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# United States Senate

April 7, 2026

The Honorable John Hoeven  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Agriculture  
SD – 129  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Agriculture  
SH – 125  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Hoeven and Ranking Member Shaheen,

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 2027 Agriculture 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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Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

<b>Recipient Name</b>	<b>Project Purpose</b>	<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Amount Requested (\$000)</b>
Orleans Volunteer Fire Company	Funds will be use to construct a new fire station to replace the current 46-year-old facility that no longer meets basic safety or operational standards.	Allegany County MD	\$2,062
Caroline County Historical Society, Inc.	Funds will rehabilitate the historic 1927 Denton Firehouse, addressing major structural deficiencies and creating an accessible Heritage Center providing historical and educational resources for Caroline County residents.	Caroline County MD	\$1,377
Aaron's Place, Inc.	Funds will expand a community food pantry, food storage and distribution, and meal service facility in Caroline County to serve low-income families and seniors.	Caroline County MD	\$2,000
The Benedictine School for Exceptional Children, Inc	Funds will be used for the renovation of an existing building to create the Training & Enrichment Center to provide community support and vocational training for adults living with developmental disabilities.	Caroline County MD	\$1,500
Greensboro Volunteer Fire Department	Funds will be used to construct a new fire and EMS facility to address increased emergency demand. The new facility will expand response emergency capacity, improve firefighter safety, and ensure reliable emergency services for a growing community and surrounding rural areas.	Caroline County MD	\$3,300
Preston Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.	Funds will be used to replace aging equipment in order to provide reliable service and response to emergencies in the region.	Caroline County MD	\$1,350
Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford & Cecil Counties	Funds will be used to support a new home for Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford & Cecil Counties. This dedicated facility will provide safe, structured after-school and summer programming for kids to improve academic outcomes, reduce delinquency, and strengthen youth well-being.	Caroline County, Cecil County, Dorchester County, Kent County, Queen Anne's County, Somerset County MD	\$1,000
Westminster Rescue Mission, Inc.	Funds will be used to renovate part of the Westminster Rescue Mission campus into clinical and treatment space for the Addiction Healing Center, addressing a critical service gap and expanding access to integrated substance use disorder treatment.	Carroll County MD	\$993
Town of Sykesville	Funds will be used to redevelop an underutilized building in downtown Sykesville into an active, community-oriented space to foster economic growth and enhance community connection and engagement.	Carroll County MD	\$1,500
Board of Carroll County Commissioners	Funds will be used to purchase a new fire engine to be used for a training academy and as a replacement engine for the volunteer fire companies within Carroll County.	Carroll County MD	\$550
Charles Soil Conservation District	Funds will support the construction of a multipurpose facility to provide resources and training for farmers and students in Southern Maryland.	Charles County MD	\$509
Vienna Volunteer Fire Department	Funds will be used for critical safety improvements and necessary equipment for the firehouse facility.	Dorchester County MD	\$58
Kent County Board of County Commissioners	Funds will complete construction of a new, relocated Wastewater Treatment Plant in Kent County serving the town of Millington, replacing an aging plant that is in a floodplain.	Kent County MD	\$6,200

USDA	Funds will be used to make essential facility and infrastructure upgrades to continue agricultural research at BARC in Prince George's County.	Prince George's County MD	\$5,000
Queenstown Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.	Funds will be used to support construction of a modern fire station to replace the obsolete 1934 facility, ensuring safe, reliable response for residents and travelers along the critical U.S. Route 50/301 corridor.	Queen Anne's County MD	\$7,167
University of Maryland Eastern Shore	Funds will be used to support construction of the Rural Veterinary Education Training and Outreach Center, expanding veterinary workforce training for rural and agricultural communities.	Somerset County MD	\$6,476
Talbot County Free Library Association Inc.	Funds will be used to purchase a vehicle to serve as a bookmobile to expand library services, including wi-fi hotspots, to communities throughout Talbot County.	Talbot County MD	\$158
Waterfowl Festival Inc	Funds will be used to modernize and preserve the historic 1927 Easton Armory to improve safety and accessibility and increase capacity of a shared community space.	Talbot County MD	\$1,700
Building African American Minds, Inc.	Funds will support planning, design, and construction of a multi-use facility that will house a vocational classroom for hands-on learning for low-income youth & adults, storage unit for food distribution, and other community benefits.	Talbot County MD	\$1,000
Hancock Fire Company, Inc.	Funds will support the purchase of a new engine that would replace an old engine with significant maintenance costs and parts that cannot be replaced.	Washington County MD	\$1,125
San Mar Children's Home, Inc. dba San Mar Family and Community Services, Inc.	Funds will be used to renovate the historic Farmhouse, creating a hub needed for the 15-unit full service housing for young women project on the organization's campus.	Washington County MD	\$984
Eleven21 Inc. dba Epoch Dream Center	Funds will support construction of a permanent facility to provide expanded access to after-school academic support, mentoring, meals, and extended learning opportunities for K-12 students in an under resourced area in western Wicomico County.	Wicomico County MD	\$5,000
Pittsville Volunteer Fire Department	Funds will be used to replace a pumper/tanker that no longer meets safety standards. The new vehicle will help the Department address the increased calls and mutual aid requests experienced due to population growth.	Wicomico County MD	\$698
Delmar Fire Department	Funds will be used to support construction of a new fire company substation in order to provide faster emergency response times to the Maryland side of the town.	Wicomico County, Dorchester County MD	\$2,250
Diakonia, Inc.	Funds will be used support the construction of a new outreach office with telehealth capacity and expanded community resource facility to improve supportive services and affordable housing for homeless veterans and others on the Lower Shore.	Worcester County MD	\$1,000