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

The Honorable Bill Hagerty
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Financial Services
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Dear Chair Van Hollen and Ranking Member Hagerty:

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 2025 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. None of the entities for which I have requested congressionally directed spending are for-profit entities.

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)
FuzeHub, Inc.	FuzeHub will deploy its "Equity in Manufacturing Innovation" program across three Upstate NY regions, convening a tailored set of training and technical assistance resources to support 30 manufacturing entrepreneurs from populations that have historically been excluded from the innovation ecosystem.	Albany NY	\$445
Workforce Development Institute (WDI)	To train 220 current family child care providers in child care deserts statewide, enabling them to become licensed, to improve their small business skills, to provide them with necessary stipends and enable them to sustain and expand their programs to reach children (3,000+) and hire more staff.	Albany NY	\$4,700
Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation	A series of training courses and professional development events for Bronx small business owners and entrepreneurs.	Bronx NY	\$701
Olean Business Development Corporation	Funding to support existing programming and enable creation of additional programming to continue to develop and nurture the rural Olean Region's Entrepreneurial Ecosystem.	Cattaraugus NY	\$750
Launch New York, Inc	Launch NY will scale up its venture development organization to increase delivery of pro bono mentoring and financing programs for high-growth potential small businesses and startups across Upstate NY communities.	Erie NY	\$2,500
United Way of Buffalo & Erie County	United Way seeks funding to expand the reach and services of Work/Life Solutions, a workplace-based program that connects employees with resource coordinators who help them address non-work-related challenges and build financial well-being through service referrals and financial education.	Erie NY	\$703
Adirondack North Country Association	ANCA is leading a coalition of partners in seeding a multi-point plan to meet the business transition needs of small business owners across the 14 northern counties of New York State and the next generation of young, diverse entrepreneurs to carry our region's small businesses into the future.	Franklin NY	\$1,110
Franklin County Treasurer	This project is to digitize the only available copies of Franklin County property tax records and payments dating from 1880 to present. The tax records and payments will be available to the public through a software accessible online.	Franklin NY	\$108
Bridge Street Development Corporation	Bridge Street Development Corporation will support the growth of small businesses, particularly those owned by BIPOC and women, in Central Brooklyn through merchant organizing, one-on-one counseling, workshops, technical assistance, place-making initiatives and other means.	Kings NY	\$446
Red Hook Community Business Alliance	This project will provide space, equipment, marketing, and case management to deliver on a backlog of small business needs, and will provide research and resources that will support long-term business support programming across the service, retail, and manufacturing sectors of Red Hook, Brooklyn.	Kings NY	\$282
Business Outreach Center Network, Inc.	The bilingual Childcare Business Development Program supports NYC communities and creates jobs (620 to date), resulting in self-employment and business enhancement for participants in the customized childcare business/leadership training, providing affordable childcare options for working families.	Kings NY	\$1,200

Primary Information, Inc.	Primary Information, a nonprofit publisher of artists' books and writings, requests support for the digitization (into both pdf and audiobook form) and free online distribution of 60 long out-of-print and previously inaccessible print periodicals created by NYC-based artists of color.	Kings NY	\$376
The Brooklyn Sunday School Union	The Brooklyn Sunday School Union, Founded in 1816, is requesting Capital Funding to restore and renovate our historic brownstone, located in Brooklyn, NY. BSSU has continuously provided workshops, seminars and trainings that have been open to the New York City community for more than 200 years.	Kings NY	\$2,125
Margaret Woodbury Strong Museum (DBA The Strong)	Requested funding will digitize and create equitable access to a unique and at-risk archival collection, Playthings magazine, a publication that sheds light on linkages between toy trends and major historical events while highlighting the evolutions of robotic, developmental, and multicultural toys.	Monroe NY	\$494
The Research Foundation for SUNY Brockport (on behalf of Small Business Development Center at SUNY Brockport)	MWBE Tech Hub Initiative aims to inspire youth in underserved communities to consider professions or start businesses within the tech hub industry.	Monroe NY	\$250
Business Capacity Development Alliance Inc.	Revitalizing underused spaces will stimulate economic growth and counteract urban blight, particularly aiding neighborhoods still rebounding from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. This workforce and tech incubator will bring economic growth and innovation to Valley Stream, NY.	Nassau NY	\$2,865
The Incorporated Village of East Hills	This project involves scanning Village building and zoning records and transferring them onto a Laserfiche system so that there can be easier and more widespread access to public records; faster response to FOIL applications and quicker viewing of all files.	Nassau NY	\$472
Town of North Hempstead, NY	North Hempstead will support the viability and success of small, downtown businesses by providing mini-grants to building owners in the villages, hamlets, and main streets of the community, for retail and commercial facade and building improvements.	Nassau NY	\$500
Village of Lynbrook	Funding for qualifying commercial property owners to improve storefronts in commercial business areas.	Nassau NY	\$1,050
An Claidheamh Soluis, Inc. DBA Irish Arts Center	This two-year project will archive and preserve the Irish Arts Center's cultural history by collecting and protecting archival documents, audio, and visual materials to provide the Irish Diaspora increased access to primary documentation of their historic roots and evolution in NYC.	New York NY	\$1,271
Visual AIDS for the Arts, Inc	Funds to sustain our Community Archivist, further digitizing our unique holdings, and building infrastructure to prepare for new acquisitions to support further public access while protecting the legacies of artists living with HIV and lost to AIDS.	New York NY	\$180
The Japanese American Association of New York	The funds will be used to preserve Japanese American historical correspondence and documents from the early 20th Century to the start of WWII and collect oral histories, to be made publicly available online.	New York NY	\$180
National Independent Venue Association	The National Independent Venue Association will commission academic researchers to design and implement a national study examining the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant to document and analyze the federal relief program from inception to its lasting impacts on small arts businesses and nonprofits.	New York NY	\$1,000

