

# 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 Murphy  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Homeland Security  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Homeland Security  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy, Vice Chairman Shelby, Chair Murphy, 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 2023 Homeland Security 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) Homeland Security  
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Cayuga County	Emergency 911 Radios are nearing the end of their operational life and will need to be replaced county wide. This will effect all of the volunteer fire departments and law enforcement agencies throughout Cayuga County. The radios were purchased in 2010 when a new 911 Communication system was installed and 911 towers were built in Cayuga County. The replacement of this equipment is essential.	Cayuga County NY	\$1,000
Cayuga County	Cayuga County will use the funds to construct a new Public Safety Training Center, which is the main location for training volunteer firemen in the County. The center will include classrooms, storage for Emergency Management Equipment, and the center will be co-located with the existing fire training tower. The current training building has deteriorated and is no longer functional, which has led to disseminated fire training throughout the County.	Cayuga County NY	\$800
Town of Chester	The Town of Chester currently utilizes its Senior Center as a shelter in case of disasters. However, its current emergency generator is approaching the end of its useful life, and its age has created both undue maintenance costs as well as an increasing risk of inoperability. For these reasons, the Town is seeking funding to offset the cost of acquiring and installing a new generator. This project will increase the Town's preparedness for large-scale hazard events and reduce the potential impact of disasters the Senior Center. This will greatly benefit all residents of the Town of Chester, particularly its most vulnerable residents such as senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, and low-to-moderate income residents who tend to be most impacted by disasters.	Chester NY	\$92
City of Mount Vernon	Mount Vernon proposes to construct three Emergency Operations Centers ("Community Resilience & Coordination Centers) to increase the City's capacity to mitigate disasters and manage emergencies in a localized format.	City of Mount Vernon NY	\$800
Town of Frankfort	The Town Hall houses all administrative offices, the police, and the courts. It is also the designated drop off shelter for emergency services for several entities including the senior center and the elementary school. The Town Hall is a critical piece of infrastructure that requires power redundancy. It is a safety issue. The primary function of government is to maintain the safety of its citizens.	Frankfort NY	\$150
Town of Hempstead	The Department of Parks and Recreation owns several bulk headed properties, including West Avenue in Meadowmere, Baldwin Park's Bertha Court section, and Newbridge Road Park, (ranked in priority order). This proposal calls for application by the Town for funding of up to \$500,000 each through the Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) appropriations process for Federal FY 2023, for partial funding for these critical infrastructure projects. BACKGROUND: The referenced facilities are in in need of bulk heading replacement in whole or in part due to undermining and ongoing soil migration into the neighboring canals. Below are cost estimates for each. These funds are needed in order to offset the considerable costs of these projects. These projects are longstanding and funding has not been available through the department's capital budget. Hazard mitigation is needed at these facilities. Superstorm Sandy damaged our bulkheads and piers leaving communities vulnerable to future storms. This project seeks to mitigate against future breaches to the bulkhead system, and to safeguard and maintain the structural integrity of structures within the community. This proposal was submitted to New York State Department of Homeland Security with a request for a letter of support.	Hempstead NY	\$8,871

