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The Honorable Brian Schatz
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development, and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Cindy Hyde-Smith
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
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Dear Chair Schatz and Ranking Member Hyde-Smith,

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 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, 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) Transportation Housing and Urban Development
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Shires Housing, Inc.	With this funding, Shires Housing will repurpose and rehabilitate 30 existing affordable and/or senior housing units that have aged significantly—causing safety concerns for low-, moderate-income, and senior residents—while also providing home-based care services.	Arlington VT	\$1,500
Vermont Agency of Transportation	With this funding, Vermont Agency of Transportation will reconstruct an Amtrak station platform in Bellows Falls to bring the platform into compliance with ADA requirements.	Bellows Falls VT	\$1,000
Vermont Agency of Transportation	With this funding, the Town of Berlin will construct walk and bike infrastructure to help make the newly designated Berlin Town Center—a commercial and economic hub for Central Vermont—into a mixed-use, walkable downtown.	Berlin VT	\$1,600
Brandon Senior Center	With this funding, the Brandon Senior Center will purchase a replacement van to provide transportation to the center for seniors from Brandon and the surrounding rural towns in an area that is not served by public transit.	Brandon VT	\$10
Boys and Girls Club of Brattleboro	With this funding, the Boys and Girls Club of Brattleboro will acquire eight new hybrid minivans to increase its ability to serve low-income youth through afterschool shuttle service, travel to program partner sites, and group field trips throughout the year.	Brattleboro and Windham County VT	\$375
Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity	With this funding, CVOEO will expand an existing public facility that houses public services for low-income Vermonters, including prepared meal production, medical and financial services, and other necessary wrap-around services for the community's most vulnerable populations.	Burlington VT	\$1,500
Cooperative Development Institute	With this funding, the Cooperative Development Institute will fund new electrical infrastructure for Westbury Mobile Home Park—a crucial source of affordable housing for over 600 low- and moderate-income residents in Chittenden County—to provide the community with safe and reliable infrastructure and to preserve affordability.	Colchester VT	\$1,125
Craftsbury Community Care Center	With this funding, Craftsbury Community Care Center will renovate its community kitchen and walk-in refrigerator, which prepares hundreds of nutritious meals for its low- and moderate-income residents and other Vermonters in an economically disadvantaged area.	Craftsbury VT	\$288
Vermont Agency of Transportation	With this funding, the Town of Danville will expand walk and bike infrastructure in downtown Danville through constructing new sidewalks and bike and pedestrian pathways that will improve pedestrian safety and connect important businesses and community facilities to the nearby Lamoille Valley Rail Trail.	Danville VT	\$1,533
Vermont Agency of Transportation	With this funding, the Vermont Agency of Transportation will replace culverts along four heavily traveled routes in Franklin County, Vermont that are also undergoing repaving and resurfacing, improving the reliability, safety, and sustainability of these routes.	Franklin County VT	\$2,400
Gilman Housing Trust, Inc., dba Rural Edge	With this funding, Rural Edge will provide funding to low- and moderate-income Vermonters in an economically disadvantaged region of the state to rehabilitate homes through low-interest loans and grants for health and safety repairs.	Greensboro Bend, Greensboro, and Stannard VT	\$150
Lamoille Housing Partnership	With this funding, Lamoille Housing Partnership will convert a classroom building on the campus of the former Johnson State College into critically needed affordable senior housing and a community health center.	Johnson VT	\$550

