

United States Senate

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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Vice Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chris Van Hollen
Chairman
Subcommittee on Financial Services
And General Government
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Cindy Hyde-Smith
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Financial Services
And General Government
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy, Vice Chairman Shelby, Chairman Van Hollen, 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 2022 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Thank you for your consideration of these important requests.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator

**Schumer, Charles(D-NY) Financial Services and General Government
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation	Financial Services Community Project funds allocated to the Brooklyn Business Center will support its general operations in FY2022 as we work to expand our operations and help small business owners of color navigate and recover from the devastating impacts of the pandemic. More so, we will play a key role in strengthening the long-term resilience of minority-owned businesses - the lack thereof presenting an obstacle to advancing racial equity in the business community - particularly as it means increased employment opportunities. We respectfully request \$250,000 to support these activities in FY2022. Project Funding will be matched on a 1:1 basis, using committed funds secured from City and State sources.	Brooklyn NY	\$250
Greenpoint Manufacturing and Design Center	The Greenpoint Manufacturing and Design Center (GMDC), a nonprofit developer of industrial space, seeks financing and funding for the development of a first-of-its-kind mixed-use project in Brownsville, Brooklyn, NY, which will include manufacturing and affordable and supportive housing. GMDC seeks \$5.5 million in capital funds to help underwrite the cost of construction of the multi-tenanted manufacturing facility.	Brooklyn NY	\$5,500
City of Cortland	Update the city's IT infrastructure to enhance reliability and cyber security, especially for small business owners in our City.	City of Cortland NY	\$84
City of Syracuse	This project will install high-speed fiber optic lines to five targeted business corridors to provide low cost internet connectivity for small "mom and pop" businesses and community wi-fi along the corridors that residents and visitors can use.	City of Syracuse NY	\$5,500
Incorporated Village of Old Brookville	The Village of Old Brookville is expanding its Village Hall, which dates back to 1964. This is the first major improvement project being undertaken since then. The Village has records, some dating back to its incorporation, which are numerous and need to be organized, digitized and reconfigured for space savings. The Village previously purchased software and hardware for its old system and needs to update its hardware and software for its new configuration in the expanded Village Hall. It will require the purchase of new software and reconfiguration of the IT system on its computers and how it backs up data based on creating a safer environment IOWORKS Computer Services, LLC was previously hired to assist the Village in detailing cybersecurity needs and protecting computer data to eliminate data breaches. This project will also make information and Village records more quickly and easily accessible to its constituents and members of the public.	Old Brookville NY	\$60
Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency	The Online Games Center of Excellence is focused on building the regional economy of the NY-State Capital Region through highly scalable video game startups. This is a tech-based economic development initiative focused on the innovation-centric global digital video game business that will accelerate high-paying knowledge economy job growth, create more economic opportunities for the region, and support the future of the next generation of industry leading game companies. The video game industry surpassed \$175 billion in global revenues for 2020. Games continue to show their resilience during times of economic hardship. Amazingly, the 2021 State of the Game Industry Report presented by GDC revealed that 47% of studios expanded headcount over the past year, with another 34% maintaining staff count. The Center will attract diverse talent who want to create online games; provide that talent with the necessary coaching; and, put the talent through an ideation and validation process to produce online games with high commercialization potential, spinning those teams out into new venture-investible high-growth companies.	Rensselaer County NY	\$4,100

The Urban League of Rochester, N.Y. Inc.	The Urban League of Rochester (ULR) Entrepreneurship Assistance Center provides business development services to minorities, women, dislocated workers, economically disadvantaged individuals, veterans, and individuals with disabilities who would like to start or are in the beginning stages of starting their own business. ULR proposes to enhance its programming by partnering with Rising Tide Capital to implement the Community Business Academy, a 12-week cohort based business training program that helps entrepreneurs become self-sufficient with the guidance of experienced business leaders and ongoing technical assistance to those who complete the training.	Rochester NY	\$200
Syracuse University - Burton Blatt Institute	In this project to help persons with a disability become entrepreneurs or employed, requested funds will be used for materials, curriculum and research, evaluation, teachers, employment placement services, and a small amount for miscellaneous. Other costs are being absorbed by Syracuse University.	Syracuse NY	\$56