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# United States Senate

April 15, 2026

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 2027 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>
Frostburg State University	Funds will create an entrepreneurship and innovation training center at Frostburg State University, providing coordinated small business counseling, workforce development, and business incubation for Mountain Maryland.	Allegany County MD	\$976
Baltimore Community Lending	Funds will support the creation of a Business Stabilization and Recovery Services Initiative at Baltimore Community Lending, which will provide targeted technical assistance to small businesses experiencing financial or operational challenges.	Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Harford County, Howard County MD	\$500
Johns Hopkins University	Funds will be used to digitize the collections of notable Marylanders possessed by the school, facilitating public access to these historical materials.	Baltimore City MD	\$250
Innovation Works	Funds will provide mentorship and assistance to entrepreneurs in neighborhoods across Baltimore City to strengthen businesses and create jobs.	Baltimore City MD	\$515
Latino Economic Development Corporation of Washington, D.C.	Funds will support coaching and programs for former government workers transitioning into entrepreneurship, including by connecting cohorts of entrepreneurs to financing opportunities made available through LEDC's Pathways to Opportunity Fund.	Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County MD	\$125
Rockville Economic Development, Inc.	Funds will be used to expand access to Founders Rising, an entrepreneurial training program serving former federal employees and contractors in Montgomery, Prince George's, Frederick, and Howard Counties.	Montgomery County MD	\$495
BioHealth Innovation	Funds will establish a commercialization support program for early-stage bio-health companies, providing entrepreneurs-in-residence to guide early companies through the complex commercialization process.	Montgomery County MD	\$1,000
People For Change Coalition	Funds will be used to support small businesses by providing financial management training and networking and capital access opportunities to increase access to capital investment and contracting opportunities.	Prince George's County MD	\$470
Today's Promise Foundation	Funds will provide exposure to digital literacy and AI instruction and adoption, while providing opportunities for small businesses to earn workforce certifications. These funds will target small businesses in Southern Maryland.	Prince George's County MD	\$1,171
Trustees of the Walters Art Gallery t/a The Walters Art Museum	Funds will be used to support digitization of historic documents and works on paper in the Walters Art Museum collections for public benefit. It will preserve and expand the museum's digital archive and broaden public access on the Walters open-source website.	Statewide MD	\$500
TEDCO (Maryland Technology Development Corporation)	Funds will expand TEDCO's (Maryland Technology Development Corporation) Concept Capital Program in Maryland's Opportunity Zones. These funds will provide strategic planning and commercialization support to entrepreneurs to ensure long-term sustainability.	Statewide MD	\$1,000
Institute for Women Entrepreneur Excellence (IWEE)	Funds will expand the Institute for Women Entrepreneur Excellence, a partnership among four Maryland Historically Black Colleges and Universities and TEDCO, to provide cohort-based training, technical assistance, and mentorship to women entrepreneurs.	Statewide MD	\$1,000

The Collective Empowerment Group, Inc.	Funds will be used to bolster entrepreneurship and business development initiatives in Prince George's County, Montgomery County, and Charles County, providing technical assistance, certifications, and peer networking opportunities.	Statewide MD	\$335
Camp Ritchie Museum, Inc.	Funds will be used to catalog, inventory, and digitize the Ritchie History Museum's collections that tell the story of Maryland military history, including the contributions of "Ritchie Boys" to the World War II victory, and make those materials available to visitors and researchers online.	Washington County MD	\$150
Salisbury University	Funds will be used to provide targeted entrepreneurial assistance, including training, mentorship, and technical assistance, to build capacity and grow small businesses on the Eastern Shore.	Wicomico County MD	\$1,000