

Fiscal Year 2023 Congressionally Directed Spending appropriation requests

Senator Coons has submitted funding requests for a diverse array of community projects in Delaware that are eligible for congressionally directed spending to the Senate Appropriations Committee. The requests detailed below have been transmitted to the Senate Appropriations Committee for consideration; however, they are not guaranteed to be funded or to be funded at the requested level.

Armed Services Whole Blood Processing Laboratory – East Replacement \$22,000,000

Dover Air Force Base – Dover, Del.

The purpose of this project is to replace the Armed Services Whole Blood Processing Laboratory – East to support the expedited transfer of blood and blood products to U.S. troops serving abroad from Dover Air Force Base. Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Delaware Coast Protection, DE \$190,000

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Slaughter Beach, Del.

The purpose of this project is to mitigate the negative shoreline impact of the Indian River Inlet jetties by pumping sand across the inlet to restore the natural flow of sand from south to north, addressing beach erosion and coastal storm hazard threats to the highway. Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Farm Incubator Module \$1,100,000

Delaware Department of Agriculture and Delaware State University – Smyrna, Del.

The purpose of this project is to create an incubator farm location on Delaware State University property to enable the university to expand its programs and reach to often under-resourced audiences interested in

farming, including socially disadvantaged populations, Native American, African American, Hispanic, Asian, and veteran populations. Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Little River, DE

\$250,000

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Kent County, Del.

The purpose of this project is for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop a plans and specifications work package for maintenance dredging of the Little River navigation channel. Little River is a federally authorized navigation channel that experiences significant shoaling, at high rates especially at the inlet to Delaware Bay. The authorized channel is 5 feet deep and 60 feet wide at the inlet, 40 feet wide in the remainder of the channel.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Cedar Creek, DE

\$400,000

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Slaughter Beach, Del.

The purpose of this project is to combine the maintenance dredging of Mispillion River entrance channel and the adjoining Cedar Creek to maximize cost savings and operational efficiency. The authorized project in the entrance channel is 9 feet deep and 80 feet wide protected by two parallel jetties. The authorized project in Cedar Creek is 6 feet deep and 45 feet wide.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Equipment for Gene Therapy Production Site

\$5,000,000

University of Delaware – Newark, Del.

This purpose of this project is to procure and set up a suite of scale-up biopharmaceutical manufacturing equipment for a gene therapy production site at the University of Delaware's NIIMBL facility.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Support Science Entrepreneurs & New Business Creation and Growth Through Capital Improvements to the Delaware Innovation Space

\$5,000,000

Delaware Innovation Space – Wilmington, Del.

This purpose of this project is to renovate 40-year old laboratory space to establish 14 highly modular, state of the art wet laboratories able to accommodate high-growth biotechnology, chemistry, and materials science companies.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

City of Dover – Wireless Camera Network System

\$600,000

City of Dover Police Department – Dover, Del.

This purpose of this project is to fund components of a constitutionally conscious city-wide camera system to support the quality of life in Dover.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Division of Forensic Science Equipment

\$670,000

Delaware Division of Forensic Science – Wilmington, Del.

This purpose of this project is to fund instrumentation and equipment to enhance forensic testing in Delaware.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Delaware Statewide Community-Based Re-entry Improvement Project

\$1,200,000

Delaware Criminal Justice Council – Wilmington, Del.

This purpose of this project is to support the Statewide Community-Based Re-entry Improvement Project, which provides funding to non-profits for direct services to justice involved youth and adults returning to the community.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Space Education Excellence for Delaware

\$900,000

University of Delaware and Delaware State University – Newark and Dover, Del.

This purpose of this project is to engage students at various levels and provide them with unique, hands-on experience with advanced scientific instruments and spacecraft components at both the University of Delaware and Delaware State University.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Delaware River and Estuary Ecosystem Data Gathering Initiative

\$356,000

Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay – Port of Wilmington, Del.

This purpose of this project is to facilitate permit application and review processes, thus speeding infrastructure construction and maintenance at waterfront facilities.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

DANA Nonprofit Business Accelerator

\$803,000

Delaware Alliance for Nonprofit Advancement – Wilmington, Del.

This project would support the creation of an accelerator program for small, growing nonprofits in Delaware and would provide those nonprofits with training, resources, and tools to overcome obstacles that typically prevent such organizations from achieving sustainability, scale, and success.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Coalition for Translational Entrepreneurship

\$2,250,000

University of Delaware – Newark, Del.

