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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Vice Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
Chair
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural
Development, and Related Agencies
Senate Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable John Hoeven
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural
Development, and Related Agencies
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Dear Chairman Leahy, Vice Chairman Shelby, Chair Baldwin, and Ranking Member Hoeven:

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 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies 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) Agriculture
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
National September 11 Memorial & Museum	More than 400 swamp white oak trees fill the 8-acre Memorial plaza, which has welcomed millions of visitors since its opening in 2011. Through meticulous care, the 9/11 Memorial has identified 28 trees that have become infected with a non-curable virus; 3 of these 28 trees are in declining condition and require replacement in order to maintain the intended design aesthetic of the Memorial plaza. These costs are for the trees' procurement, transportation to the site, removal of the sick trees, and installation of new trees including a crane.	180 Greenwich Street, New York City, NY 10007 NY	\$130
Allegany County Industrial Development Agency	Funds will be used to develop the Crossroads to be shovel ready site. Currently ACIDA is conducting the SEQR engineering review and preliminary site design. Utility work including water and sewer and access road and site development are also be design. Funds will be used to install all facilities and utilities to develop the shovel ready site.	Allegany, Cattaragus, Steuben Counties NY	\$2,000
Cambridge Public Library	Expand building to provide more services to our rural community	Cambridge NY	\$500
Finger Lakes Community College	<p>"Funding will be used for the complete and detailed renovation of Finger Lakes Community Colleges Greenhouse. The goal of this project is to replace a thirty-seven-year-old greenhouse and provide the students of Finger Lakes Community College access to a modern 3,780 square foot greenhouse that reflects current industry standards. Once renovated, the greenhouse will provide students and the community with a spacious, scientifically controlled learning environment that will allow continuous monitoring and control of the growing environment, with the ability to provide various growing climates in different areas of the greenhouse. In addition to expanding the size of the greenhouse facility, these enhanced environmental controls will mirror those of current industry standards in order to prepare our student for the work environment. Funding for the demolition will include interior demolition of the existing building, asbestos removal, exterior CMU removal, Greenhouse removal, concrete masonry and slab removal, door and frame removal, roofing removal, and miscellaneous site work demolition.</p> <p>Funding for the renovation will include structural fill, concrete footing and foundation wall, waterproofing, foundation insulation, underdrain, concrete faced insulation, flashing at an exterior wall, a new concrete slab and interior paint.</p> <p>The head house, storage and boiler room attached will include funding for roofing insulation and membrane, roof edge flashing, masonry repair, interior slab, interior partition, interior paint, concrete faced insulation, new single door with hardware, new pair of HM doors, new pair of AL doors.</p> <p>Additional funding will be required for plumbing, HVAC services, electrical power systems, electrical lighting. "</p>	Canandaigua NY	\$3,500
Fort Hill Performing Arts Center	Fort Hill Performing Arts Center will proceed with the refurbishment and installation of a 1927 Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ in our recently renovated 1928 theatre.	Canandaigua NY	\$162
Madison County	Madison County acquired 62 acre Delphi Falls County Park in 2018 which features nearly 1 mile of access to Limestone Creek and is highlighted by two amazing waterfalls: the 54 foot Upper Falls and the 62 foot Lower Falls. Interest in the park by the public has been overwhelming (despite the fact that it remains largely undeveloped) and attendance has only been heightened by the COVID-19 Pandemic as people searched for healthy, active, and outdoor places to visit, which is why it is our goal to use funds from this request to create a visitors center/conference center.	Cazenovia, Madison County NY	\$3,000