New York Women's Chamber of Commerce, Inc.	Funding will be used to establish a New York Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Opportunity Center (DBE Center) designed to scale up DBEs to compete for government contracting, while fostering economic inclusion, job creation, and stimulating local economies in targeted opportunity zones statewide.	New York NY	\$3,639
Visual Arts Research & Resource Center Relating to the Caribbean, Inc.	The project will restore, repair, catalog, preserve and organize 50 years of media activities of the Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora Institute, using multimedia for the curatorial purposes of dissemination, education and authentic re-telling of the history of the African Diaspora.	New York NY	\$400
Cooper Square Community Development Committee	Funding will be used to hire a full time Small Business Liaison who will reach out to small businesses in person and invite them to join the East Village Independent Merchants Association, participate in marketing campaigns, and will make them aware of legal counseling and financial resources.	New York NY	\$95
Fund for the City of New York (Fiscal Sponsor for the Cultural Museum of African Art, Inc. - The Eric Edwards Collection)	The Cultural Museum of African Art opened our inaugural public-facing museum in 2023, but requires additional Capital (Construction) measures (Security, Weatherization & Infrastructure) to complete this space which houses our Cultural Heritage Treasure of African artifacts.	New York NY	\$495
Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce Community Fund, Inc.	Funds will be used to design, promote and host a series of significant programs and events that support MDBE owners and entrepreneurs' efforts to start, build, and grow businesses through one-on-one counseling, training courses, workshops, mentoring and business networking opportunities.	New York NY	\$5,000
Harlem Cultural Archives	The Harlem Cultural Archives seeks federal funding to collect and digitize Harlem's rich cultural history and contributions, including oral histories, photographs, rare audio and visual recordings, and historical footage to make accessible to the general public and researchers.	New York NY	\$466
NYC Department of Small Business Services	NYC SBS will launch programming including mentoring, legal services, etc., with a sharpened focus on direct services that connect Black M/WBEs to City contracts through new "Contract Escalator" and build their capacity to grow through City contracting.	New York NY	\$450
NYC Department of Small Business Services	NYC SBS will launch a City-affiliated web platform showcasing up-to-date information on short-term and long-term leasing opportunities, crowdsourced from BIDs/landlords/etc.	New York NY	\$1,000
Renaissance Economic Development Corporation	Renaissance Economic Development Corporation (Renaissance) will provide intensive, in-language, culturally sensitive counseling to help immigrant small business owners build the digital skills their businesses need to adapt and thrive in a changing, post-pandemic world.	New York NY	\$500
Uptown Grand Central	Funds will help create East Harlem's first Business Improvement District in order to ensure investment into the East 125th Street corridor, establish an organization that will be a unified voice for the neighborhood, and to foster culturally responsible economic development.	New York NY	\$1,000
YIVO Institute for Jewish Research	The YIVO Institute for Jewish Research is requesting a CDS allocation in support of its work to preserve and digitize documents, photographs, sound and film recordings, and other materials of great historical significance in its Archives, and make them available online free of charge for all.	New York NY	\$2,000
CenterState Corporation for Economic Opportunity	Funds will be used to support two CenterState CEO programs – the Syracuse Surge Accelerator and the Clean Tech Center – designed to support entrepreneurship, grow a more diverse small business sector in Central New York, and foster clean tech innovation.	Onondaga NY	\$976

