

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4504

April 13, 2023

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
Chair
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, and Education
Committee on Appropriations
709 Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and
Human Services, and Education
Committee on Appropriations
172 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair 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 2024 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education 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) Labor and Health and Human Services
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District	With this funding, the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District will prepare the Career Center's Automotive Technology Program students to work in the growing EV automotive field.	Addison County VT	\$198
Washington County Mental Health Services, Inc.	With this funding, Washington County Mental Health Services, Inc. will expand the WellSpace Building Initiative's wellness services to include two evidence-based practices—Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy and Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction.	Barre VT	\$165
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	With this funding, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center will increase access to primary health care in Southern Vermont and rural areas across the nation, by launching a primary care physician training program with a focus on rural medicine.	Bennington VT	\$2,000
Turning Point Center of Bennington	With this funding, Turning Point Center of Bennington will provide emergency housing, shower and bathroom, and peer recovery support, with two respite beds in a local partner facility, for short-term use by people suffering from Substance Use Disorder or Alcohol Use Disorder.	Bennington VT	\$220
Town of Bennington Rescue Squad, Inc.	With this funding, Town of Bennington Rescue Squad will be able to provide non-emergency response services for low severity calls with a trained, licensed EMS professional instead of a full ambulance crew.	Bennington VT	\$240
Mountain Communities Supporting Education, Inc.; Alliance for Community Transformations	With this funding, Mountain Communities Supporting Education, Inc.; Alliance for Community Transformations will increase awareness of hygiene and period poverty, and support the health of youth by helping them get the menstrual and personal care items they need.	Bennington VT	\$50
Good Samaritan Haven	With this funding, Good Samaritan Haven will establish and operate a Recovery-Based Emergency Shelter. This will fill a gap in the organization's continuum of homelessness services which include street outreach, motel-based services, barrier shelters, and permanent supportive housing.	Berlin VT	\$380
Little Rivers Health Care, Inc.	With this funding, Little Rivers Health Care will renovate the Newbury Clinic for use as an Express Care and Wellness Facility, and purchase a vehicle to tow their mobile health clinic trailer—allowing the organization to provide medical services throughout this isolated Vermont region.	Bradford VT	\$340
Rescue, Inc.	With this funding, Rescue, Inc. will provide enhanced medical delivery services in people's homes, with a focus on in-home services to seniors, patients living with chronic illness, patients suffering from mental illness, and low-income communities.	Brattleboro VT	\$681
University of Vermont	With this funding, the University of Vermont will support existing community schools through service-learning, research partnerships and grant funding, while also providing institutional support and grants to develop three new community schools.	Burlington VT	\$1,999
Very Merry Theatre	With this funding, Very Merry Theatre will provide theatre camps in three new counties (Franklin, Grand Isle, Windsor, and/or Washington) and enhance the production value of two existing camps in Addison and Lamoille counties, while making each camp available free of charge.	Burlington VT	\$118