City of Batavia	The City of Batavia is requesting funding from Rural Development for the construction of a new Public Safety Facility/Police Station. The new Police Station will be in the heart of the City's downtown, purpose built to incorporate community oriented policing strategies, and better serve the residents of the City.	City of Batavia NY	\$2,500
Mulberry House Senior Center	automatic door installation to two building entrance doors and restrooms. revamp of parking lot and ada ramp on upper level for senior citizen ease of access into building.	City of Middletown NY	\$65
Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory	We are seeking funding to make repairs to an existing building in order to accommodate the requirements of establishing a fully functioning, robust Center for Plant Transformation, a critical facility for plant research. CSHL's Center for Plant Transformation will serve as a shared resource for plant biologist across the nation.	Cold Spring Harbor NY	\$835
Dansville YMCA	The Dansville YMCA is building a full-service facility in Dansville, NY and seeks funds toward construction. The facility will include a gymnasium, pool, fitness center, aerobics studios, arts studios, childcare center, community space, and support spaces.	Dansville NY	\$3,000
Delaware County Industrial Development Agency	Delaware County Industrial Development Agency is constructing a 2,700 sq ft geothermal and solar-powered carbon neutral greenhouse, operable 12 months out of the year. This project will help the supply of local food rise to post-COVID demand, as well as serve as a demonstration project for other farmers and developers interested in carbon neutral advanced agriculture, as the greenhouse will utilize just 10% of the normal energy and land needed to produce the same amount of crops.	Delhi NY	\$150
Greenbush Youth Soccer Club	Funds would be used to upgrade infrastructure around the field including sewer, electrical, and paving, install all season artificial turf on one field, install lights for night games, and build an indoor structure for year round practices and games. These enhancements would allow for the Greenbush Youth Soccer Club, in partnership with the Columbia Lacrosse Club to host tournaments, attract more kids to participate and play in the league, host clinics and training and other development opportunities for youth athletes, open the field up for use by other athletic leagues (baseball, softball, and lacrosse), and create a regional hub attracting visitors from New York, Vermont, and Massachusetts.	East Greenbush NY	\$500
Akwesasne Boys & Girls Club	The Akwesasne Boys & Girls Club, has been at the forefront of youth development in the Akwesasne Mohawk Community for 20 years, providing afterschool, summer, athletic, and meal programs. To ensure our main Clubhouse, an old cigarette warehouse that was renovated 20 years ago, continues to be a safe place for Mohawk youth, we need the Senator's help securing funding to construct a new building.	Fort Covington, Hogansburg, Bombay, Roosevelttown, Massena, Tri-Town, Akwesasne NY	\$1,000
Village of Frankfort	The major goal of the project is to transform the harbor into an active marina. Recreational, boating and event space are the main focus.	Frankfort NY	\$125
Wyoming County Community Action	Funding is being requested for completion of the roof replacement at our main office (6470 State Route 20A, Perry) with a metal, lifetime warrantied roof to protect our biggest asset, our people. We will be closing our Cornerstone Donation Center and moving those services to our main office in order to best utilize our resources.	Genessee, Orleans, Wyoming NY	\$40
Wyoming County Community Action	Requested funds would be utilized to remove the current remains of the driveway and parking lot and replace it with new blacktop, at our main office, located at 6470 State Route 20A, Perry, NY.	Genessee, Orleans, Wyoming Counties NY	\$150
Delaware Opportunities Inc.	Funds will be used to support the development/construction of a Child Advocacy Center at Delaware Opportunities to serve all of Delaware County.	Hamden NY	\$20

The Center for Discovery, Inc.	The Center for Discovery is seeking funding for its Micro-Creamery and Vegetation Revitalization Initiative. Funding would support the creation of new full-time employment opportunities, specialized support from community farming partners, the purchase of farm equipment and materials, a dairy processing system, sixty gallon bulk storage tank, a six goat bucket milking system, and infrastructure and construction costs to create a milking parlor, cheese making space, and bulk tank storage room in compliance with Ag and Markets regulations.	Harris/Hurleyville NY	\$600
