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May 14, 2024

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
Labor, Health and Human Services, Education,
and Related Agencies
Development and Related Agencies
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
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and Related Agencies
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Dear Chair Baldwin and Ranking Member Capito:

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 Labor, Health and Human Services, 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) Labor and Health and Human Services
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
The Children's Advocacy Center of Delaware	This project will fund renovations and security upgrades to their newly-acquired building.	Dover DE	\$312
Delaware State University	Funds will be used to purchase materials, supplies, and lab equipment to support their Master of Occupational Therapy program.	Dover DE	\$1,491
Delaware State University	Funds will be used to establish a neuropsychology concentration within their neuroscience Ph.D. program, including salaries, curriculum development, and supplies.	Dover DE	\$210
Polytech Adult Education	Funds will be used to develop and expand their adult education workforce development training programming, including their allied health, aviation, and operations programs.	Dover DE	\$2,024
Delaware State University	Funds will be used for improvements to the downtown campus to create the Hope House, which will be a center for students facing a mental health crisis or traumatic event.	Dover DE	\$1,182
Delaware State University	Funds will be used to support equipment upgrades and curriculum enhancements at their Early Childhood Innovation Laboratory School, which trains students and provides childcare for toddlers through Pre-K.	Dover DE	\$175
Braven	Braven is a national program that provides counseling to underrepresented college students to help them obtain employment after they graduate. Funds will be used to expand Braven's services to additional students.	Dover DE	\$934
Delaware College Scholars	DCS replicates a college experience at DSU during the summer months for high-performing students from low-income families. Funds will be used to expand their programming, including salaries, technology, and transportation costs.	Dover DE	\$1,462
Early College School at Delaware State University	Funds will be used to develop a school-based wellness center that provides mental, behavioral, and physical health care services for students.	Dover DE	\$378
Beebe Medical Center	Funds will be used for construction of a Community Access Clinic to provide expanded access to primary care services in Sussex County, Delaware.	Millsboro DE	\$1,775
Delaware Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health	Funds will be used for capital improvements at Delaware Psychiatric Center to create a high security unit for patients with physically aggressive behaviors.	New Castle DE	\$1,392
Exceptional Care for Children	Funds will be used to construct a new 22-bed unit focused specifically on medically fragile youth who are transitioning from pediatric to adult care.	Newark DE	\$1,000
ABC Parenting Institute	ABC is a home visiting program that has been developed by UD and NIH aimed at enhancing outcomes for young children at-risk for neglect or abuse. These funds will allow this project to be implemented in Delaware by hiring staff and purchasing equipment.	Newark DE	\$245
Blood Bank of Delmarva	Funds will be used to upgrade the facilities of the Blood Bank of Delmarva's donation center, allowing them to better serve the community.	Newark DE	\$2,913
Christiana Care Health Services	Funds will be used to expand their gene editing institute's Learning Lab program.	Newark DE	\$798

Delaware Technology Park	Funds will be used to partner with two other nonprofits to conduct research into the needs and challenges of older adults in being financially literate and independent.	Newark DE	\$1,420
Veterans Watchmaker Initiative	Funds will be used for new equipment and supplies to provide veterans with training opportunities to become skilled jewelry repairmen.	Odessa DE	\$369
TidalHealth Nanticoke	Funds will be used to purchase equipment to outfit their new expansion.	Seaford DE	\$1,000
Healthy Food for Healthy Kids	Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids provides garden education programming in 52 partner schools. These funds will allow them to expand their programming to additional schools, including equipment, supplies, and salaries.	Statewide DE	\$807
The Arc of Delaware	This will close a funding gap to ensure the completion of essential accessibility upgrades to improve longevity and safety of group homes for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.	Statewide DE	\$300
Best Buddies International, Inc.	Funds will be used to expand Best Buddies' programming to additional schools in Delaware.	Statewide DE	\$250
Survivor Ventures	SV operates a program that reimburses small businesses for the first year of salary for victims of trafficking, helping them to re-enter the workforce while providing them workforce development skills. Funds will be used to support additional members of this program.	Statewide DE	\$240
United Way of Delaware	UWD operates Delaware's 211 hotline, which provides assistance and resources to individuals who call with non-emergency needs. These funds will be used to hire additional staff members and cover the cost of technology and equipment upgrades.	Statewide DE	\$1,155
Limen House, Inc.	Funds will go towards capital improvements at their 819 Washington St. building, allowing them to add additional beds to expand their sober living programs.	Wilmington DE	\$1,000
Saint Francis Hospital	Funds will be used to construct an outpatient pharmacy as part of their Healthy Village plan, aimed at addressing the retail pharmacy desert around St. Francis.	Wilmington DE	\$1,323
Boys and Girls Club of Delaware	Funds will be used to expand their youth support services, including mental health services and mentorship opportunities.	Wilmington DE	\$455
Reading Assist	Funds will be used to hire staff and expand the programming of Reading Assist, which provides tutoring and reading education to students.	Wilmington DE	\$1,000
Christiana Care Health Services	Funds will be used for construction costs to set-up an urgent care facility on the first floor of the hospital, including imaging services, lab equipment, and IT upgrades.	Wilmington DE	\$4,308
The Precision Institute	These funds will be used to expand their programming into Kent and Sussex, including salaries, software, supplies, and equipment.	Wilmington DE	\$1,100
Brandywine Counseling and Community Services	Funds will be used to cover costs of a mobile treatment van, including salaries, equipment and supplies, and travel costs.	Wilmington DE	\$968
Sojourners' Place	Funds will be used to support their programming, including those experiencing the impacts of homelessness, incarceration, substance abuse, and mental health challenges.	Wilmington DE	\$100
The Challenge Program	Funds will be used to purchase necessary equipment and supplies to restore a historic rail car, providing hands on work experience for their pre-apprenticeship construction and woodworking program.	Wilmington DE	\$238
Local Journalism Initiative	Funds will be used to establish an internship program to provide college-aged students exposure to careers in the media.	Wilmington DE	\$126

Delaware Department of Labor, Division of Employment and Training	This project will fund the expansion of the Advancement through Pardons and Expungement program, which aims to help those with criminal histories find jobs.	Wilmington DE	\$225
Literacy Delaware	Literacy Delaware provides tutoring, English language training, and advocacy for individuals at libraries throughout the state. They heavily rely on AmeriCorps for their work. These funds will be used to hire additional staff and fund AmeriCorps members to expand operations.	Wilmington DE	\$100
Tech Impact	Funds will be used to expand the services provided by Tech Impact, including the establishment of an IT-based course, a customer experience course, and a data innovation fellowship program.	Wilmington DE	\$350
Tech Council of Delaware	Funds will be used to support their American Dream Academy programming, which is a tuition-free program providing an online, self-paced technology course for adults ages 18-34.	Wilmington DE	\$695
Delaware Health Equity Coalition	DHEC aims to provide wraparound services to patients, including nutrition, mental health, and social support for the families, in addition to patient-centered physical healthcare. Funds will be used to support their programming, including salaries, equipment, and supplies.	Wilmington DE	\$1,611
Jewish Family Services of Delaware	Funds will be used to hire additional staff to expand JFS' programming into Kent and Sussex Counties.	Wilmington DE	\$2,000
UrbanPromise Wilmington	Funds will be used to support their after school and summer camp programming for children 1st through 8th grade, including salaries, equipment, travel, and supplies.	Wilmington DE	\$125