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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
SD – 142
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeff Merkley
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on the Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
SH – 125
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Dear Chair Murkowski and Ranking Member Merkley,

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 Interior, Environment, 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) Interior and Environment
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority	Funds will be used to support the design phase for removal of the Industrial Dam in the north branch of the Potomac River in Cumberland, MD. Dam removal will improve water quality by removing sediment and facilitate recreational access to the Potomac River.	Allegany County MD	\$600
Reservoir Hill Association, Inc.	Funds will be used to install a professional-grade air monitor at Dorothy I. Height Elementary School, generating continuous data to protect children, inform residents, and equip city and federal agencies with evidence needed to protect public health.	Baltimore City MD	\$59
City of Baltimore	Funds will be used to rehabilitate the final clarifiers and return sludge pump stations in Activated Plant 3 at the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant, improving system resilience and the health of the Chesapeake Bay.	Baltimore City, Baltimore County MD	\$7,000
City of Baltimore	Funds will be use to rehabilitate and modernize sludge thickening and storage systems at the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant to improve reliability and treatment performance, and protect the Chesapeake Bay.	Baltimore City, Baltimore County MD	\$7,000
Town of Denton	Funds will be used to enable essential upgrades to Denton's Wastewater Treatment Plant, including mechanical sludge dewatering, reed bed rehabilitation, non-potable water reuse system, and restoration of a biological treatment basin, to improve reliability and protect the Choptank River.	Caroline County MD	\$3,000
Town of Union Bridge	Funds will be used to move and upgrade the Union Bridge Wastewater Treatment Plant, which was built in 1962 and last updated in 1994, and is located within the 100-year floodplain.	Carroll County MD	\$2,000
Town of Manchester	Funds will be to complete the design of a much-needed Wastewater Plant upgrade and identify the most feasible and cost-effective upgrade options.	Carroll County MD	\$1,000
Town of Hampstead	Funds will be used to remove PFAS and other contaminants from Hampstead's water system, which will provide safer, cleaner water for Town residents.	Carroll County MD	\$3,200
Town of Rising Sun	Funds will be used to replace aging, undersized water mains which have accumulated significant iron and sediment buildup with new water mains in the Town of Rising Sun, improving safety and drinking water quality.	Cecil County MD	\$1,736
Town of Vienna	Funds will be used to replace an aging well in order to increase water quality, protect public health, reduce infrastructure risk, and promote sustainable water production.	Dorchester County MD	\$400
Commissioners of Cambridge d.b.a. City of Cambridge	Funds will be used to rehabilitate failing sewer infrastructure, reduce inflow and infiltration, and eliminate chronic sanitary sewer overflows, preventing untreated discharges to adjacent tidal waters.	Dorchester County MD	\$2,920
City of Frederick	Funds will support drainage improvements near Frederick High School to eliminate 10-year flooding that disrupts traffic and impedes emergency response on a key east-west arterial road, improving public safety and reducing repeat flood damages.	Frederick County MD	\$1,145
City of Frederick	Funds will be used to construct new stormwater infrastructure in Frederick's downtown area to eliminate 10-year flooding risk and prevent flood damage and risk to life and property.	Frederick County MD	\$3,000
City of Frederick	Funds will be used to support the identification and replacement of lead service lines to improve drinking water quality and protect public health.	Frederick County MD	\$1,430

