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The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Chairman  
Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20510

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

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen  
Chair  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Energy and Water Development  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jerry Moran  
Ranking Member  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Energy and Water Development  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy, Vice Chairman Shelby, Chair Shaheen, and Ranking Member Moran,

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 2022 Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sincerely,



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Amy Klobuchar  
United States Senator

**Klobuchar, Amy(D-MN) Commerce, Justice and Science  
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
City of Duluth, MN	<p>The Duluth Police Department seeks funds for 911 automated response system for customer service. The city is proposing to improve their equipment by adding a variety of software.</p> <p>One program will extract geographic data, providing actionable insights to keep communities safer, deploy resources more efficiently, and improve external communications. Agencies will benefit from transparency allowing for easy, seamless publication of data from agencies to the public. The software will also provide automated data feeds, citizen-facing incident alerts, and efficient and effect responses to public records requests. It will also increase transparency by allowing citizens to view crime trends in via mapping.</p> <p>Another platform will provide law enforcement agencies a tool to leverage data to better improve public perception, and increase efficiency. The program will provide status updates to users of 911 as well as status updates to those who are victims of crime to keep them apprised of their investigation and how law enforcement can improve response and service by enabling law enforcement agencies to send one-to-one text messages and emails to those served. It also allows for mobile friendly surveys to crime victims, reporting parties and other members of the community providing critical input that can be used to direct resources, train staff, and elevate service.</p> <p>Lastly, a data management system will feature seven integrated modules: Officer Profile, Training, Activity, Use of Force, Internal Affairs, Community Engagement, and Performance Evaluations. These are essential for capturing critical data and departmental reports to facilitate proactive police management and preventative early intervention.</p>	Duluth MN	\$750
Office of the Ramsey County Attorney	<p>The Community Violence Prevention program will provide robust resources and 24/7 support delivered by trusted community members. The plan includes an effort co-led with the community, aligning City and County resources, to invest in dedicated staff capacity to advance this work. In addition, a community-based team of 24/7 support coaches will meet the immediate safety and wellness needs of people caught up in serious violence.</p>	Ramsey County MN	\$900
City of Rochester, MN	<p>Bridging the gap between young people, minorities, and law enforcement is a challenge faced daily by the Rochester Police Department. The Rochester Police Department seeks to launch a Community Collaboration Program focused on two audiences, youth and diverse residents. The initiative will provide opportunities for officers to interact with these groups in non-confrontational settings and build trust. The Community Collaboration Program will provide opportunities for officers to build relationships with kids, mentor troubled adolescents, and encourage diverse residents to engage in public service.</p>	Rochester MN	\$350
City of Rochester, MN	<p>The Rochester Police Department seeks COPS Law Enforcement Technology funding to adopt an Records Management System (RMS) that integrates the agency's mobile video and digital storage technologies into a cloud-based report writing and storage solution. The RMS will use artificial intelligence to monitor video and provide an early-warning pointer system to the department's Office of Police Standards and Accountability.</p>	Rochester MN	\$500
Saint Cloud Police Department	<p>The specific need for this funding is to increase visibility and community involvement in an additional neighborhood with the expectation to reduce crime, increase police and community interaction, and unify neighborhood organizations. This would be accomplished with purchase of an existing residence to establish the City of Saint Cloud second House. COP stands for Community Outpost and is a home in a neighborhood that has had issues with crime activity.</p> <p>The first COP House was established in the City of Saint Cloud in August of 2017 on the city's south-side and has thrived as a Outpost for the community. The amount of direct spending requested would be utilized to purchase and make improvements on an existing residence as well as provide adequate funding to modify the residence to accommodate COP</p>	Saint Cloud, MN MN	\$475

House programming and office space for tenants not limited to but would include human services, health care, neighborhood organization space and ambulance services. The new Community Outpost would be considered on the cities east side which has seen a significant shift in quality of life issues to include crime, homelessness, and mental health calls for service.