City of Ithaca	Funds will be used for design and construction of flood mitigation measures identified in a 2020 Local Flood Hazard Analysis. Mitigation measures will include flood barriers and stormwater system improvements to reduce or eliminate 100-year flood risk to over 1200 residential and commercial properties in the City of Ithaca.	Ithaca NY	\$9,000
Lawrence-Cedarhurst Fire Department	The proposed project will maintain and improve emergency response and hazard mitigation capabilities to the Villages of Lawrence and Cedarhurst as well as multiple adjoining municipalities along the south shore of Long Island by bringing the Lawrence-Cedarhurst Fire Department firehouse into voluntary compliance with National Fire Protection Association 72 National Fire Alarm and Emergency Communications Systems by replacing its antiquated fire alarm security system. The project is essential to the Department's fire and medical response missions in the immediate area as well as in its at risk location in proximity to New York City and John F. Kennedy International Airport where it is vulnerable to a full range of emergency incident types, including severe weather, critical infrastructure failure and terrorist attack among others.	Lawrence NY	\$86
Metropolitan Opera Association, Inc.	The Metropolitan Opera seeks funding support to execute a necessary fire alarm system upgrade needed in the main Opera House. The safety of audiences, artists, and staff is a top priority at the Met, and this physical security enhancement aligns with its efforts to prevent, protect against, and mitigate any threats or risks.	New York NY	\$1,500
Town of Orangetown	Montefiore Nyack Hospital seeks to purchase and install two new emergency generators and switchgear to allow for greater capacity for critical equipment not currently on emergency power. The plan is to develop campus wide emergency power generation capacities to allow for sustained operation in the event of prolonged power failure.	Orangetown NY	\$1,975
Inc. Village of Sea Cliff	The Inc. Village of Sea Cliff proposes to conduct Project Scoping by an engineering firm to examine conditions and provide mitigation recommendations for the municipally owned Sea Cliff Beach, Dock Hill Park, Sea Cliff Boardwalk, and adjacent bluffs located at the areas known as 18 Trails, Memorial Park and Cliff Way. The requested Project Scoping seeks to strategize long term risk reduction and improve public infrastructure as a part of the Village's and Nassau County's overall Hazard Mitigation Plan.	Sea Cliff NY	\$64
Town of Kent	The Town of Kent is requesting funding for the design, engineering, and reconstruction of the Lake Carmel Dam. Currently, the dam is approaching 100 years old and is in desperate need of restoration in order to mitigate the significant threat it poses to surrounding communities. In order to do this, we are proposing spillway outlet channel slope stabilization, spill way outlet replacement, dam embankment stabilization and repair, and the complete replacement of the gatehouse, in order to stabilize the dam and minimize damage if it fails or overflows.	Town of Kent NY	\$5,800
Town of Mamaroneck	"The Town of Mamaroneck is requesting \$525,000 in Congressionally Directed Spending to procure and install the generators and associated electrical systems for three of its municipal buildings. The following is a breakdown of the project cost: - Town Hall Generator (250kW): \$300,000 - Senior Center Generator (50kW): \$75,000 - Highway Garage Generator (150kW): \$150,000"	Town of Mamaroneck NY	\$525
Town of New Hartford	The Town Hall houses all administrative offices, the police, and the courts. It is also the designated drop off shelter for emergency services for several entities including the senior center and the elementary school. The Town Hall is a critical piece off infrastructure that requires power redundancy. It is a safety issue. The primary function of government is to maintain the safety of its citizens.	Town of New Hartford NY	\$246

Town of Riverhead	This project involves the construction of the flood mitigation measures along the Peconic River in Downtown Riverhead where the central business district is located. The downtown has been plagued with tidal and storm water inundation in this area for many years. This issue is and will continue to be exacerbated by climate change and sea level rise. This ongoing flooding threatens existing businesses and prevents meaningful revitalization of this economically challenged area which is a federal Opportunity Zone. The US Army Corp has issued its final draft recommendations for a plan to solve the problem. The Town was awarded a 10M grant from the NYS Downtown Revitalization program some of which will be directed to flood protection in this area, but it will not cover the entire cost. Accordingly, the Town is seeking additional funds so it can complete the project which will allow the full revitalization of this area of persistent poverty, provide protection for existing and future development as well as better recreational, job and live/work/play opportunities for residents in this diverse downtown area.	Town of Riverhead NY	\$8,000
Village of Asharoken	Replacement of a minimum of 180 linear feet of buckled/corroded steel sheetpile seawall to protect sole access road which may be lost/destroyed if not protected with newer materials to improve the structure's protective integrity.	Village of Asharoken NY	\$1,200
Village of Oxford	The Village of Oxford is requesting funds to mitigate structural issues of their Fire and Emergency Medical Station. The Chenango Riverbank has caused destabilization of the emergency facilities and forced ancillary repairs to be conducted.	Village of Oxford NY	\$2,200
Village of Port Jefferson	Installation of a two (2) tier protective support system to stabilize the bluff to preserve a village facility from destruction. The installation of these walls will be performed in two (2) phases.	Village of Port Jefferson NY	\$10,000
Village of Sidney	The Village lost its dock in 2011 due to the flood which has been a safety issue ever since. When our Fire department is called on for a river rescue they need to travel 10 miles to the nearest dock to launch the boat. Water issues are very time sensitive and several deaths have happened on the river.	Village of Sidney NY	\$215