Association of Africans Living in Vermont	With this funding, AALV will provide 32 resettled refugees with an 80-hour job skills, English language, and placement training that prepares them for careers in nursing, such as becoming Home Health Aides or LNAs.	Burlington VT	\$214
Vermont Recovery Network; Recovery Partners of Vermont	With this funding, Vermont Recovery Network; Recovery Partners of Vermont will bring a trauma-informed Employee Assistance Program to recovery workers, who are also in recovery. It will support their mental health by providing educational opportunities, self-care, and counseling.	Burlington VT	\$301
Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center	With this funding, Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center will offer free sailing and paddling opportunities to people with disabilities (cognitive and physical) as well as their caregivers through Community Sailing Center's Adaptive Watersports program.	Burlington VT	\$33
MENTOR Vermont	With this funding, MENTOR Vermont will help local programs to temporarily increase staff time for mentor recruitment, screening, onboarding, and matching to rebuild program numbers to pre-pandemic levels and expand serve more youth.	Burlington VT	\$250
City of Burlington	With this funding, the City of Burlington will support the purchase of a mobile library, or Bookmobile, that would increase access to library services for community members in all parts of the city.	Burlington VT	\$550
Burlington School District	With this funding, Burlington School District will provide transportation and childcare for multilingual parents of students who want to participate in Parent University's educational programming.	Burlington VT	\$45
City of Burlington, Community and Economic Development Office	With this funding, City of Burlington, Community and Economic Development Office will support staff and services for the Elmwood Shelter, which accommodates up to 35 adult guests and provides basic needs including meals, housing resources, health care, overdose prevention, and education.	Burlington VT	\$420
Cabot Ambulance	With this funding, Cabot Ambulance will purchase a new, more modern ambulance, equipped with lift capacity and updated equipment. If possible, they will also build a small garage to house the ambulance.	Cabot VT	\$375
Northern Vermont Area Health Education Center (AHEC)	With this funding, the Northern Vermont Area Health Education Center will provide free basic EMS training to young people in underserved and rural communities to build health care skills and grow interest in the EMS profession.	Caledonia County VT	\$105
Vermont Roots and Wings Alliance	With this funding, Vermont Roots and Wings Alliance will establish a supportive employment program for Vermonters who have experienced poverty, homelessness, incarceration, substance use disorder or other circumstances that may make employment challenging.	Chittenden County VT	\$200
Vermont Rural Education Collaborative	With this funding, the Vermont Rural Education Collaborative will support, expand, and increase collaboration among community schools in the Northeast Kingdom and beyond.	Derby VT	\$412
Community Health Centers of Burlington, Inc	With this funding, Community Health Centers of Burlington will renovate the Community Health Centers' Winooski practice to more than double the medical and mental health area, and accommodate the integration and expansion of the neighboring dental practice.	Essex VT	\$3,000
Essex Rescue, Inc.	With this funding, Essex Rescue Inc. will improve quality of service by ensuring that trucks and personnel are available to respond. This will be done through replacing one of two heating systems, expanding and reconfiguring two of three ambulance bays doors, and reconfiguring a common area.	Essex Junction VT	\$129

Vermont Donor Milk Center	With this funding, the Vermont Donor Milk Center will transition from a primarily volunteer-run organization to a professionally managed nonprofit that can offer comprehensive services to families statewide.	Essex Junction VT	\$120
Habitat for Aviation	With this funding, Habitat for Aviation will develop and provide summer and after school opportunities for Franklin County youth to explore and engage with the aviation industry, while developing apprenticeships and industry-standard certification pathways.	Franklin County VT	\$398
Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports	With this funding, Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports will increase access to sports and recreation for people with disabilities, increase access to equipment and instruction, and reduce program fees.	Killington VT	\$400
Vermont Agency of Education	With this funding, the Vermont Agency of Education will expand Essex High School's Global Leadership Program statewide, enabling high school students to access virtual and in-person international exchanges, as well as free online courses, dual enrollment programming, and language learning.	Montpelier VT	\$1,895
Vermont Principals Association	With this funding, the Vermont Principal's Association will work with Vermont schools to establish and increase programming for speech, debate, model UN, and chess.	Montpelier VT	\$600
Prevent Child Abuse Vermont	With this funding, Prevent Child Abuse Vermont will address child abuse in the state by providing free child sexual abuse prevention curricula kits along with no-cost training for facilitators to 100 Vermont schools over three years.	Montpelier VT	\$500
Vermont Association of Area Agencies on Aging	With this funding, Area Agencies on Aging will use an evidence-based online platform (Trualta) to assess each caregiver's needs and improve their health, confidence, and knowledge, including personalized educational, training, and support plan for each participant.	Montpelier VT	\$450
Vermont State Colleges System	With this funding, the Vermont State Colleges System will train the in-demand workforce we need to weatherize homes and install heat pumps across the state, with a focus on support for low- and moderate-income Vermonters.	Montpelier VT	\$1,000
Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care, Inc.	With this funding, the Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care will offer 24 free health equity trainings over the course of a year to health care and community service providers.	Montpelier VT	\$190
Lamoille Health Partners, Inc.	With this funding, Lamoille Health Partners will build a new building on their main campus to provide new and expanded space for their dental services program, additional clinical capacity, space for kids' wellness programs, community events, and health education workshops.	Morrisville VT	\$2,000
Addison County Home Health and Hospice	With this funding, Addison County Home Health and Hospice (ACHHH) will support an additional employee, Durable Medical Equipment, and two e-vans; and ultimately increase access to critical medical supplies.	New Haven VT	\$440
Northfield Ambulance Service	With this funding, Northfield Ambulance Service will purchase an ALEX Pro Patient Simulator with an IV arm. This tool allows providers to assess the mannequin as if it is a real patient. The mannequin will respond to questions, have real vital signs, and be responsive to life saving procedures.	Northfield VT	\$44
North Country Supervisory Union	With this funding, NCSU will implement a training plan for the school community that provides the knowledge and skills needed to support LGBTQ+ youth throughout their education, while enabling continued youth leadership opportunities through a supervisory union wide Gender and Sexuality Alliance.	Orleans County VT	\$46