Korean American Civic Empowerment for Community	Through this program, KACE provides various information, education, legal support and program development for local small business owners so that they can cope with rapidly changing economic situations, and provide various institutional and legal support they need.	Queens NY	\$337
Sunnyside District Management Association, Inc. dba Sunnyside Shines Business Improvement District	Sunnyside Shines requests support to launch an MWBE Outreach and Certification Program, identifying merchants who would be eligible to seek certification, working with them to complete applications (in English and Spanish), and assisting them in getting listed on MWBE lists in NYC and NYS.	Queens NY	\$298
Chamber of Commerce of the Borough of Queens Inc	Requested funds will be used for Queens' first Cyber Academy training program, in partnership with local educational institutions and businesses, in order to train and place local Queens residents in Cyber Security and affiliated career areas with local Queens businesses and government jobs.	Queens NY	\$1,500
Rethink Food USA Inc dba Queens Together	Queens Together supports the diverse restaurants of Queens with resources for better business and funding to provide culturally appropriate meals for food-relief operations via local community groups. We publish the "Eats In Queens" newsletter celebrating the borough's diverse food scene.	Queens NY	\$1,000
Queens Economic Development Corporation	To help small entrepreneurs grow their food-based businesses through counseling, technical assistance and space to manufacture and sell.	Queens NY	\$575
The Voice of Youth Changes Everything Inc.	The Mind Your Business initiative empowers aspiring entrepreneurs with workspaces, certification aid, educational workshops, and networking summits. It fosters growth in today's competitive market, offering comprehensive resources and support to help small businesses reach their full potential.	Queens NY	\$550
Witness to Mass Incarceration Inc.	In partnership with the Queens Economic Development Corp we are empowering New York's formerly incarcerated and migrant communities through an innovative initiative, offering vocational training and entrepreneurial opportunities to break the cycle of recidivism and promote economic independence.	Queens NY	\$549
Chhaya Community Development Corporation	Chhaya will use funds to expand our small-business technical assistance program, with a focus on helping businesses upgrade their Point-Of-Sale (POS) systems.	Queens NY	\$500
Staten Island Chamber of Commerce Foundation Inc.	Business Recovery Specialists are dispatched across NYC and connect small businesses to financing, marketing, technology & e-commerce, legal, and general business counseling, among many others - with a goal of helping more minority, woman, and/or immigrant owned businesses access free services.	Richmond NY	\$3,000
Corning Museum of Glass	CMoG's Public History of the Art and Industry of Glass project's purpose is to preserve and create public and research access to our extensive archives through cutting edge AI technology for oral histories.	Steuben NY	\$899
Incorporated Village of Bellport	This project will consist of technology upgrades in order to implement improved cybersecurity protocols, enable digitization of historical records and upgrade Village record storage.	Suffolk NY	\$500
Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, Inc.	With the approach of the 20th anniversary of The Museum at Bethel Woods, located at the National Register historic site of the 1969 Woodstock festival, specialists will assess what updates are needed at this globally known, economically vital cultural asset in rural upstate New York.	Sullivan NY	\$150

City of New Rochelle, Inc. ("CNR")	Implementation of a retail incubator programming pursuant to New Rochelle's Retail Strategy. This program will enable partnerships with local colleges and universities to engage small businesses in a retail incubator space including youth marketplace programming in the downtown overlay zone.	Westchester NY	\$800
The Acceleration Project, Inc.	Funding will provide business coaching and advisory services to small businesses in the construction and extraction trades, supporting socially and financially disadvantaged small business owners in becoming effective, confident entrepreneurs, improving their competitiveness in a high-demand sector.	Westchester NY	\$150
Urban League of Westchester County, Inc.	Requested funds will be used to enhance the capabilities of the Small Business Solutions Center, enabling us to provide tailored support, cultivate partnerships, and implement innovative initiatives aimed at empowering underserved entrepreneurs and driving economic growth within Westchester County.	Westchester NY	\$600