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May 21, 2025

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

The Honorable Jeff Merkley
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
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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,



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	Funds will be used to restore 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	Funds will be used 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.	Dover DE	\$154
Kent County Levy Court	Funds will be used to replace a wastewater main pipe in Kent County.	Frederica DE	\$2,600
Science, Technology and Research Institute of Delaware Center for PFAS Solutions	Funds will be used to advance clean drinking water in Delaware by monitoring for PFAS and other emerging contaminants.	New Castle DE	\$800
New Castle County Conservation District	Funds will be used to restore habitat and drinking water quality.	Newark DE	\$720
Rehoboth Art League	Funds will be used for preservation of the Peter Marsh Homestead.	Rehoboth Beach DE	\$100
Smyrna Clayton Heritage Association	Funds will be used for restoration of the historic Smyrna Opera House, built in 1870.	Smyrna DE	\$450
Town of Smyrna	Funds will be used to support the construction of a new well and water treatment plant.	Smyrna DE	\$4,600
City of Wilmington	Funds will be used to update the stormwater collection system to prevent sewage from flooding surrounding areas and contaminating ground water during storm events.	Wilmington DE	\$8,200
Delaware Africa Coalition	Funds will be used for historic preservation of the Historic Bechtel House.	Wilmington DE	\$500
Grand Opera House, Inc.	Funds will be used for restoration of the Grand Opera House, a nationally significant restored theater built in 1871.	Wilmington DE	\$500
Delaware Historical Society	Funds will be used to restore the Old Town Hall, Wilmington's only surviving 18th-century public building, to preserve its integrity.	Wilmington DE	\$400
Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, Inc.	Funds will be used to support clean water efforts within Delaware, including the development of a freshwater mussel rearing network and installation of a living shoreline.	Wilmington DE	\$500
City of Wilmington	Funds will be used for final design and construction to reduce CSO4a discharge.	Wilmington DE	\$7,800
City of Wilmington	Funds will be used for sewer separation along South Market Street in Wilmington.	Wilmington DE	\$14,000
City of Wilmington	Funds will be used to upgrade the wastewater treatment facility in Wilmington.	Wilmington DE	\$9,100