The Village of Herkimer	The Village of Herkimer requires a direct relocation and construction of their Department of Public Works Facility due to a poor 1950's design, fire, and flooding issues. The funding requested will be used to offset pre-construction design and development, professional services, site development, Inspections, Utility Cost, Job Site Consumables, and Permits.	Herkimer NY	\$3,650
Center for the Arts of Homer, Inc.	The requested funds will be used for the repair, refurbishment, and historical restoration of our 1893 (former church) concert venue. The brick-and-sandstone building, while in good overall condition, has numerous areas with eroded mortar, damaged or missing bricks, water-damaged surfaces, worn-out flashing and wood trim, and eroded sandstone trim. As the structure is part of the Old Homer Village Historic District, we intend to restore the exterior to its original condition.	Homer NY	\$250
Center for the Arts of Homer, Inc.	"Center for the Arts of Homer, Inc. proposes to restore the Little White Church, or former Calvary Episcopal Church, as closely as possible to its 1832 exterior design, and to remodel and renovate its interior to accommodate several new purposes: community center, concert hall, community theater venue, and wedding chapel/banquet hall. The primary use for the renovated building will be as a community and performing arts center. The building needs a new roof, foundation repair and stabilization, some asbestos mitigation, stained glass window restoration, two new porches, an ADA access ramp and entrance, new main steps, ADA restrooms, a catering kitchen, new electrical service and wiring, and new paint throughout."	Homer NY	\$334
Incorporated Village of Valley Stream	Project funds will be used for the construction of a greenhouse and education center to be located at a Village park. This center will facilitate year-round opportunities for programs and classes geared to promoting local gardening, native plantings, water conservation, tree preservation, soil erosion prevention, and green infrastructure.	Incorporated Village of Valley Stream NY	\$1,500
Racker Center	The Neighborhood Depot is a new construction project that will host 4 Tioga County based nonprofits to share services to reduce administrative costs, expand programs, create jobs and provide a central location in a community that lacks public transportation. Located in the Village of Owego and above the 500-year flood plain, this 16,000 sq. ft. facility will serve the community as a disaster recovery center in the instances of flooding, like the catastrophic flooding in 2006 and 2011.	Ithaca NY	\$750
Adirondack Mountain Club	With the Adirondack Mountain Club's acquisition of the Cascade Cross Country Ski Center, we have an opportunity to build a world-class educational facility and to fulfill a significant need for visitor education in the Adirondack Park. However, to do so will require substantial investment in the building, including updates for energy efficiency and to retrofit the building as an educational center.	Lake Placid, Essex County NY	\$339
Inlet Volunteer Emergency Services, Inc.	Inlet Volunteer Emergency Services is requesting funds to expand and upgrade our current facility to provide sleeping quarters, meet ADA requirements and expand our Emergency Medical/Community Paramedic program.	Limekiln Road Inlet NY	\$909
Millbrook Library	The Library will make updates to its existing HVAC system that will enable it to be more energy-efficient and increase accessibility.	Millbrook NY	\$500
SUNY Morrisville	This project consists of three (3) robotic milking stations along with the required software and accessories as well as four (4) manure collectors. The project costs also include the necessary alterations to the current SUNY Morrisville free stall barn in order to accommodate this new equipment.	Morrisville NY	\$2,274

Hudson River Park Trust	Hudson River Park is a model of a NYS Forest Action Plan-identified strategy to turn underutilized public property in urban environments into parkland that reintroduces trees to an otherwise built environment. This project will advance the Action Plan further by assessing the health and care of the 2,246-tree large urban forest in Hudson River Park, bringing in trained arborists to evaluate the trees, look for signs of pests and disease, perform immediate care and make recommendations for future corrective actions.	New York City, West Side of Manhattan NY	\$145
City of Ogdensburg	This application seeks funding to support the construction of the Waterfront Park Pavilion.	Ogdensburg NY	\$750
Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority	The Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority is seeking federal assistance with the development of a new childcare facility in its Commerce Park in Ogdensburg, NY. Childcare is a critical need for working parents and this project will support those parents, local businesses, and general business recruitment efforts for the region. OBPA will own this space, and for operations, OBPA will work with a licensed childcare provider.	Ogdensburg, Lisbon, Oswegatchie, Waddington, Morristown, De Peyster NY	\$2,100
