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The Honorable Patty Murray  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, and Education  
Committee on Appropriations  
Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 136  
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The Honorable Roy Blunt  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and  
Human Services, and Education  
Committee on Appropriations  
Hart Senate Office Building, Room 125  
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Dear Chair Murray and Ranking Member Blunt:

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 2023 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**

<b>Recipient Name</b>	<b>Project Purpose</b>	<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Amount Requested (\$000)</b>
Battenkill Valley Health Center	These funds will allow Battenkill Valley Health Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center, to expand direct oral health service capacity and outreach efforts for Medicare beneficiaries, who are currently without a dental benefit or with an insufficient dental benefit.	Arlington VT	\$240
People's Health and Wellness Clinic	This funding would allow People's Health and Wellness Clinic, a free clinic providing primary, mental, and dental care and wellness services to uninsured and underinsured patients, to replace outdated dental equipment and renovate their handicap ramp to increase access to services.	Barre VT	\$54
Family Center of Washington County	This funding will establish a Family Hub in Barre so that children and families have a safe space to gather, connect, and get access to services and resources from community organizations.	Barre VT	\$100
Bennington College	The purpose of this project is to support a mental health and wellness pilot initiative that is student-centered, data-driven, and meets the needs of an increasingly diverse student body. The holistic service model will be developed and disseminated as a customizable prototype for public and private colleges throughout Vermont.	Bennington VT	\$1,220
Springfield Medical Care Systems, Inc.	The purpose of this project is to increase access to primary care, mental health, addiction, and dental services in the region of Brattleboro, Vermont, which currently lacks access to Federally Qualified Health Center services.	Brattleboro VT	\$4,220
Five Town Health Alliance	These funds will allow Five Town Health Alliance (Mountain Health Center), a rural Federally Qualified Health Center, to expand direct oral health service capacity and outreach efforts for Medicare beneficiaries, who are currently without a dental benefit or with an insufficient dental benefit.	Bristol VT	\$235
Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center	This funding will allow the Community Sailing Center (CSC) in Vermont to develop their Diversity Access Initiative and increase youth enrollment in their programming by covering the costs of new educational equipment and staffing.	Burlington VT	\$60
Northern Counties Health Care	These funds will allow Northern Counties Health Care, a rural Federally Qualified Health Center, to expand direct oral health service capacity and outreach efforts for Medicare beneficiaries, who are currently without a dental benefit or with an insufficient dental benefit.	Caledonia, Orleans, and Essex Counties VT	\$455
Governor's Institutes of Vermont	This funding will enable the Governor's Institute of Vermont to double the number of program slots available in their summer arts program by adding a second session, ensuring an additional 130 young artists—teenagers and high school students—will have the opportunity to engage in experiential learning and career exploration.	Chittenden County VT	\$304
Northern Tier Center for Health	The purpose of this project is for Northern Tier Center for Health, a Federally Qualified Health Center) to renovate and update an existing health center site. The project will provide jobs, improve access to and delivery of medical and pharmacy services, and create a safe, welcoming space for patients, customers, and employees.	Fairfax VT	\$400
Northern Tier Center for Health	These funds will allow Northern Tier Center for Health (NOTCH), a rural Federally Qualified Health Center, to expand direct oral health service capacity and outreach efforts for Medicare beneficiaries, who are currently without a dental benefit or with an insufficient dental benefit.	Franklin County VT	\$540

