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# United States Senate

APPROPRIATIONS  
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FOREIGN RELATIONS

May 21, 2025

The Honorable Bill Hagerty  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
S-128 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jack Reed  
Vice Chairman  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
S-146A The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Hagerty and Ranking Member Reed,

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 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.

Sincerely,



Chris Van Hollen  
United States Senator

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**Van Hollen, Chris(D-MD) Financial Services and General Government  
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

<b>Recipient Name</b>	<b>Project Purpose</b>	<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Amount Requested (\$000)</b>
St. John's College	Funds will be used to identify, digitize, and curate documents related to the history of St. John's College, the oldest college in Maryland, and the City of Annapolis. A website will also be launched to increase public awareness of this history.	Anne Arundel County MD	\$2,466
Maryland Family Network	Funds will be used to provide targeted support for individuals aspiring to open licensed family childcare programs, including training, coaching, and additional support services, to help lessen the decline in family childcare providers.	Baltimore City MD	\$770
United Way of Central Maryland, Inc.	Funds will be used to pilot a new shared services hub for small businesses providing family childcare services in their homes with few employees. Hubs like this work cooperatively to share costs and deliver services to reduce burdens for these licensed providers in a streamlined and efficient way.	Baltimore City MD	\$250
Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE)	Funds will be used to provide technical assistance, training, and business support to childcare providers in order to help meet the growing needs of children and families across Maryland.	Baltimore City MD	\$1,000
Innovation Works	Funds will support the launch and development of small businesses in Baltimore City with technical assistance and mentorship, addressing barriers to entry and facilitating job creation and long-term economic growth.	Baltimore City MD	\$500
Maryland Technology Development Corporation	Funds will be used to support the development and expansion of small businesses focused on disaster-resilient health care technologies—creating jobs, fostering innovation, and improving disaster readiness.	Howard County MD	\$1,500
Health Tech Alley	Funds will be used to provide training and workshops in entrepreneurship, small business formation, financial literacy, and business technology for new Americans and English language learners.	Howard County MD	\$275
Montgomery County Chamber Community Foundation	Funds will be used to expand curriculum and trainings for small businesses owned by veterans—including those who have been service-disabled—through the Veteran Institute for Procurement, which assists veterans in accessing federal procurement opportunities.	Montgomery County MD	\$2,000
BioHealth Innovation Inc.	Funds will assist small businesses with in-house "Entrepreneur-in-Residence" services to provide dedicated guidance and strategic support to help local entrepreneurs commercialize new technology and grow their businesses.	Montgomery County MD	\$1,000
The Collective Empowerment Group, Inc.	Funds will be used to provide educational and entrepreneurship training for small businesses and aspiring business owners, helping to expand economic opportunity in the community.	Prince George's County MD	\$335
University of Maryland, College Park	Funds will support the Center for Artificial Intelligence at the University of Maryland's Smith School of Business, which will assist small businesses in identifying AI solutions to improve their operations.	Prince George's County MD	\$1,050
Kingdom Global Community Development Corporation	Funds will be used to provide technical assistance to small businesses, fostering their growth from inception to launch and scalability. The program will also support mentorship opportunities, connecting new entrepreneurs and established local small businesses.	Prince George's County MD	\$1,342
Human Services Coalition of Prince George's County	Funds will help small businesses identify partnership opportunities, capital, and technical assistance resources through a database of local business and nonprofit support.	Prince George's County MD	\$3,000

Prince George's Financial Services Corporation dba FSC First	Funds will be used to provide technical assistance to small and minority-owned businesses to support their growth by improving access to capital, training opportunities, and mentoring—helping them “level up” and succeed.	Prince George's County` MD	\$500
Salisbury University	Funds will provide Eastern Shore small businesses and entrepreneurs support, technical assistance, and guidance on attracting capital.	Wicomico County MD	\$1,000