Vermont Agency of Transportation	With this funding, Tri-Valley Transit will construct indoor bus storage for the transit system serving three rural Vermont counties while moving toward net-zero fossil fuel operations, which will improve reliability of service, decrease maintenance costs, and address global climate change.	Middlebury VT	\$3,811
Central Vermont Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	With this funding, Central Vermont Habitat for Humanity will help construct 115 new affordable and net-zero homes in the state's capital city, providing crucial affordable housing opportunities for working families within walking distance of the downtown.	Montpelier VT	\$1,000
Gilman Housing Trust, Inc., dba Rural Edge	With this funding, Rural Edge will expand homeownership and rental opportunities for low- and moderate-income families by converting a former high school into 24 affordable homes in an underserved area.	Newport VT	\$1,525
Vermont Agency of Transportation	With this funding, the Town of Northfield will pave a high traffic dirt road that serves over 1,000 vehicles per day to improve public safety and expand capacity for residents and visitors.	Northfield VT	\$727
Cathedral Square	With this funding, Cathedral Square will construct 33 new affordable, ADA-accessible, and energy efficient homes for low-income older adults, including a community room and housing-based care services.	St. Albans VT	\$1,000
Vermont Housing & Conservation Board	With this funding, the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board will bolster current initiatives for manufactured housing communities (MHCs) in Vermont, increasing the sustainability of a critical housing resource for low- and moderate-income Vermonters.	Statewide VT	\$2,500
Vermont Housing & Conservation Board	With this funding, the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board will expand affordable, land trust/shared equity homeownership opportunities to low- and moderate-income Vermonters statewide.	Statewide VT	\$2,500
Vermont Housing & Conservation Board	With this funding, the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board will provide community solar energy for approximately 300 low- and moderate-income renter households across Vermont, decreasing energy bills and improving housing affordability and sustainability.	Statewide VT	\$2,060
Counseling Services of Addison County	With this funding, Counseling Services of Addison County will expand supportive housing opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injuries by purchasing and installing six ADA-accessible modular homes that attach to a shared living provider's home or remain free-standing in their backyard.	Statewide VT	\$720
Downstreet Housing & Community Development	With this funding, Downstreet Housing & Community Development will create rental homes with on-site services for persons with disabilities, expanding permanent supportive housing for individuals with special needs.	Washington County VT	\$750
Brattleboro Area Affordable Housing Corp.	With this funding, the Brattleboro Area Affordable Housing Corp. will create affordable Accessory Dwelling Units, rehabilitate substandard homes, and provide emergency assistance to low-income families who would otherwise fall through the cracks of existing safety net programs.	Windham County VT	\$80
Woodstock Area Adult Day Services	With this funding, Woodstock Area Adult Day Services will purchase its own van to transport participants to its service location, benefiting seniors with special needs and their caregivers.	Windsor County VT	\$53
City of Winooski	With this funding, the City of Winooski will renovate and expand an existing public facility to strengthen services for low-income Vermonters in Winooski, including the community health center, public library, and dental care center.	Winooski VT	\$1,000
Twin Pines Housing Trust	With this funding, Twin Pines Housing Trust will fully rehabilitate 26 affordable homes for seniors in a high-demand area, improving habitability and increasing accessibility and energy efficiency for these permanently affordable rental apartments.	Woodstock VT	\$1,000

February 7, 2024

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Chair
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Dear Chair Schatz and Ranking Member Hyde-Smith:

The purpose of this letter is to request a change for a Fiscal Year 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending project in the Senate Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, listed below. 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, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

The reason for this necessary correction is to align the requested funding with the current timeline for passage of the FY 2024 funding package, as the current timeline of the FY 2024 funding package precludes the application of the Congressionally Directed Spending to the original project, "Lower Newton Senior Housing". Given the incredible need for affordable housing in Vermont's Franklin County, I therefore request that this funding be applied to the Cathedral Square project "Highgate Village Senior Housing", located in Highgate, Vermont, to fulfill the original intent of my request to create needed age-restricted affordable housing for low-income adults over 55 years of age in Franklin County.

Agency/Subaccount: HUD EDI

Project: Lower Newton Senior Housing

Recipient: Cathedral Square

Project Purpose as originally requested in Legi-Mate: This project will construct 33 new affordable ADA-accessible, and energy efficient homes for low-income older adults, including a community room and housing-based care services.

Request for change: Change Project in the THUD Subcommittee Marker Bill: "*Highgate Village Senior Housing*"

Sincerely,



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