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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 2026 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 test and remove contaminants from sediment around the Industrial Dam on the Potomac River in Cumberland, MD, and to develop methods to more efficiently remove sediment to improve water quality.	Allegany County MD	\$500
United States Lighthouse Society, Inc.	Funds will be used to support an assessment of necessary restoration efforts to protect and maintain the historic Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse.	Anne Arundel County MD	\$75
Chesapeake Bay Trust	Funds will be used to synthesize 10 years' worth of scientific data to inform effective practices to clean up the Chesapeake Bay.	Anne Arundel County MD	\$178
Maryland Institute College of Art	Funds will be used to renovate and upgrade MICA's main building, the primary entry point to the campus. The historic main building is located at the heart of the College's campus and renovations will include updated classrooms, studios, meeting space, galleries and offices.	Baltimore City MD	\$500
National Society of Colonial Dames in the State of MD	Funds will be used for exterior restoration and repair work at the Mount Clare Museum site, an 18th-century industrial plantation in Baltimore. The Museum tells the story of the site, which was home to the Carroll family and more than 200 enslaved servants, laborers, and artisans who built it.	Baltimore City MD	\$100
Mount Vernon Place Conservancy	Funds will be used to support revitalization efforts at Mount Vernon Place which includes the first monument to George Washington and four parks that surround it. The revitalization will improve the parks for residents and visitors.	Baltimore City MD	\$500
Project Liberty Ship, Inc. / S.S. JOHN W. BROWN	Funds will be used to preserve the structural and watertight integrity of the historic S.S. John W. Brown by replacing wasted rivets and wasted steel plates while in a drydock. These repairs are required to preserve the ship's operating status as a living history museum and memorial.	Baltimore City MD	\$425
Baltimore City	Funds will be used to establish a cutting-edge treatment facility at the Back River WWTP, designed to process up to 10 million gallons of fat, oil and grease (FOG) waste annually. Using advanced separation and conversion technologies, the facility will transform the waste into marketable biofuel.	Baltimore City MD	\$4,000
University of Maryland, Baltimore County	Funds will be used to develop national wildfire forecasting using novel AI systems that provide decision guidance in near real-time and issue forecasts on wildfire spread, fire power, air quality, and health impacts, to ultimately improve disaster response and protect communities.	Baltimore County MD	\$2,000
Stevenson University	Funds will be used to renovate the wastewater treatment facilities at the Greenspring campus. Because the current plant is outdated, waste is currently hauled to an offsite treatment facility, placing a greater burden on the surrounding communities and environment.	Baltimore County MD	\$400
City of Westminster	Funds will be used to support the first indirect water reuse facility in Maryland, providing the City of Westminster a permanent drought-resistant new water source.	Carroll County MD	\$2,900
Town of New Windsor	Funds will be used to upgrade an aging water and sewer system, including well exploration and testing, and addressing lead and copper issues. This project will increase the quality and quantity of water for residents? and decrease sewer treatment expenses.	Carroll County MD	\$200

Town of North East	Funds will be used to replace and relocate the aging, deficient Rolling Mill Finished Water Pump Station from the 100-year floodplain in order to improve pump redundancy and protect drinking water.	Cecil County MD	\$1,950
Town of Indian Head	Funds will be used to support the design, permitting and construction of a new water pumping station and wellhouse to replace a failing well.	Charles County MD	\$1,578
Town of Indian Head	Funds will be used to support the design, permitting, and construction of two new sewage lift stations to replace the aging lift stations at Mattawoman Woods and Dogwood locations.	Charles County MD	\$1,233
Town of Hurlock	Funds will be used to replace critical equipment at the town's wastewater treatment plant nearing the end of its useful lifespan.	Dorchester County MD	\$5,871
Mount St. Mary's University	Funds will be used to construct a water treatment plant serving the campus community, patients at Frederick Health Urgent Care, and the rural Town of Emmitsburg. The project will improve drinking water infrastructure and address elevated levels of PFAS.	Frederick County MD	\$3,630
Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc.	Funds will be used to provide water source redundancy by drilling a new production well to replace the previous production well that collapsed.	Garrett County MD	\$1,659
Town of Oakland	Funds will be used to replace Oakland's antiquated water system infrastructure. The proposed project is necessary to correct critical distribution failures, including low pressure and volume issues, and ensure compliance with the International Fire Code.	Garrett County MD	\$2,585
Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR)	Funds will support construction of flood-resilient infrastructure within Savage River State Forest and Big Run State Park, while improving the declining Eastern brook trout population and providing access to outdoor recreational opportunities.	Garrett County MD	\$718
