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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
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The Honorable Richard Shelby
Vice Chairman
Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20510

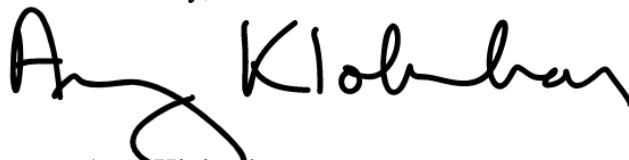
The Honorable Chris Van Hollen
Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
Financial Services and General Government
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Cindy Hyde-Smith
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
Financial Services and General Government
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy, Vice Chairman Shelby, Chair Van Hollen and Ranking Member Hyde Smith:

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 2023 Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sincerely,



Amy Klobuchar
United States Senator

**Klobuchar, Amy(D-MN) Financial Services and General Government
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
West Broadway Business and Area Coalition	<p>"Minnesota's immigrant and BIPOC communities face systemic barriers to economic equity as a result of employer discrimination, higher unemployment rates (regardless of economic conditions), lower annual earnings, and occupational segregation (Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis 2020/2022). At the same time, immigrant and BIPOC communities account for much of Minnesota's labor force growth in recent years, and their participation is critical to addressing the state's increasingly dire talent shortages (Minnesota DEED). But even as local employers develop newfound interest in hiring overlooked communities, they often lack the cultural and self-awareness to revise internal policies to allow for more inclusive hiring practices. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) advocates for streamlined integration of adult education, career services, employer engagement, and postsecondary training systems. Most government agencies, however, fail to fund these aspirations, and singularly prioritize the attainment of industry-recognized credentials at the expense of the many foundational components needed to prepare disadvantaged persons (and employers) for career and educational success. To combat this multifaceted issue, CAPI requests \$500,000 in Congressionally-Directed Spending to provide comprehensive work readiness, Adult Basic Education, employer engagement, and ""bridge"" training programs to 200 immigrant, refugee, and BIPOC persons via its Immigrant Opportunity Center initiative."</p>	Brooklyn Center MN	\$125
Minnesota Discovery Center	<p>"The Minnesota Discovery Center (MDC), 501(c)3 nonprofit and the largest (660-acres) museum, records repository, and cultural center north of the Twin Cities, is seeking \$1 million to support phase 1 of a multi-phased archival restoration and repair project that will ensure the protection and accessibility of millions of historical records, documents, and 3D objects in our collections.</p> <p>The purpose of this project is to address some of our most immediate infrastructure needs that will help MDC better serve guests and better preserve and protect archival material. Specifically, the MDC would like to restore and repair 8,000 sq. ft. of research center and archival space to address immediate issues such as repairing, restoring, and updating our archival storage areas, reconfiguring and renovating staff and guest areas to facilitate better circulation and use of space as well as access to materials, and bring these areas of our facility into compliance with federal regulations such as the American with Disabilities Act (i.e. doorways and bathrooms) which will help us better serve our staff and guests.</p>	Chisholm MN	\$1,000
Neighborhood Development Center	<p>"Neighborhood Development Center (NDC) requests Community Project Funds to support the development of a community-centered commercial space that will build health and wealth among BIPOC entrepreneurs and community members of the Lake Street community of Minneapolis, which has suffered greatly amid the pandemic, murder of George Floyd, and the civil unrest that followed.</p> <p>Specifically, NDC would build out the Greenway (lower) level of the Midtown Exchange building near Chicago Avenue and Lake Street in South Minneapolis, including the addition of a commercial kitchen space available at affordable lease rates for 5-10 food production or catering entrepreneurs, and Element Fitness Co-op, a first-of-its-kind co-op fitness center, developed by the Founder of Twin Cities-based Element Boxing Gym, Dalton Outlaw, in partnership with NDC. Together, the commercial kitchen space and the co-op fitness center will provide opportunities for local BIPOC entrepreneurs to develop their businesses, and for community members to gather in shared pursuit of health and healing.</p> <p>NDC, the developer of this project, is a non-profit, community development financial institution (CDFI) that believes that residents of low-income communities have the entrepreneurial talent and energy to revitalize their disinvested neighborhoods. NDC has established nine incubators and public markets, totaling 200,526 square feet of commercial space. Our incubators have been home to 150 small and micro businesses, of which 100% are NDC clients."</p>	Minneapolis MN	\$1,500

