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The Honorable Susan Collins
Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
S-128 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Parry Murray
Vice Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
S-146A The Capitol
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Dear Chair Collins and Vice Chair Murray,

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 2026 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies 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.

Sincerely,



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**Van Hollen, Chris(D-MD) Commerce, Justice and Science
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Frostburg State University	Funds will be used to purchase new equipment for Frostburg State University's Planetarium to support STEM education in Western Maryland.	Allegany County MD	\$2,808
Anne Arundel County, Maryland	Funds will be used to support violence prevention and intervention efforts in neighborhoods experiencing the highest levels of gun violence as part of a coordinated strategy to reduce violent crime.	Anne Arundel County MD	\$1,000
Anne Arundel County, Maryland	Funds will be used to procure equipment and technology to support a Joint 911 public safety center that builds on the existing partnership between Anne Arundel County's Public Safety, Fire, and Police Departments to better respond to local emergencies.	Anne Arundel County MD	\$3,500
YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County	Funds will be used to provide education, job skills/readiness, re-housing and relocation assistance to individuals fleeing domestic violence, and to support a 28-week court-mandated program to prevent abuse.	Anne Arundel County MD	\$697
Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR)	Funds will be used to conduct research and data collection to address invasive catfish populations in the Chesapeake Bay and better understand ecosystem impacts from various harvest methods.	Anne Arundel County MD	\$2,000
Loyola University Maryland	Funds will be used to modernize teaching and research lab spaces and update equipment to support instruction and learning in state-of-the-art classrooms.	Baltimore MD	\$2,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Baltimore	Funds will support the Boys & Girls Clubs in Maryland's statewide crime prevention initiative focused on building positive relationships between youth and law enforcement and curbing the opioid crises.	Baltimore City MD	\$2,000
Morgan State University	Funds will construct and equip a new, cutting-edge microbiology lab that will conduct research on chronic health issues and train the future biomedical workforce.	Baltimore City MD	\$5,500
University of Maryland, Baltimore	Funds will be used to purchase and house advanced microscopes for a consortium comprised of the UMD School of Medicine, Morgan State, UMBC, the MD Psychiatric Research Center, and UMCP, in order to improve basic and clinical research on the brain and its disorders.	Baltimore City MD	\$2,910
Office of the States Attorney for Baltimore City	Funds will be used to replace outdated computer systems to prevent data loss, enhance security, improve efficiency, and ensure reliable network performance for the State's Attorneys Office.	Baltimore City MD	\$775
The National Aquarium	Funds will be used to bolster the National Aquarium's Animal Rescue Program to support response and rehabilitation for stranded or injured animals in the Chesapeake Bay and related educational efforts throughout the state.	Baltimore City MD	\$725
Baltimore Police Department	Funds will be used to upgrade the City's Computer-Aided Dispatch System, which is used by fire, police, and various city agencies to respond to emergencies and efficiently manage incoming calls for service.	Baltimore City MD	\$3,700
Center for Hope, Inc.	Funds will be used to enhance Center of Hope's network of violence intervention and prevention programs focused on intimate partner violence, child abuse and exploitation, elder justice, human trafficking, and community violence.	Baltimore City MD	\$800