This project will support the creation of a new center that will translate science and engineering advancements at three universities in Delaware into successful businesses.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Wilmington Small Business Support through WilmingtonMADE

\$75,000

Wilmington Alliance – Wilmington, Del.

This project will enhance an online directory that promotes businesses in the City of Wilmington and will allow the applicant to assist 70 additional small businesses in their marketing efforts, with an emphasis on women- and minority-owned businesses.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Center for Financial Inclusion and Technology Innovation

\$1,000,000

Delaware Technology Park – Newark, Del.

This project will create a new startup incubator co-located with the Delaware SBDC that will incubate 10 fintech startups per year focused on improving the financial health of underrepresented communities.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

True Access Capital New Markets Opportunity Program

\$181,000

True Access Capital – Wilmington, Del.

This project will provide minority- and women-owned businesses with training and technical support to identify, pursue, and secure corporate contracts and government procurement opportunities.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Affordable Housing Development in New Castle County

\$4,525,000

Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County – Wilmington, Del.

This project will support the construction of 20 affordable homes in Newark and 13 affordable homes in Wilmington for low-income families to purchase, as well as the demolition of three homes in Wilmington to make space for future affordable housing development.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Arden Gild Hall Capital Projects

\$250,000

Arden Club – Wilmington, Del.

These funds will make a series of capital improvements to the historic Arden Club, a hall and barn that host affordable music, theater, lectures, and community events.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Bennett Street Revitalization Project

\$2,175,000

Todmorden East Foundation – Wilmington, Del.

The purpose of this project is to construct new affordable housing units in the East Side of Wilmington.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Brandywine Park's Legacy Trail

\$2,631,000

The Friends of Wilmington Parks – Wilmington, Del.

The purpose of this project is to develop a 2.2-mile recreational trail along the Brandywine River in Wilmington.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

The Cannery at the Flats

\$1,050,000

Cornerstone West CDC – Wilmington, Del.

This project will support the acquisition of a former commercial facility and the building's renovation into a commercial kitchen that will provide local entrepreneurs of color a culinary incubator space. The kitchen will also serve as a canning, bottling, and small-batch packaging facility providing workforce training opportunities for underserved youth.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Capital Improvements Downtown Wilmington YMCA of Delaware

\$400,000

YMCA of Delaware – Wilmington, Del.

The purpose of this project is to make capital improvements at two YMCA locations in Downtown Wilmington.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Capital Improvements to the Hope Center

\$275,000

New Castle County Hope Center – New Castle, Del.

This project would make capital improvements and support the supply budget of the Hope Center, which provides temporary emergency non-congregate shelter for people experiencing homelessness.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

CDHFH Affordable Homeownership

\$600,000

Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity – Dover, Del.

The purpose of this project is to create 8 new affordable home-owner occupied homes in Downtown Dover, Delaware.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Chabad Kitchen

\$600,000

Chabad at University of Delaware – Newark, Del.

The purpose of this project is to build a kitchen at the University of Delaware to address food insecurity on the campus and in the surrounding community.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Code Purple Emergency Unit

\$75,000

Code Purple Kent County – Dover, Del.

The purpose of this project is to make needed improvements and renovations to a shelter that houses displaced individuals, victims of domestic violence, and people experiencing homelessness. Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Delaware Housing Assistance Program (DHAP)

\$250,000

Delaware HIV Services – Wilmington, Del.

This project would provide rental assistance for low-income persons living with HIV.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Development of the Central Delaware Aviation Complex (CDAC)

\$600,000

Delaware Department of Transportation – Dover, Del.

This project would support design and permitting processes building toward an expanded Dover Civil Air Terminal (CAT) that will become the Central Delaware Aviation Complex.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Dewey Beach Police Department Building Project

\$2,827,000

Town of Dewey Beach – Dewey Beach, Del.

This request would support planning and construction of a new building that would serve as a police department in Dewey Beach, Delaware.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

EastSide Re-development

\$280,000

The Challenge Program. – Wilmington, Del.

The purpose of this project is to make capital improvements to affordable housing units in the East Side community of Wilmington.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Emergency Vehicle Operator Training Course and Police Canine Training Facility

\$3,500,000

New Castle County Division of Police – New Castle, Del.

The project would help fund a state-of-the-art training course for emergency vehicle operators and a police canine training facility to be used by all first responders in Delaware.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

First Community Foundation STEM Hub

\$3,000,000

First Community Foundation – Wilmington, Del.