Neighborhood Development Center	<p>"Neighborhood Development Center (NDC) requests funds to build out 5-10 permanently affordable small business incubator office spaces, shared collaboration and office amenity spaces such as a break area and conference room, and NDC Entrepreneur Training Center satellite, in Baldwin Square, to be developed at 4140 Fremont Avenue North in Minneapolis. Baldwin Square takes its inspiration from James Baldwin, the 20th century writer and activist who boldly advocated for cross cultural dialogue to create positive social change and build understanding across difference. This project is in partnership with lead developer Mobilize Design & Architecture (MDA), a local Black-owned architecture firm with deep roots in the North Minneapolis community. MDA purchased the existing dilapidated buildings at this site several years ago from the City of Minneapolis for \$1. As a partner on the Baldwin Square project, NDC will be an anchor tenant on the second floor of this 25,000 square foot development, occupying approximately 8,000 square feet. The 5-10 offices spaces on this floor will function as an NDC small business incubator, offering permanently affordable space to primarily Black, brown, immigrant, or Indigenous micro or small business owners. NDC will use its office space in this build as an NDC satellite office serving the North Minneapolis community, to provide its free or low cost, ongoing and culturally responsive Technical Assistance, Small Business Lending, and Entrepreneur Training services."</p>	Minneapolis MN	\$1,000
Pillsbury United Communities	<p>Pillsbury House + Theatre (PH+T), a Pillsbury United Communities, arts-integrated neighborhood center and social enterprise hub located at 35th Street and Chicago Avenue in Minneapolis is seeking to expand its footprint by acquiring two adjacent properties at 3525 and 3527 Chicago Avenue. We have a signed, exclusive LOI and are finalizing the purchase agreement with the current business owner, David Halvorson who has operated an auto body repair business (Halvey's) on the site for 25 years. As he is preparing for retirement, David is committed to making sure the asset he has spent his life building stays neighborhood owned and continues to accrue benefit to the area. PH+T is an anchor institution in the community and has been in discussion with David for two years about purchasing the property when he retires. Acquiring the properties is a critical opportunity to meet a growing community need with new resources and new programming. The site will become STAC (Studio Technical Arts Campus) providing training, paid internships, entrepreneurship, and placements for primarily BIPOC young people post high school. The training and development programming will support young people in entering high paying, high demand career fields where they are currently underrepresented. There is little renovation needed to repurpose the site to support officially launching the STAC training programs. Additionally, the large parking lot on the site will be activated as a community gathering and outdoor performance space during the warmer months, and 200 square feet of greenspace will be cultivated as a community garden.</p>	Minneapolis MN	\$500
Pillsbury United Communities	<p>Justice Built Communities, the community development corporation of nonprofit Pillsbury United Communities, is launching "Sandbox," a 3-story building in North Minneapolis (CD5) that will bring together entrepreneurs, banking institutions, and venture capital firms under one roof for integrated, equitable FinTech industry innovation. From mobile money to cryptocurrency, start-ups in the FinTech industry use technology to make financial services for businesses and individuals more efficient. Sandbox will foster the creation of new Black- and Brown-owned enterprises attracting private investment, generating well-paying jobs, and developing new financial products with accessibility and impact reaching to rural markets. This project is shovel ready and scheduled for completion in Spring 2025.</p>	Minneapolis MN	\$2,000
Guthrie Theater	<p>The Guthrie Theater is requesting funds to purchase new technology necessary for us to continue serving our community. This includes updated workstations (and mobile technology) to facilitate hybrid work for staff and digital security cameras to preserve our building as a safe public space.</p>	Minneapolis MN	\$263
City of Moorhead	<p>The City of Moorhead is planning a new Community Center and Regional Library within a redevelopment area in our downtown. The community is fully engaged in planning the facility to connect people to people in ways that allows Moorhead and its residents to flourish. An important component will be a Community Center for Entrepreneurship, providing co-working and incubator space for community members, with special emphasis on equity - developing and supporting female and foreign-born entrepreneurs. The Community Center and Regional Library will replace a 1960s vintage public library. Co-working and conferencing space, technology, and business supports such as three-dimensional printing and a studio for recording and podcasts are planned. This will be the Community Center of the future.</p>	Moorhead MN	\$1,000