Northeast Washington County Community Health, Inc.; The Health Center	With this funding, Northeast Washington County Community Health, Inc.; The Health Center will be used to create a medical-legal partnership, adding a lawyer to the health care team. The lawyer will provide free legal assistance to patients, with a focus on poverty-related issues.	Plainfield VT	\$150
Putney Community Cares	With this funding, Putney Community Cares will establish a Community Nurse Program, promoting wellness and allowing individuals to receive in-home nursing support, including checking wounds, explaining doctor's advice or reviewing home conditions and set up.	Putney VT	\$50
Richford Health Center, Inc. d/b/a Northern Tier Center for Health (Notch)	With this funding, Richford Health Center, Inc. dBA Northern Tier Center for Health (NOTCH) will renovate a new site, combining two existing primary care practices which provided overlapping services and didn't have expansion opportunities.	Richford VT	\$2,500
Community Health Centers of the Rutland Region	With this funding, Community Health Centers of the Rutland Region will add a dental wing and ambulance entry, expand pharmacy services, and renovate existing space to add two behavioral health care offices, a new care manager office, new nurse visit room, and consultation spaces.	Rutland VT	\$2,000
Cathedral Square Cooperation	With this funding, Cathedral Square Cooperation will continue two existing pilots and add 10 additional programs, to provide statewide coverage and help renters in subsidized housing access the resources they need to thrive and remain stably housed.	South Burlington VT	\$2,710
Vermont Law and Graduate School, Inc.	With this funding, Vermont Law and Graduate School will expand legal services for low-income veterans around Vermont and enhance clinical training for law school students on veterans' legal issues.	South Royalton VT	\$850
Early Care and Learning Partnership, Inc	With this funding, the Early Learning and Care Partnership will train early childhood educators, caregivers, and health care providers to better address the needs of families, which are often far-reaching and complex.	Vergennes VT	\$835
Improving Older Vermonters' Health and Reducing Loneliness and Isolation through Online Engagement	With this funding, Improving Older Vermonters' Health and Reducing Loneliness and Isolation through Online Engagement will allow older Vermonters to continue to take free online courses on GetSetUp to improve social connection, computer skills and help them to learn new workplace skills.	Washington VT	\$40
Brain Injury Alliance of Vermont	With this funding, Brain Injury Alliance of Vermont will provide information about the causes, symptoms, and treatments of brain injuries, and resources to help people who are living with a brain injury, including webinars, infographics, and handbooks, as well as videos, lesson plans, and workbooks.	Waterbury VT	\$150
ReSOURCE: A Nonprofit Community Enterprise	With this funding, ReSOURCE will expand their high school completion and apprenticeship programming that have been successfully piloted at YouthBuild's existing locations to two new locations in partnership with local schools.	Williston VT	\$960
Vermont HITEC	With this funding, Vermont HITEC will enable young Vermonters to complete GED programs while engaging in apprenticeships with Vermont-based employers in the fields of technology, health care, and advanced manufacturing.	Williston VT	\$1,500
Invest EAP Centers for Wellbeing (a program of the VT Assoc. of Business, Industry and Rehabilitation)	With this funding, Invest EAP Centers for Wellbeing will replace a 3-decades old database with a more modern and efficient one. It will free up the time clinicians currently spend entering and retrieving data from an outdated interface and enable them to focus more of their time on direct service.	Williston VT	\$143
Connecticut Valley Recovery Incorporated	With this funding, Connecticut Valley Recovery, Inc. will establish a recovery center, affiliated with a recovery residence, that will provide beds for up to six individuals, provide programming, and a living situation free from drugs, alcohol and societal stressors.	Windsor VT	\$557

The Governor's Institutes of Vermont	With this funding, the Governor's Institutes of Vermont will expand their current Health & Medicine Institute model to a full 11-day residential experience that occurs twice a year over the next three years, helping students develop clinical skills in a healthcare setting.	Winooski VT	\$836
--------------------------------------	---	-------------	-------