The purpose of this project is to construct a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) hub in the Riverside area of Wilmington, Delaware to address educational, workforce development, and health monitoring needs in the community.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Georgetown to Lewes Trail

\$7,800,000

Delaware Department of Transportation – Dover, Del.

This project will construct one of the final three phases of a 17-mile multi-use trail running from Georgetown to Lewes adjacent to a state-owned railroad.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Historical Property Preservation

\$595,000

City of Newark – Newark, Del.

This project would support renovations to the George Wilson Center, a historic facility owned by the City of Newark that currently serves as a community center.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Home Base – Life Lines IV

\$1,090,000

West End Neighborhood House – Wilmington, Del.

This project will support the acquisition and renovation of 2 apartment complexes with a total of 7 units that will be used to provide permanent supportive housing and transitional housing for unaccompanied youth.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Infant and Toddler Center Final Costs and Renovations

\$3,075,000

Latin American Community Center – Wilmington, Del.

This project would support the construction of a playground and parking facilities at LACC's Infant and Toddler Center, which is currently under construction. In addition, this project would support critical maintenance at LACC's two existing community services buildings.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

The Lower Hilltop Equitable Housing Initiative

\$3,000,000

Wilmington Neighborhood Conservancy Land Bank – Wilmington, Del.

This project would acquire 45 units of housing, stabilize 25 deteriorating units, create 15 green spaces, and clean 15 alleyways. Once units are acquired or rehabbed, they will be sold to developers with an enforceable agreement that the developer must sell or rent them to low-income individuals.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Maxwell Estates

\$2,300,000

Milford Housing Development Corporation – Milford, Del.

The purpose of this project is to preserve and rehabilitate the West Street Manor (32 housing units) and the West Street Annex (28 housing units) into a 60 unit project. Maxwell Estates is a fully subsidized USDA Rural Development project serving the elderly and disabled population.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Multi-use Special Purpose Vehicle Shelter

\$2,500,000

DE Department of Safety and Homeland Security – Dover, Del.

This funding would allow the DE Department of Safety and Homeland Security to build a special purpose vehicle shelter to house critical assets in a central location in order to help reduce emergency response times and extend the life of the vehicles and equipment housed within.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

New Castle County AmeriCorps Housing

\$2,000,000

New Castle County – New Castle County, Del.

This project would purchase and renovate four homes to serve as housing for 16 AmeriCorps participants.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

New Castle County Park Refurbishment

\$400,000

New Castle County – New Castle County, Del.

This project will make refurbishments to a heavily-used park located in a low-income area.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Owens Manor and Queen Manor

\$1,000,000

Dover Housing Authority – Dover, Del.

The purpose of this project is make capital improvements to existing affordable housing properties for senior residents in Dover.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

The Ramble – Tidewater Park

\$938,000

Town of Laurel – Laurel, Del.

This project would install accessible playground equipment in Tidewater Park in Laurel, Delaware.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

RESTORE, Real Estate Strategy To Obtain Racial Equity

\$7,105,000

REACH Riverside – Wilmington, Del.

This project will purchase five blighted properties in the Riverside neighborhood of Wilmington and redevelop two of the five into a fresh food market and a Town Green – a central public space within the Riverside community. The remaining three properties will be redeveloped in the future.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Solomon's Court Phase II

\$2,000,000

Be Ready Community Development Corporation – New Castle, Del.

This project will create 12 affordable and accessible units as well as street-level commercial space for small businesses.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

St. Michael's Building Renovation and Expansion Project

\$1,000,000

St. Michael's School and Nursery, Inc. – Wilmington, Del.

The purpose of this project is to make capital improvements and expand the St. Michael's School and Nursery.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Strategic Land Acquisition Project

\$600,000

Sussex County Habitat for Humanity – Georgetown, Del.

The purpose of this project is to acquire building lots for affordable homeownership opportunities throughout Sussex County, Delaware.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Villa Maria at the Brandywine

\$3,000,000

Ministry of Caring – Wilmington, Del.

This project would support the development of 74 units of one-bedroom affordable senior housing for low- and very low-income seniors in the Old Brandywine Village area.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Biopharmaceutical Manufacturing Facility

\$10,000,000

University of Delaware – Newark, Del.

The purpose of this project is to support the construction of a current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) facility on the University of Delaware STAR Campus, which will allow for the clinical-scale production of biopharmaceutical products and help our nation prepare for future public health threats.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Branches to Chances Climate Corps

\$164,000

Delaware Center for Horticulture – Wilmington, Del.