Community Action Center	<p>"The Community Action Center (CAC) is requesting CDS funds to place a substance abuse disorder (SUD) support specialist in a local high school. The Area Learning Center (ALC) in the rural town of Northfield, MN needs a new program to 1) prevent the onset of illegal drug use and 2) reduce barriers to high quality, effective treatment and recovery services. ALC Director Daryl Kehler estimates that 20-25% of the 137 students at the ALC, an alternative-curriculum high school, use illicit substances daily. Unfortunately, conventional clinical treatment programs have proven ineffective. The number of students willing to work with the ALC's current clinical partner has dwindled to zero, leaving a gap between students in need and clinical services. The Community Action Center (CAC) plans to bridge this gap. CDS funding will allow us to hire a full-time, youth-focused, SUD recovery specialist. Building on CAC's successful SUD recovery services for adults, and an existing presence at the ALC, this staff member will offer trauma-responsive relational support and referrals to clinical and social services. The SUD support specialist will be a part of CAC's growing recovery team, which currently includes one Family Recovery Support Coordinator and two AmeriCorps Recovery Navigators. Just as important as what this staff member will do is how. The SUD recovery support specialist will offer trauma-responsive, relational support. With motivational interviewing, this staff person will work with students to identify their strengths and aspirations, and then come up with a plan to meet the latter with the former."</p>	Northfield MN	\$50
Ramsey County	<p>Ramsey County is committed to uplifting the small business community following the overlapping crises endured as a result of the pandemic and civil unrest. Ramsey County proposes the launch of a virtual Small Business Reimagination Center with the intent to strengthen small business and the small business ecosystem that served as a critical lifeline over the course of the pandemic. The (virtual) Small Business Reimagination Center will focus on Entrepreneurship (1) & Business Growth (2). Entrepreneurship (1): Accelerate business growth particularly for racially and ethnically diverse businesses,? develop entrepreneurship pathways, and strengthen the capacity for more culturally specific business advisory services and counseling. Small Business Growth? (2): Support business planning and site selection, ?navigate business lending to grow local investment particularly for racially and ethnically diverse business owners, and develop incubation spaces for small business ideation and innovation. ? ?</p>	Ramsey County MN	\$1,500
Latino Economic Development Center	<p>"The Latino Economic Development Center's (LEDC) mission is to transform our community by creating economic opportunities for Latinos. As a 501c3 originally created in 2003, we do this by helping Latino entrepreneurs through one-on-one technical assistance, business education, and access to capital. LEDC is the only Latino-focused community development financial institution (CDFI) in the upper Midwest and offers culturally relevant, fully bilingual services to Latinos across Minnesota. LEDC came into ownership of this 1902-built, 30,000 square foot commercial building (called Plaza del Sol) through foreclosure. We will redevelop this historic property as a community business support center. Located on a prominent corner in the Payne Avenue commercial corridor, it was formerly occupied by Latino restaurants and small businesses and is considered an essential part of the Latino community in east Saint Paul. Plaza del Sol Oeste - west (corner section) (this request): Four small food vendors with shared dining space and four micro retail spaces that include a new beauty salon in place of the old Barber School. Meeting/event center for 400+ to meet community needs for larger events Plaza del Sol Este - east section - funding applications completed A commissary kitchen for food trucks, caterers, bakers and other emerging food businesses Office space for LEDC lending and technical assistance staff and two outside business service professionals (accounting, tax, legal, etc.) While not in ruins, this building requires substantial rehabilitation to meet code, create functional spaces, and operate efficiently."</p>	Saint Paul MN	\$1,000
East Side Freedom Library	<p>"The East Side Freedom Library exists in one of the three Carnegie Library structures in the city of Saint Paul. Our building is over 100 years old and is a historically significant building and a building which has considerable meaning among East Side residents. Among the capital improvements needed for this historic structure tuck pointing on our brick building, various accessibility updates, an elevator upgrade, external lighting (for safety and after-dark community activities), paint upstairs and downstairs (community/performance room) new carpet upstairs, carpet and dance/performance floor in basement/community room, and cement work on entrance steps. These steps are not just cosmetic renovations for this historically significant building. They are crucial to the survival of the structure. They are crucial to the usability and accessibility of the building. They are important for safety. They are important so that the East Side community, which has historically been under-resourced and neglected, sees an institution in their community being supported and that the work</p>	Saint Paul MN	\$968

	they do is important in the broader community of our city, region and state."		
University of St. Thomas	This project would fund a Community Entrepreneurship Program targeting low income, BIPOC, and women entrepreneurs. This program begins with a six week long intensive bootcamp that will cover topics like The Entrepreneurial Process /Skills /Competencies /Types of Ventures; Understanding the Numbers; Planning and Managing Risk; Getting Resources When You Do Not Have any Money; Identifying and Communicating with Customers; and Operations. Once entrepreneurs complete this program they can be matched with a mentor, mentorship will continue for six months following the training. Upon completion of the program this project will fund a student consultation program, connections to community resources, as well as micro-grants and loan assistance.	St. Paul MN	\$630
City of Wyoming	"The City of Wyoming is asking for \$7 million in Congressionally Directed Spending to assist the City of Wyoming in building a new Public Safety Facility for both Fire and Police services. This will enable Wyoming Public Safety to better serve our community with greater efficiency, effectiveness, best practices and meet professional standards that improve the overall Public Safety experience for our community. The City of Wyoming is committed to matching the request with an additional \$7 million for a total project cost of an estimated \$14 million. The City is taking a conservative approach to the design and construction of the facility to keep costs low, utilizing a green site the City already owns and sharing as many spaces as possible between the two divisions to keep the footprint as reasonable as possible. The proposed new facility is allocating 9,322 square feet for police operations, administration, support staff, evidence processing and storage, and vehicle garage space. The facility is also allocating 13,767 square feet for fire apparatus bays, equipment decontamination, turnout gear storage, locker facilities, and administrative offices. To best utilize the space, we have committed approximately 4,600 square feet as joint operation and training space to be shared by both divisions."	Wyoming MN	\$7,000