Women's Advocates, Inc.	<p>Women's Advocates requests funding for their emergency domestic violence shelter, which annually provides safety, basic needs, and caring support and advocacy to 125 victim/survivors and up to 150 of their children.</p> <p>A U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development contract, which expires in December 2021, represents around 20 percent of Women's Advocates annual shelter operations budget. While Women's Advocates has other sources of funding to support families in crisis, maintaining shelter operations is an ongoing challenge as most currently available funding sources are targeted to identifying and moving victim and survivors into transitional housing and cannot be allocated toward sheltering women in acute crisis.</p> <p>Women's Advocates is seeking three years of transitional funding to ensure they can keep the shelter doors open and continue to be a refuge for DV victims while they identify new funding. The project includes building maintenance and repairs, utilities costs, depreciation and other facilities-related costs, as well as wages and benefits for facilities maintenance staff.</p>	Saint Paul MN	\$1,500
City of Saint Paul	<p>The City of Saint Paul requests funding to replace its fleet of Motorola 800MHz radios used by first responders to ensure continuity of communications and safety for both the responders and to call for resources to serve and protect the community.</p>	Saint Paul MN	\$2,000
PCs for People	<p>Bridging the digital divide means ensuring that everyone has equitable access to the technology tools needed to fully participate in society. Due to the increase in demand for laptops, PCs for People has requested \$105,000 to purchase 300 laptops from an electronics recycler so they can distribute them to low-income families within the Twin Cities. The price for each laptop that they will purchase is \$350. PCs for People will then refurbish each device and load a genuine Microsoft operating system and Windows 10 Pro. Additional software will include LibreOffice, Google Chrome, Windows Defender, MalwareBytes, CCleaner, and VLC Player. PCs for People staff will provide digital literacy materials to all individuals receiving a computer with topics including how to set up the computer at home, where to get mobile internet service, what software is included with the PC, how to avoid viruses, and where to go if you need support or a repair. After distributing the laptops, PCs for People provides all customers with a full year of warranty and repairs and access to customer service support members. Their customer service team has representatives that speak Spanish, Hmong, and Somali.</p>	Saint Paul MN	\$105
Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension	<p>This proposal is for an expansion of an existing Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) Bemidji Regional Facility which is expected to expand the building from approximately 25,000 to 50,000 square feet. It would house personnel from the various divisions within the BCA including Investigations, the Forensic Science Services, and Minnesota Justice Information Services (MNJIS). Funding would be required for design, renovation, new construction and supplying the facility with the necessary additional furnishings and laboratory equipment. The BCA would seek additional state funding and for on-going operating expenses after construction is complete. The expansion would impact all aspects of the services provided from this location including standard office space, interview/polygraph room, laboratory space, evidence storage, meeting/training room(s), and garage area(s) to maintain response vehicles as well as a space for processing evidence. The building would require heightened security measures included in the building design, with security cameras, perimeter fencing, break-in alarms and access control to be compatible with existing BCA security protocols.</p>	Saint Paul MN	\$38,000
City of Saint Paul	<p>The Saint Paul Police Department's (SPPD) Law Enforcement Career Path Academy (LECPA) is a collaboration that builds a pathway to law enforcement careers for young adults who have traditionally faced additional barriers, including race, income, gender, and lack of education. Its graduates are currently helping to diversify the SPPD, but even those who have not become SPPD officers have gained college degrees and work experience and have provided hundreds of hours of community service because of their time in LECPA.</p>	Saint Paul, MN	\$1,500

Hennepin  
County

The creation of a Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC) is a tool to address the opioid crisis in the State of Minnesota. As part of the response to Hennepin County's opioid crisis, this project is to create a FDTC in Hennepin County, Minnesota. A FDTC is a court devoted to cases of child abuse and neglect that involve substance abuse by the child's parents or other caregivers. Its purpose is to protect the safety and welfare of children while giving parents the tools they need to become sober, responsible caregivers. To accomplish this, the court draws together an interdisciplinary team that works collaboratively to assess the family situation and to devise a comprehensive case plan that addresses the needs of both the children and the parents. In this way, the court team provides children with quick access to permanency and offers parents a viable chance to achieve sobriety, provide a safe and nurturing home, and hold their families together.

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