This project will expand the Branches to Chances program, a job skills training and placement program focused on the horticulture industry.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Café Job Training Program

\$110,000

Down Syndrome Association of Delaware – Newark, Del.

The purpose of this project is to support the Down Syndrome Association of Delaware's Cafe Internship program, which provides adults and teens with down syndrome workplace readiness training.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Chronic Disease Program Equipment

\$960,000

ChristianaCare Health Services – Wilmington, Del.

The purpose of this project is to purchase equipment to be used as part of ChristianaCare's health monitoring program for communities experiencing chronic disease burden.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Community Health Work Certificate Program

\$65,000

New Castle County – New Castle, Del.

This project will allow New Castle County's National Health Corps members to complete a Community Health Worker certification at Delaware Technical Community College.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Continuous Community-Care Mobile Treatment Project

\$757,000

Brandywine Counseling and Community Services, Inc. – Wilmington, Del.

The purpose of this project is to support the efforts to outfit a van as a mobile health clinic, which will provide medical and behavioral health care services to populations up and down Delaware that have historically had barriers to health care.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Delaware Statewide Co-op Program

\$243,000

Delaware Workforce Development Board – Wilmington, Del.

This project will develop a statewide cooperative education program.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Educational Training and Workforce Development to Build Infrastructure and Coastal Resilience in Delaware Using Advanced Technologies and Monitoring Techniques

\$675,000

University of Delaware – Newark, Del.

This project will support a workforce development partnership project between the University of Delaware and Delaware Technical and Community College that will train students to assess the impact of extreme weather events and sea-level rise on infrastructure and coastal morphology using advanced technologies.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Environmental Education at Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge

\$710,000

Delaware State University – Dover, Del.

The purpose of this project is to convene researchers and educators at Delaware State University, the University of Delaware, and the Delaware Nature Society to develop a new environmental education curriculum for the DuPont Environmental Education Center (DEEC) in the Russell Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge on the Wilmington Riverfront. This project will serve 1,000 Wilmington K-12 students in its first year.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Inclusion Project for Students with Disabilities

\$230,000

Best Buddies in Delaware – Greenville, Del.

The purpose of this project is to expand Best Buddies in Delaware's programming to additional schools, providing meaningful interactions and friendships for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Limen Men's Health Capital Improvements

\$463,000

Limen Recovery + Wellness – Wilmington, Del.

The purpose of this project is to support capital improvements to the Limen

Recovery + Wellness men's sober living residence, which will provide a safe and secure living environment for individuals receiving treatment. This facility houses 16 men at a time and provides mental health counseling, case management services, and life skills training to men who are in recovery from addiction.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Literacy Delaware Expansion

\$250,000

Literacy Delaware – Wilmington, Del.

The purpose of this project is to expand the services that Literacy Delaware provides, including reading skills, digital and numeracy literacy, and English language training. This expansion will allow Literacy Delaware to expand their reach and provide more Delawareans with the skills necessary to gain employment opportunities.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Medical Theater Program

\$565,000

Delaware State University – Dover, Del.

The purpose of this project is to support Delaware State University's medical theater program, which provides realistic simulations to students in health care programs.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Mental Health Programming Expansion

\$250,000

Boys and Girls Clubs of Delaware – Wilmington, Del.

The purpose of this project is to expand the mental health programming provided by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Delaware to more families, including providing trauma-informed care and group-counseling sessions.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Mentorship Initiatives for Underrepresented Populations

\$603,000

Delaware State University – Dover, Del.

The purpose of this project is to support Delaware State University's efforts to provide mentorship and training opportunities for underserved populations.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

New Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill

\$10,000,000

Delaware Department of Health and Social Services – New Castle, Del.

The purpose of this project is to support the construction of a new Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill. This new facility will be a 150-bed long term care facility and the project will address long-term safety and environmental concerns with the facility.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Pediatric Mental and Behavioral Health Therapist Program

\$1,500,000

Nemours Children's Hospital – Wilmington, Del.

The purpose of this project is to increase Delaware's pediatric behavioral health workforce through a mental and behavioral health training program. This program will provide master's level pediatric therapists with the training and hours needed to become licensed.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Plug Into the Grid

\$1,128,000

Good Will of Delaware and Delaware County – Wilmington, Del.