YMCA of the Twin Tiers	The YMCA Outdoor Center will be located on the Olean YMCA property, creating new green space and facilities that encourage people to be active.	Olean NY	\$1,000
YMCA Center of Rome	The funds will be used to replace or repair many issues in our facility that need work. The facility improvements will directly improve the quality of programs and services throughout our organization.	Oneida NY	\$130
Otsego County	Otsego County, New York, in partnership with other agencies, seeks funding to design and build an energy efficient facility for the operation and maintenance of their highway and transportation programs, storage of equipment and materials, and meeting, training, and office space on property owned by ONC-BOCES, a cooperative educational program, in the Town of Milford. ONC-BOCES will utilize this opportunity for training and future employment for students of their programs.	Otsego County NY	\$1,000
YMCA of Greater Rochester	This request is being made for construction funding for a multi-use facility in Painted Post that will provide critical programming for aging adult services, family services, youth services, childcare (through day camp) and physical/mental health wellness activity.	Painted Post NY	\$1,500
Jefferson County SPCA	After The Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program Cornell University Team noted several safety, health, and welfare concerns in the kennel area of the Jefferson County SPCA (JCSPCA) Watertown, NY kennel, JCSPCA formulated a plan to improve the conditions and upgrade their shelter. JCSPCA is seeking funding for these improvements to ensure the humane treatment of abandoned dogs in JCSPCA's care.	Pamelia NY	\$415
Town of Pomfret, NY	The Town of Pomfret is seeking funding for the purchase and renovation of an existing vacant building to serve as a new Town Hall. The Town's current facility lacks appropriate space for all of the Town's functions, so a larger building with appropriate space for the Town's functions is being sought.	Pomfret, Fredonia, Dunkirk, Hanover, Villanova NY	\$800
North Country Children's Museum	The North Country Children's Museum (NCCM) Second Floor Expansion project will strengthen the Museum's role as a transformational educational resource and economic driver for our region. The project will double visitor capacity to 40,000 with a second floor of permanent exhibits, an additional program room, a family resource room, expanded office space, additional storage for program materials, an elevator, additional bathroom facilities, a new roof, and a remodeled museum entryway to accommodate the required emergency exit stairs from the second floor. Requested funds will be used for building renovation and construction in addition to exhibit design, fabrication, and installation. The museum currently serves children and families in a low-income, geographically isolated rural community by providing access to high quality STEAM education (science, tech, engineering, arts & math).	Potsdam NY	\$250

Cooperative Development Institute	Funding from this source will be used to act on the recommendations of a May 2017 analysis to relocate the retail business from its current location (2,500 square feet) to a new location with 4,000 to 4,500 square feet of sales area within one building. The overall size of a new Co-op building should be approximately 7,000 square foot to include offices, a classroom or meeting space, restrooms, back stock and general storage, a walk-in cooler, a walk-in freezer, and bakery and deli production areas; be fully ADA-compliant; be energy efficient; and, have a loading dock easily accessed by delivery trucks ranging in size from pick-ups to tractor trailers. According to the analysis, a new facility at the ideal location (along Market St. near its intersection with Sandstone Drive) will realize increased sales from \$1.8 million per year to \$4.5 million within four years, adding jobs incrementally.	Potsdam NY	\$250
Volunteers of America of Western New York, Inc.	Volunteers of America (VOA) is requesting funds to build a 1/4 acre hydroponic farm in the city of Rochester to provide healthy food for the people we serve in our human services programs (including our supportive housing programs for homeless individuals & families and our Children's Center) and economically disadvantaged people living in local neighborhoods. The farm, which will be built as a replicable model for future city-based hydroponic farms, will provide healthy food at affordable prices in an area of the city that is a known food desert, and provide jobs, vocational training opportunities, agritherapy for veterans experiencing PTSD and other mental health issues, nutritional programs, and serve as an educational/life sciences lab for programs held at Monroe Community College's downtown campus as well as local schools, including VOA's Pre-K/Head Start programs which serve 270+ children daily.	Rochester NY	\$1,000