Hazen Union School	This funding will establish the Hazen Union Community School as a model of rural community schooling by developing key community partnerships, expanding experiential and place-based learning and flexible pathways for students, and forming a "third space" for the community to access economic, educational, and career resources.	Hardwick VT	\$1,405
Lamoille Health Partners	These funds will allow Lamoille Health Partners (LHP), a rural Federally Qualified Health Center, to expand direct oral health service capacity and outreach efforts for Medicare beneficiaries, who are currently without a dental benefit or with an insufficient dental benefit.	Lamoille County VT	\$327
Hardwood Union High School	This project will expand a successful travel study program at Harwood Union High School to enroll more students and form new partnerships with schools in the United States and other nations.	Moretown VT	\$134
North Country Supervisory Union	This project would allow the North Country Supervisory Union (NCSU) to develop and coordinate learning programs at the Bluffside Farm to provide NCSU students and community members with opportunities for experiential, place-based, and community-service learning.	Newport VT	\$694
Norwich University	This funding would allow the nursing school at Norwich University to establish a nursing virtual reality laboratory to better educate and train nursing students and meet the overflow of current and future enrollment.	Northfield VT	\$487
Little Rivers Health Care, Inc.	These funds will allow Little Rivers Health Care, a rural Federally Qualified Health Center, to expand direct oral health service capacity and outreach efforts for Medicare beneficiaries, who are currently without a dental benefit or with an insufficient dental benefit.	Orange County VT	\$250
Little Rivers Health Care, Inc.	Funding will be used to purchase equipment and furniture for new exam rooms, offices, and group spaces made possible by other funding. This will enable the health center to serve more patients and provide more services in their rural community.	Orange County VT	\$375
Orange County Diversion Program	The purpose of this project is to build and renovate a space in Randolph, Vermont to provide critical support and recovery services for those with substance use disorder.	Orange County VT	\$986
Vermont Department of Public Safety	The Vermont State Firefighters Association Fire Cadet Academy is a residential summer training program that provides 14- to 17-year-old Vermonters with hands-on firefighter experience, critical leadership capabilities, and highly transferable soft skills. The goal of this funding request is to more than triple the number of participants in this important pipeline program.	Pittsford VT	\$150
Northeast Washington County Community Health, Inc.	These funds will allow The Health Center, a rural Federally Qualified Health Center, to expand direct oral health service capacity and outreach efforts for Medicare beneficiaries, who are currently without a dental benefit or with an insufficient dental benefit.	Plainfield VT	\$300
Gifford Health Care	These funds will allow Gifford Health Care, a rural Federally Qualified Health Center, to expand direct oral health service capacity and outreach efforts for Medicare beneficiaries, who are currently without a dental benefit or with an insufficient dental benefit.	Randolph VT	\$346
Community Health Centers of the Rutland Region	These funds will allow Community Health Centers of the Rutland Region, a rural Federally Qualified Health Center, to expand direct oral health service capacity and outreach efforts for Medicare beneficiaries, who are currently without a dental benefit or with an insufficient dental benefit.	Rutland VT	\$700
Park Street Healthshare	This funding will allow Park Street Healthshare, Inc. (DBA The Rutland Free Clinic) to purchase and set up a mobile health care unit to provide much-needed, free, community-based health care services.	Rutland VT	\$315
Community Health Centers of the Rutland Region	Community Health Centers of the Rutland Region will use funds for renovations in order to expand behavioral health services to meet an increased demand.	Rutland VT	\$1,850

Rutland County Parent Child Center	This funding will establish The 7's Club, an experiential outdoor program that brings together middle and high school students in several communities across Vermont, New York City, Philadelphia, and other places with the aim of improving youth mental health and well-being.	Rutland County VT	\$450
Community Health Centers of Burlington	These funds will allow Community Health Centers of Burlington, a Federally Qualified Health Center, from their rural health center site in South Hero (Champlain Islands Health Center), Vermont, to expand direct oral health service capacity and outreach efforts for Medicare beneficiaries, who are currently without a dental benefit or with an insufficient dental benefit.	South Hero VT	\$520
St. Johnsbury Academy Adult School?	This proposal is to establish a nursing bridge program that would allow individuals to follow a career pathway designed to take them from nursing assistant positions into registered nursing positions. The program would have points of entry that from beginning to end would move students from certified nursing assistants to licensed nursing assistants to licensed practical nurse and finally to certified nurse.	St. Johnsbury VT	\$473
Vermont State Colleges	This project will allow the Vermont State Colleges to hire new nursing educators and faculty members and retain and support their existing ones in order to enroll more than two hundred additional students in the nursing program.	Statewide VT	\$4,025
Age Well	The purpose of this project is to improve older Vermonters' health and wellness through online access to evidenced-based programs, Senior Center Internet Cafes, and in-person programs that improve health and prevent chronic disease.	Statewide VT	\$1,026
Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports	Funding will allow Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports to support adaptive sports programs, including veterans' retreats, volunteer and staff training, and an internship program, which will improve the ability of people with disabilities to live independently and participate fully in their communities.	Statewide VT	\$500
University of Vermont & State Agricultural College	This will establish the Vermont EMS Academy to serve as an educational partner for Vermont EMS and provide high quality, financially and geographically accessible enhanced EMS training to help rebuild the EMS workforce across the state.	Statewide VT	\$750
Cathedral Square Corporation	CDS funds will be used to expand a proven, embedded mental health demonstration program into all counties of Vermont via the existing provider network serving low-income Vermonters through Support and Services at HOME (SASH), Vermont's award-winning housing-based model of care.	Statewide VT	\$1,352
Cathedral Square Corporation	With CDS funding, Cathedral Square will continue and expand its SASH for All demonstration project, which adapted the award-winning Support and Services at Home program, a housing-based model of care for low-income seniors, to families in publicly supported affordable housing.	Statewide VT	\$856
Shire Kids	Vermont Reads with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library will allow thousands of children (birth to five) in Vermont to participate in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a book-gifting program that mails a high-quality, age-appropriate book to enrolled children every month from birth until the child's fifth birthday.	Statewide VT	\$582
Young Writers Project	This project modernizes and redesigns the website of the Young Writers Project to expand their digital capacity and accessibility in order to reach and engage more young people across the state of Vermont.	Statewide VT	\$30
Windham Central Supervisory Union	This project will fund summer and afterschool programming for the students of the West River Valley in Vermont.	Statewide VT	\$100
Community Asylum Seekers Project	This project would build Vermont's legal capacity to welcome asylum seekers, including Afghan evacuees. Funding will jumpstart the Vermont Asylum Assistance Project, aimed at addressing the shortage of pro bono legal assistance in the state and promoting the rights of immigrant communities and asylum-seekers living in Vermont.	Statewide VT	\$50