This project will support technological upgrades to Goodwill's three employment centers in each of Delaware's three counties, with a view to providing digital resources and skills training for unemployed and underemployed Delawareans.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Polytech School of Aviation Maintenance

\$1,502,000

Polytech Adult Education – Dover, Del.

This project will support the establishment of the Polytech School of Aviation Maintenance, which would offer three training and certification programs, train 50 individuals per year, and place them in employment opportunities with local and regional aviation partners.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Restoration Now Expansion

\$750,000

The Salvation Army Delaware Command – Wilmington, Del.

The purpose of this project is to expand the Salvation Army's Restoration Now program, which provides comprehensive services to victims of human trafficking. These funds will meet increased demand for these services and allow the Salvation Army to serve more victims.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

SafeSide Suicide Prevention Training

\$20,000

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, DE – Statewide, Del.

The purpose of this project is to provide the SafeSide Suicide Prevention Training program to primary care health providers in Delaware, which will provide better mental health care services to Delawareans.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Delmarva Oasis Strategic Conservation Planning

\$500,000

Eastern Shore Land Conservancy – Delmarva Peninsula, Del.

This project will develop a region-wide conservation plan of restoration projects and easements with local stakeholders and government entities. This plan will target federal, state, local, and non-governmental conservation funding to the highest regional conservation priorities in the Delmarva in the face of the impacts of climate change.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Mussels for Clean Water Hatchery

\$4,000,000

Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, Inc. – Winterthur, Del.

This project will construct a 10,000 square-foot mussel hatchery facility along the tidal Schuylkill River in Philadelphia, PA. Once hatched, the mussels will be transported to ponds in New Castle County, DE to mature, and will ultimately be deployed across the Delaware Estuary to enhance water quality, improve habitat resilience and prevent soil erosion.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Nanticoke Indian Museum Revitalization

\$500,000

Nanticoke Indian Association, Inc. – Millsboro, Del.

This project will completely restore this 100-year-old structure that is on the National Register of Historic Places, including roof, siding, windows, fascia, trims, and doors on the exterior as well as lighting, electrical, plumbing, restrooms, floors, HVAC, furnishings, and display cases in the interior.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Sewer-Stormwater Separation

\$4,000,000

City of Wilmington – Wilmington, Del.

This project will build a new, separate stormwater collection system that will carry rainwater runoff directly to the new South Wilmington Wetland Park, preventing sewage from contaminating ground water during flood events.

This improvement will also increase resilience to flooding in the Southbridge neighborhood.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Sewer Interceptor Rehabilitation

\$8,000,000

City of Wilmington – Wilmington, Del.

This project will replace a mile and a half of 100-year-old, underground combined sewage-stormwater pipe at Prices Run, preventing degradation of

surface water quality due to sewage overflow and catastrophic infrastructure failure.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Statewide Air Quality Study

\$440,000

Delaware Natural Resources and Environmental Control – Statewide, Del. This project will study air pollution across the state, especially in communities with histories of environmental injustice, and develop data-informed policy recommendations for pollution mitigation and expanded monitoring.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Survey of PFAS in Delaware Groundwater

\$463,000

University of Delaware – Newark, Del.

This project will analyze groundwater samples to determine the presence of PFAS and other contaminants in Delaware groundwater. Samples will be collected from deep wells that draw water from confined aquifers, which have not been tested previously for PFAS chemicals.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester Rehabilitation

\$6,000,000

City of Wilmington – Wilmington, Del.

This project will purchase new digester mixing equipment and five digesters. Both are mission critical to the operation of the wastewater treatment plant and the production of natural gas that is used to power the facility and reduce carbon emissions.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Replacement

\$2,500,000

City of Seaford – Seaford, Del.

This project will replace 60-year-old parts at the Seaford wastewater

treatment plant that will increase flow and allow it to handle the 2020 addition of sewer flows of Blades, Bridgeville, and Greenwood. Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Wastewater Treatment Secondary Clarifier Rehabilitation

\$6,000,000

City of Wilmington – Wilmington, Del.

This project will rehabilitate the structural, electrical, and mechanical controls of the existing aeration and secondary clarifier system, which have not been replaced in 20 years. New, more efficient equipment will significantly reduce electricity usage to decrease the carbon footprint of the plant.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).

Water Main Extension and New Well

\$2,800,000

City of Dover – Dover, Del.

This project will replace 0.92 mile of water main on North State Street to prevent water discoloration and improve fire protection. It will also install a new well at Silver Lake to add redundancy to the city's water supply and improve fire protection.

Certification letter can be found [here](#).