Town of Chestertown	Funds will be used to support infrastructure improvements to the stormwater collection and discharge system and capital facilities. These efforts will slow the flow of stormwater and reduce water pollution.	Kent County MD	\$576
Kent County Board of County Commissioners	Funds will support construction of a new, relocated Wastewater Treatment Plant serving the town of Millington. The existing plant is aging and needs to be relocated from a floodplain, where there is risk of environmental damage.	Kent County MD	\$13,725
Town of Garrett Park	Funds will be used to restore and renovate Garrett Park Town Hall, including repairing the historic facades, removing an aging addition, rebuilding the rear addition, upgrading building systems, and meeting accessibility standards.	Montgomery County MD	\$500
Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC Water)	Funds will be used for sewer rehabilitation work in Montgomery County. This includes replacing aging sewer infrastructure at risk of failure, thereby mitigating potential sewage overflows and protecting public and environmental health in the surrounding communities.	Montgomery County MD	\$4,400
City of Rockville	Funds will be used to replace failing pipes to prevent sewage backups, overflows, and ground contamination in order to safeguard public health and the environment.	Montgomery County MD	\$2,520
City of Rockville	Funds will be used to identify and prioritize lead service lines for replacement in order to improve public health by eliminating lead exposure risks associated with the unknown pipe materials.	Montgomery County MD	\$500
City of Rockville	Funds will be used to replace failing pipes that currently pose risks to public health, including sewer backups, overflows, and environmental contamination.	Montgomery County MD	\$2,416
Peace Corps Foundation	Funds will be used to support the Peace Corps Commemorative Park's mission to inspire service and foster education.	Montgomery County MD	\$749

City of Bowie	Funds will support the upgrade of a water main supplying Bowie residents with water improving drinking water quality and enhancing public safety by ensuring that fire hydrants in the city maintain adequate water pressure.	Prince George's County MD	\$3,000
Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC Water)	Funds will be used for sewer rehabilitation work in Prince George's County. This includes replacing aging sewer infrastructure at risk of failure, thereby mitigating potential sewage overflows and protecting public and environmental health in the surrounding communities.	Prince George's County MD	\$8,200
City of Crisfield	Funds will be used for critical upgrades to the Crisfield Waste Water Treatment Plant that will reduce nutrients in the water and pollution in Tangier Sound to support aquatic life and fish and shellfish for consumption.	Somerset County MD	\$1,919
Easton Utilities Commission	Funds will be used to address stormwater overflows that result in sewage spills that impact local communities and pollute the Chesapeake Bay. The project will significantly reduce public health threats and environmental pollution by moving the existing sanitary sewer system out of the flood plain.	Talbot County MD	\$2,868
Town of Trappe	Funds will be used to upgrade the existing and aging Waste Water Treatment Plant infrastructure with new equipment to improve the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay.	Talbot County MD	\$2,000
City of Hagerstown	Funds will be used to restore and repair parts of Hagerstown's century-old stormwater system in order to address new stresses on the system from the increasing frequency and severity of storm and flooding events.	Washington County MD	\$1,000
Preservation Maryland	Funds will be used to support the restoration of the 18th century-era Fort Frederick, a national historic landmark that was used in the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War, and the Civil War.	Washington County MD	\$500
Town of Smithsburg	Funds will be used for the replacement of an aging cast iron sewer force main, construction of package sewer pump stations, and demolition of existing dilapidated pump stations. This will correct inflow and filtration, rehabilitate the sewer, and prevent sewer overflows to the stream.	Washington County MD	\$1,500
Town of Hancock	Funds will replace sewer lines and brick manholes and disconnect unnecessary storm sewer lines from the sanitary sewer system in order to prevent future system overflows into the C&O Canal and Western Maryland Rail Trail.	Washington County MD	\$2,000
President Lincoln's Cottage	Funds will be used to enhance and preserve the historic grounds of President Lincoln's Cottage. The project will build on past investments to this important presidential site to honor the legacy of President Lincoln.	Washington, DC DC	\$306
County Commissioners of Worcester County, MD	Funds will be used to replace the Newark Water Treatment Plant, which is over 50 years old and has exceeded its useful life. The replacement water treatment plant will provide enhanced water treatment capabilities for the community and a reliable source of clean water.	Worcester County MD	\$3,861
County Commissioners of Worcester County, MD	Funds will be used to replace a water main within the Newark Sanitary Service Area that is over 50 years old and has exceeded the end of its useful life.	Worcester County MD	\$1,600