Pathways Vermont	The purpose of this project is to create a mental health peer support specialist certification in Vermont to bring these critical mental health services into the state's continuum of care.	Statewide VT	\$336
Vermont State Colleges	This project will allow Vermont Technical College (VTC) to establish a new educational program that offers an Associate's Degree in Agriculture & Food Entrepreneurship, with concentrations in either Dairy & Animal Science or Food Entrepreneurship.	Statewide VT	\$970
University of Vermont	A University Assisted Community School Initiative at the University of Vermont will create partnerships between UVM, the Vermont Agency of Education, and public schools to advance the development, evaluation, and support of community schools around the state of Vermont.	Statewide VT	\$2,954
Landmark College	This project will offer scholarships to thirty Vermont teachers to enroll in an online post-baccalaureate certificate program in Learning Differences and Neurodiversity offered by Landmark College.	Statewide VT	\$151
Vermont Rural Education Collaborative	This project will fund the Vermont Rural Education Collaborative's work to strengthen and expand community schooling and build a robust pipeline into the educator workforce in the Northeast Kingdom region.	Statewide VT	\$375
Vermont Association of Adult Day Services	These funds will allow the Vermont Association of Adult Day Services to create and maintain a VAADS website in order to educate the public and improve access to adult day health services.	Statewide VT	\$50
Bi-State Primary Care Association	Funds will allow Bi-State Primary Care Association to collect and aggregate data provided by Federally Qualified Health Centers related to dental services and outreach to Medicare beneficiaries in their service areas in order to assess the services provided and their impact on health and to provide better care in the future.	Statewide VT	\$55
Vermont State Colleges	This CDS project request is to plan and launch a Climate Workforce Training Center in Vermont to diversify and grow the number of skilled workers needed to achieve the state's ambitious climate goals, specifically through in-home improvements such as weatherization and the installation of clean heat systems.	Statewide VT	\$1,750
Turning Point Center of Central Vermont	Funds will be used for a renovation project enabling Turning Point to create a facility that will be a model peer recovery center that is welcoming and respectful to both people in addiction recovery and their families as well as partner agencies and organizations.	Washington County VT	\$400
North Branch Nature Center	This project will support early childhood educators across Vermont in implementing outdoor, nature-based practices with the mission of embedding outdoor learning in the education of every young Vermonter.	Washington County and Statewide VT	\$803
Waterbury Ambulance Service, Inc.	Funds will allow Waterbury Ambulance Service to build a new service station to house ambulances, operations, and to provide services, as well as purchase an ambulance and medical supplies that are essential to responding to the health care needs of the community.	Waterbury VT	\$1,600
Windham Northeast Supervisory Union	This project will fund a coordinated place, nature, and work-based learning program in the schools throughout the Windham Northeast Supervisory Union in Vermont.	Windham County VT	\$694
Springfield Medical Care Systems, Inc.	These funds will allow Springfield Medical Care Systems, DBA North Star Health, a rural Federally Qualified Health Center, to expand direct oral health service capacity and outreach efforts for Medicare beneficiaries, who are currently without a dental benefit or with an insufficient dental benefit.	Windsor County VT	\$475
Turning Point Recovery Center	The project will expand critical outreach services related to alcohol and substance use disorders and facilitate the recovery of individuals and their families by providing a staffed drop-in center, meeting locations, substance-free social functions, a peer recovery coach program, and a prevention and referral resource center.	Windsor and Windham Counties VT	\$148

Community Health Centers of Burlington	The purpose of this project is to expand Community Health Centers of Burlington's Federally Qualified Health Center site in Winooski, VT in order to meet the primary health care needs of Vermont's most culturally and socioeconomically diverse city.	Winooski VT	\$4,080
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