Blackbird Laboratories, Inc.	Funds will be used to advance innovative testing platforms through new medical development methods resulting in a stronger domestic supply chain and ultimately delivering safer and more effective treatments to patients faster and more efficiently.	Baltimore City MD	\$3,000
Morgan State University	Funds will be used to acquire additional equipment for Morgan State's Center for Education and Research in Microelectronics and to train the next generation of leaders in semiconductor design and manufacturing.	Baltimore City MD	\$3,400
Maryland Institute College of Art	Funds will establish a new Bio-Design Innovation Hub that will provide educational, training, and research opportunities in the emerging fields of biodesign and biomanufacturing.	Baltimore City MD	\$897
Town of Bladensburg	Funds will be used to purchase the necessary equipment to establish two community-based violence prevention programs for at-risk youth by creating a boxing-based mentorship program and an educational video gaming-based engagement program that will build positive relationship between youth and police	Baltimore County MD	\$450
Youth Advocate Programs, Inc.	Funds will support violence prevention by providing intensive mentorship, wraparound services, and job training for high-risk youth.	Baltimore County MD	\$450
Goucher College	Funds will support installation of weather stations and air quality sensors and research tools to fill critical data gaps in urban heat mapping in Baltimore to show where heat builds up during hot weather. This research will also bolster educational opportunities at Goucher and the local community.	Baltimore County MD	\$151
Associated Catholic Charities Inc.	Funds will be used to provide support to Violence Interrupters involved in community-based programs to prevent violence through mediation and expand behavioral health services for community members to maximize the effectiveness of crime prevention efforts.	Baltimore County MD	\$431
University of Maryland, Baltimore County	Funds will support the creation of the UMBC Center for Precision Aquaculture, which will perform research to develop innovative aquaculture to ultimately increase domestic production and address national food security.	Baltimore County MD	\$1,500
Charles County Sheriff's Office	Funds will be used to upgrade obsolete equipment to assist and expedite the processing of digital evidence.	Charles County MD	\$533
City of Baltimore	Funds will be used to expand the Group Violence Reduction Strategy in the City. This evidence-based practice engages those at the highest acute risk of gun violence with law enforcement, social services, and community members to reduce crime.	City of Baltimore MD	\$1,184
University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science	Funds will support the development of a new Chesapeake Global Collaboratory for partnerships in research to improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay and other waterways in the region.	Dorchester County MD	\$1,000
Hood College	Funds will be used to build out the Biomedical Research and Training Center, including labs, classrooms, and meeting spaces, as part of Maryland Tech Council's BioHub initiative to train students and workers in biotechnology.	Frederick County MD	\$2,500
Chinese American Parent Association of Howard County	Funds will be used to expand STEM education efforts in Howard County by connecting young students to educational programming around coding, earth-sciences, robotics, and engineering.	Howard County MD	\$1,046
Montgomery County, Maryland Police Department	Funds will be used to purchase new equipment for the County's forensic lab to ensure it continues to analyze evidence accurately, efficiently, and reliably.	Montgomery County MD	\$1,192
Montgomery County Police	Funds will be used to support operations at the Real-Time Crime Center to improve public safety, strengthen community relations, and enhance law enforcement efficacy.	Montgomery County MD	\$2,100

EarthReports, Inc. dba Patuxent Riverkeeper	Funds will be used to acquire equipment and study the Patuxent River to collect up-to-date and real-time data on runoff into the river and its possible sources in order to reduce pollution inflow and improve water quality.	Prince George's County MD	\$1,057
The Maryland Center at Bowie State University	Funds will be used to purchase a quantum computer for use in cancer research to accelerate detection and therapy development. The Center supports activities to further enhance the educational, research, and service mission of Bowie State University.	Prince George's County MD	\$700
Town of Riverdale Park	Funds will be used to enhance emergency response capabilities by upgrading the police department's outdated communication system to improve officer safety, interagency coordination, and public protection, ensuring faster, reliable communication for first responders in the Riverdale Park area.	Prince George's County MD	\$179
The University of Maryland, College Park	Funds will be used to update data and research infrastructure to improve the SAFE Center's ability to monitor human trafficking, identify service gaps, and support survivors.	Prince George's County MD	\$700
National Children's Museum	Funds will support the development of new exhibits and STEM programs aligned with NASA's STEM education mission at the National Children's Museum, which serves tens of thousands of visitors from Maryland.	Prince George's County MD	\$1,200
Prince George's County Boys & Girls Club	Funds will be used to employ a coordinated, countywide crime prevention initiative aimed at supporting youth in making positive choices and reducing their risk of involvement in violence or substance use.	Prince George's County MD	\$1,000
Anacostia Watershed Society	Funds will support acquisition of a new watercraft and related equipment to support and expand educational outreach and programming to protect and restore the Anacostia River.	Prince George's County MD	\$250