The Center for Discovery, Inc.	The Center for Discovery seeks funding toward site development and equipment for its new Wellness Complex. This request is part of a larger project that includes the complete transformation of the former Frontier Insurance Building in Rock Hill, NY into a new statewide Children's Specialty Hospital, an outpatient Article 28 health clinic, and an expansion of The Center's current special education and daycare programs.	Rock Hill NY	\$1,095
MELROSE FIRE DISTRICT	Congressional funds will be used to support the replacement of the existing firehouse, originally built in 1953 with additions made in 1970, 1991 and 1999, due to significant structural, mechanical, electrical and ADA deficiencies consistent with the lifecycle of the various building sections. The project cost of \$4.5 million approved by the community's residents in 2021, is currently projected by the Fire District's architects to have increased between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 due to the current economic climate.	Schaghticoke, Pittstown, Brunswick, Mechanicville NY	\$1,000
Save the Sherburne Inn Restoration Project, Inc.	Requested funds will be used for kitchen buildout (first floor); repair of kitchen roof and west exterior wall of the building; elevator addition on west side of building; and buildout of sleeping rooms on second floor. Unexpended funds (approximately \$400,000) from the ESD Restore New York grant will be added to CDS funds, which will enable SSIRP to complete all of the above and open the Inn for business because it will then have a functioning restaurant and bar and one floor of sleeping rooms to offer the public.	Sheburne NY	\$1,000
Silver Bay YMCA	Funds supporting this project will be used to make greatly needed capital improvements to Silver Bay YMCA's 118-year-old wellness center, Fisher Gymnasium, in order to better serve our community. Renovations to the structure, air regulation system, plumbing infrastructure, roof and existing activity and meeting spaces will create a winterized, year-round facility that will offer programming designed to improve the health and wellbeing of seniors, youth, families, and adults within the rural communities of Silver Bay, Hague and Ticonderoga.	Silver Bay NY	\$1,100
Village of Stamford	The Village of Stamford wishes to expand its current Village Hall into the adjacent property, which holds two building and is already owned by the village. The Village would like to use the new property, which it already purchased in 2019, as an art gallery and exhibition space, as well as offices for civic-focused not-for-profit entities, such as the Stamford Business Alliance, Stamford Historical Society and Mount Utsayantha Regional Arts League (Mural). The main residential building is severely blighted and needs major renovation and restoration to become a usable space, which is what project funds will be used for. Once completed the property will create a "Village Hall Campus" where residents can visit, hold events and manage any Village and Community affairs.	Stamford NY	\$330

Paul Smith's College of Arts and Sciences	The project will upgrade and expand the Paul Smith's College Adirondack Watershed Institutes' (PSC AWI) environmental laboratory capabilities to detect and address threats to clean water in northern New York and strengthen STEM related career training for rural students across the north country through the addition of a dedicated STEM learning laboratory and associated programmatic spaces to PSC AWI's existing facility.	State Routes 86 & 30, Paul Smiths, NY 12970; Town of Brighton NY	\$1,000
New York Farm Viability Institute	The New York Farm Viability Institute (NYFVI) is a small 501.c.3 nonprofit with a ten member, all farmer, all volunteer board of directors that uses a proprietary technology platform as the backbone of its grant application, review, selection, and management process. An upgraded platform will allow the organization greater flexibility to design and efficiently implement new grant program ideas to better serve NY agriculture. The proposed funding will also build the capacity to recruit more, and more diverse, farmers into the proposal review and selection process.	Syracuse NY	\$389
Town of Brunswick	The Town is seeking funds for the rehabilitation of the Van Derheyden Dam. The project will address the deficiencies of the existing structure and eliminate the potential hazards caused should there be a dam failure or breach.	Town of Brunswick NY	\$2,000
