips for youth.	Hartford VT	\$398
Habitat for Aviation	With these funds, Habitat for Aviation (HFA) will work with youth and adults, especially young women and gender-expansive individuals, to pursue skilled trades in aviation through daylong workshops at each of Vermont's 12 airports as well as guided experiences during summer/vacation camps.	Highgate/Swanton VT	\$626
Dismas of Vermont, Inc.	"With this funding, Dismas of Vermont will provide residents of five Dismas houses with substance use disorder services, trauma-informed therapy and expanded programming"	Hyde Park VT	\$270
Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Association DBA Middlebury Regional EMS	Funds will be used for training, safety equipment and staffing to provide response to individuals in need. This initiative will benefit mental health crisis and substance abuse individuals and benefit the safety of first responders.	Middlebury VT	\$277
Patricia A Hannaford Career Center	Funds will create a afterschool and summer program that allows middle and high school students access to the Career Center during underutilized times. These programs will meet the need for more after school engagement from disconnected youth and recruit more high school students into the center.	Middlebury VT	\$1,000
InclusivityWorks Inc.	Funds will be used to coordinate and expand vital services for DeafBlind individuals in Vermont, enhancing their quality of life and fostering their full inclusion in the community.	Middletown Springs VT	\$150

Vermont Association of Area Agencies on Aging	With this funding, the Vermont Association of Area Agencies on Aging will increase access of fresh and local farm produce to older Vermonters. This will improve health and support Vermont small farm economy and the environment.	Montpelier VT	\$243
Vermont Center for Independent Living	With this funding, the Vermont Center for Independent Living will support COVID Longhaulers with resources, training and outreach to meet basic needs, maintain access to medical care, work and education, and to improve their quality of life.	Montpelier VT	\$732
Vermont Association of Area Agencies on Aging	With this funding, The Vermont Association of Area Agencies on Aging will increase the number of older Vermonters who participate in free online courses through GetSetUp. This will support older Vermonters to improve computer skills, digital literacy, participate in telehealth and learn new workplace	Montpelier VT	\$65
Lamoille Health Partners, Inc.	With this funding, Lamoille Health Partners will develop a community paramedicine program in collaboration with the local EMS services. This project will work proactively with people dealing with chronic conditions who do not have a medical home.	Morrisville VT	\$1,000
Little Rivers Health Care, Inc.	Funds will be used to open a new dental clinic in Wells River by providing capital to purchase dental-specific equipment.	Newbury VT	\$795
Putney Community Cares	With this funding, Putney Community Cares will establish a Community Nurse Program for the Putney area, which will promote proactive wellness and allow individuals to receive nursing support in their homes and through a free foot care clinic.	Putney VT	\$35
Landmark College	With this funding, Landmark College will provide summer programming for students with diagnosed and undiagnosed learning disabilities. Students learn their strengths and weaknesses, specific strategies to be successful in formal academic settings, and grow personally.	Putney VT	\$157
Saxtons River First Response	With this funding, Saxtons River First Response will upgrade aged cardiac Defibrillation Equipment with newer models to enhance service capabilities and improve patient outcomes.	Saxtons River VT	\$25
Black River Innovation Campus	With this funding, Black River Innovation Campus (BRIC) will scale BRIC's Industry 4.0 career pathway facilities, which support nationally recognized certification programs, K-12 and Adult STEAM training, and extended reality exploration of Vermont's innovation economy.	Springfield VT	\$240
Northern Counties Health Care, Inc.	With this funding, Northern Counties Health Care, Inc will increase access to dental and oral health care services in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom by expanding Northern Counties Dental Center and improving accessibility and sustainability.	St. Johnsbury VT	\$749
St. Johnsbury School District	With this funding, St. Johnsbury School District will develop a comprehensive wrap-around educational model that caters to the diverse needs of this vulnerable student population, fostering inclusivity, keeping students within their communities, and providing targeted support services.	St. Johnsbury VT	\$1,000

Community College of Vermont	With this funding, the Community College of Vermont will increase access to introductory health care courses in rural communities across Vermont, in partnership with small, rural hospitals and Federally Qualified Health Centers.	Statewide VT	\$1,350
Windham Regional Career Center	With this funding, the Windham Regional Career Center will partner with Vermont's thirteen other CTE centers to improve student outcomes, enhance existing and develop new programs, increase community outreach, and meet the needs of the communities within their sending school service area.	Statewide VT	\$5,000
Vermont Arts Council	The Vermont Arts Council's Artists in Schools will fund 75 artist residencies in schools throughout Vermont bringing professional artists into Vermont classrooms for high quality, multiday artist residencies. Projects end with a culminating presentation, performance, or exhibition.	Statewide VT	\$250
Vermont Outdoor Business Alliance	With these funds, Vermont Outdoor Business Alliance will establish an outdoor technical apprenticeship program.	Statewide VT	\$150
Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports	With the requested funding, Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports will develop new programs and increase program capacity to respond to increased demand for recreational opportunities for people with disabilities, regardless of ability to pay.	Statewide VT	\$250
Vermont Adult Learning Inc.	With these funds, Vermont Adult Learning will expand and provide training programs to meet the needs of Vermont's workforce for English Language Learners and Adult Learners.	Statewide VT	\$900
Vermont Department of Labor	With these funds, the Vermont Department of Labor will support youth employment and apprenticeship training for high school students, CTE students, and adults without diplomas by lowering the cost of training and licensing and providing supports, such as transportation to jobsites.	Statewide VT	\$4,000
Best Buddies International, Inc.	With this funding, Best Buddies International, Inc will establish and deliver community based inclusion services at 25 elementary, middle and high schools and serve at least 875 students with disabilities with activities and leadership training events.	Statewide VT	\$275
Cathedral Square Corporation	With the requested funding, the Cathedral Square Corporation will increase the number of residents served by Support and Services at Home (SASH) for All by adding additional affordable housing sites into the SASH for All model.	Statewide VT	\$700
Disability Rights Vermont	With this funding, Disability Rights Vermont will help students with disabilities and their parents become strong education advocates, and access the school services they have the right to receive, so they can learn alongside their peers.	Statewide VT	\$150
Harwood Union School District	Cultural exchanges provide the opportunity for students to interact and understand new customs, beliefs, cultural differences even though they may never leave Vermont. With this expansion, more opportunities are available to practice ethnography. The projects will be presented and shared online.	Waitsfield VT	\$249
Good Neighbor Health Clinic	With this funding, The Good Neighbor Dental Clinic will renovate space and add equipment to improve dental services for low income people who do not have a dental home.	White River Junction VT	\$450

ReSOURCE	ReSOURCE will pair YouthBuild expansion with registering pre-apprenticeship pathways in-demand high-skill work and directly address a critical barrier to the construction of affordable housing, weatherization, flood relief and recovery, and the overall transition to a clean and sustainable economy.	Williston VT	\$1,500
Deerfield Valley Rescue Inc.	With this funding, Deerfield Valley Rescue Inc. will purchase new communications equipment for members and employees, ensuring better communication among public safety organizations and improving responses to requests for help.	Windham and Bennington Counties VT	\$86
The Governor's Institutes of Vermont	With this funding, the Governor's Institutes of Vermont will expand their health care career exploration initiatives, with a focus on reaching underserved areas of the state to develop a robust pipeline and ease critical shortages.	Winooski VT	\$813
Ottauquechee Health Foundation	With this funding, the Ottauquechee Health Foundation will operate a mobile dental health unit to provide x-rays, exams, cleanings, dental hygiene education, sealants and silver diamine fluoride applications at local middle and high schools.	Woodstock VT	\$20