Town of Emmitsburg	Funds will be used to replace a deteriorating 70+ year-old waterline. The project will install new pipe, valves, and service connections for area homes and businesses, improving drinking water reliability and reducing the risk of future water main breaks.	Frederick County MD	\$80
Town of Grantsville	Funds will be used to replace the Town of Grantsville's outdated and insufficient water treatment plants with two new water treatment plants capable of meeting water quality standards by reducing the amount of iron and other minerals that enter the water supply.	Garrett County MD	\$4,376
City of Aberdeen	Funds will be used for the urgent replacement and improvement of water main and sanitary sewer in the Swan Meadows community.	Harford County MD	\$6,000
Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC Water)	Funds will be used to replace lead service lines or galvanized-requiring-replacement service lines in Montgomery County in order to remove the potential contaminant from the water supply, directly improving public health for residents.	Montgomery County MD	\$5,000
District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority	Funds will support much needed improvements to address deterioration and support reliability of the Potomac Interceptor sanitary sewer system that serves Montgomery County and carries about 60 million gallons of wastewater daily.	Montgomery County MD	\$5,000
City of Rockville	Funds will be used to repair, rehabilitate, and replace failing wastewater pipes that pose urgent risks to public health, including sewer backups, overflows, and environmental contamination.	Montgomery County MD	\$1,000
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG)	Funds will be used to conduct a region-wide study of PFAS contamination in soils across the Washington Metropolitan Area to identify pollution sources affecting drinking water for more than 6 million residents and guide remediation efforts.	Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Washington, DC MD	\$2,000
Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC Water)	Funds will be used to replace lead service lines or galvanized-requiring-replacement service lines in Prince George's County in order to remove the potential contaminant from the water supply, directly improving public health for residents.	Prince George's County MD	\$5,000
Prince George's County	Funds will support design and construction of improvements necessary to address stormwater flooding along Edmonston Channel and Quincy Run. Homeowners and businesses experience repetitive flooding on their properties during heavy rainfall events.	Prince George's County MD	\$2,000
City of Greenbelt	Funds will be used to improve access and support heritage tourism efforts at three historic cemeteries, telling the full story of early settlement and African American histories.	Prince George's County MD	\$400
Town of Berwyn Heights	Funds will be used to support construction of storm drain improvements to enhance public safety, reduce roadway and property flooding, improve emergency vehicle access during storm events, and protect residential neighborhoods from stormwater impacts.	Prince George's County MD	\$5,000
Town Council of Centreville	Funds will be used to support the design and construction of the wastewater treatment plant to meet enhanced nutrient standards and community needs and protect the Chesapeake Bay. The improvements will safeguard public health and provide efficient, reliable service.	Queen Anne's County MD	\$4,400
City of Crisfield	Funds will be used to upgrade an aging wastewater treatment plant to restore reliable service. These funds are needed to replace failing equipment, reduce costly emergency repairs, and protect public health and the Chesapeake Bay.	Somerset County MD	\$5,348
Center for Watershed Protection, Inc.	Funds will be used to provide technical assistance and training to Maryland communities to address stormwater, water, and sewer problems that impact the Chesapeake Bay.	Statewide MD	\$1,530

Chesapeake Conservancy Inc.	Funds will be used to strengthen farmland preservation in Maryland by developing an interactive mapping tool, identifying at-risk areas, and demonstrating effective preservation policies.	Statewide MD	\$240
Chesapeake Conservancy Inc.	Funds will be used to develop high-resolution watershed and flooding data and analytical tools that advance cost-effective Chesapeake Bay restoration and community planning by precisely identifying priority restoration locations and areas with flooding risk.	Statewide MD	\$156
Town of St. Michaels	Funds will be used to improve the Town's 85+ year old drinking water infrastructure to create system redundancy and address water shortages and operational failures that are impacting the quality and quantity of water delivered to the Town's users.	Talbot County MD	\$2,085
Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation	Funds will be used to support the design, planning, and development of a digital companion experience that will augment interpretive elements of the Peace Corps Commemorative Park, helping to inspire service and foster education opportunities for students and the public.	Washington DC	\$698
Town of Smithsburg	Funds will be used to replace failing pump stations and corroded force mains to prevent sewer overflows, protect waterways, and ensure reliable wastewater service for Smithsburg residents.	Washington County MD	\$3,203
C&O Canal Trust, Inc.	Funds will be used to support urgent repairs and rehabilitation of three historic culverts (71, 97, 100) located in Frederick and Washington Counties in the C&O Canal National Historical Park, ensuring the towpath remains connected, safe, and welcoming for current visitors and future generations.	Washington County, Frederick County MD	\$2,500
Town of Hebron	Funds will be used for lead service line replacement for water distribution service lines from the main line to homes identified by a Lead Service Inventory, protecting the health of residents.	Wicomico County MD	\$3,188
County Commissioners of Worcester County	Funds will be used to replace a failing force main that has experienced numerous failures over the last five years and construct an interconnection between the River Run and Ocean Pines Sewer Systems to create redundancy in the event of an emergency.	Worcester County MD	\$2,650