Town of Champion	Requested funds for this project will be used to construct a highway facilities salt storage building at the Town of Champion to minimize the amount of salt being released into nearby waterbodies.	Town of Champion NY	\$475
Upper Saranac Foundation	The Upper Saranac Foundation (USF) acquired the Bartlett Carry Dam in 1993 and has operated and maintained it since. This critical structure maintains water levels for Upper Saranac Lake, supporting recreation, wildlife preservation, fishing, and navigation; the dam also provides essential protection and safety to downstream communities. In 2018, repairs to the Bartlett Carry Dam stabilized and secured its short-term future. USF, its Board, and its supporters are now working to stabilize the dam for the next century. The cost of the needed repairs is \$1,800,000.	Town of Harrietstown NY	\$1,500
Town of Richford	The funds will be used to supplement our capital project fund so we can build a new ADA-compliant, energy-efficient town hall with adequate office space to replace an inadequate town hall retrofitted in 1973 from the old town highway barn, built in 1938.	Town of Richford NY	\$382
Village of Homer	An update and an upgrade to the playground area of the Village's largest municipal park.	Village of Homer NY	\$69
Village of Homer	The acquisition of a Combination Single Engine Sewer Cleaner with Hydro-static Driven Vacuum System Mounted on a Heavy Duty Freight-liner Truck Chassis to replace an older model nearly twenty years in use.	Village of Homer NY	\$300
Village of Honeoye Falls	Funding for this critical project will specifically be used for construction of a new fire hall for the Honeoye Falls Fire Department. The Honeoye Falls Fire Department is a village department and 100 percent volunteer. The current fire hall is over 50 years old is in poor condition and does not generally meet current requirements for emergency services response or preparation.	Village of Honeoye Falls NY	\$8,000
Village of Sidney	The grant will be used to install a PVC membrane lining in the municipal pool and make piping improvements.	Village of Sidney NY	\$100
Village of Westfield	The current Water Treatment Plant Garage does not meet the needs of the Village. The garage is undersized for the amount of equipment and vehicles required by the Water Department. The building is old and in very bad condition. The building and site are not ADA compliant and have very poor working conditions for the staff. There is not enough room to work and store all the required materials, parts and vehicles that are constantly in use. It is extremely difficult to work in the current conditions and projects take longer to complete as the building does not provide proper areas to work. To ensure that the treatment plant and all water mains and appurtenances are maintained, the Village needs adequate storage space for all materials and vehicles required to support the water system. The new garage will be approximately 1,600 square feet and will house vehicles, an assembly area, ADA	Village of Westfield NY	\$1,024

restroom and general storage. The building will consist of metal wall and roof panels, fiberglass doors/windows, and partial height reinforced masonry exterior walls. The new construction will allow the water department to store all materials in case of water main breaks or when a hydrant needs repair. Please see our uploads for additional information and specs.

Waterloo Library & Historical Society	The Waterloo Library & Historical Society is looking for funding to create an accessible building addition that provides interactive learning across spectrums in the Waterloo, NY, the crossroads of the finger lakes. This discovery center will encompass the needs of the community, library, historical society and the National Memorial Day Museum in a singular location.	Waterloo NY	\$2,500
Willsboro Senior Housing, Corp.	<p>These funds will be used for two purposes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Replace the outdated fire alarm system to a safer, addressable system. Previous emergencies have shown us the need for an addressable system to cut down on the response time with a zone system where the location of the emergency is unknown. This is a true life-saving project for our residents. 2. Replace/install boiler hot water/heat components needed throughout the 12-unit Project. The boilers are installed in every other apartment. The heat is sufficient for all residents, but the hot water is insufficient without a standalone hot water unit located in the apartments without the boilers. Installing these additional units will extend the useful life of the boilers, in addition to bringing a continual source of hot water to all residents. 	Willsboro NY	\$75