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May 15, 2024

The Honorable Jeff Merkley
Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
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Dear Chair Merkley and Ranking Member Murkowski:

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 2025 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,



Christopher A. Coons
United States Senator

**Coons, Christopher(D-DE) Interior and Environment
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Buttonwood Colored School Museum & Community Center	Restoring the Buttonwood Colored School Museum and Community Center, built in 1919, to improve building structure.	Bear DE	\$500
Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control	To install additional groundwater wells and sensors to monitor for saltwater intrusion caused by sea-level rise, increased groundwater withdrawals along the coast and surface runoff from roads and paved areas. These wells will target areas that are under-monitored and supply the water needs for the	Dover DE	\$154
Delaware Bay and River Cooperative	This project will fund necessary equipment upgrades on a faster, modern vessel to protect the communities, wildlife, and water of the Delaware Bay and River.	Lewes DE	\$1,500
Science, Technology and Research Institute of Delaware	To study PFAS levels across the state of Delaware.	New Castle DE	\$1,480
Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, Inc.	The Partnership for the Delaware Estuary (PDE) requests funding to support a suite of resilience and clean water efforts across Delaware including freshwater mussel rearing network and living shoreline installation.	New Castle County DE	\$858
Rehoboth Art League	Funds will be used for collections preservation of the Peter Marsh Homestead.	Rehoboth Beach DE	\$100
Smyrna Clayton Heritage Association for Smyrna Opera House Renovations	Restoring the historic Smyrna Opera House, built in 1870, to house a new art gallery and a new stage.	Smyrna DE	\$450
Chesapeake Conservancy	To conserve new land in the Nanticoke River Watershed to address several threats to the health of the Nanticoke River.	Sussex County DE	\$1,000
City of Wilmington	To update the stormwater collection system to prevent sewage from flooding surrounding areas and contaminating ground water during storm events.	Wilmington DE	\$8,200
Grand Opera House, Inc.	Restoring the Grand Opera House, a nationally significant restored theater built in 1871.	Wilmington DE	\$500
Delaware Historical Society	Restoring the Old Town Hall, Wilmington's only surviving 18th-century public building, to preserve its integrity.	Wilmington DE	\$400
Delaware Africa Coalition	Historic Preservation of the Bechtel House.	Wilmington DE	\$500