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The Honorable Patty Murray
Chairwoman
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Labor, Health and Human Services,
Education, and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Roy Blunt
Ranking Member
Appropriations Subcommittee on
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Washington, DC 205

Dear Chairwoman Murray and Ranking Member Blunt:

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 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator

**Casey, Robert(D-PA) Labor and Health and Human Services
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh	This project supports the recruitment, training and matching of LGBTQ+ adult volunteer mentors with LGBTQ+ youth through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh's Big Siblings Program.	Allegheny County PA	\$105
Primary Care Health Services, Inc.	This project will support construction of a new facility for a Federally Qualified Health Center in the Homewood community of Pittsburgh.	Allegheny County PA	\$2,000
City of Pittsburgh	The City of Pittsburgh, in partnership with the existing Allegheny Health Network Reaching Out On The Streets (AHN ROOTS) program, seeks funding to stand up an Overdose Outreach and Support Team that will respond during an overdose with a staff of certified peer recovery specialists (CPRSs), emergency medical technicians (EMTs), and outreach professionals to help people to navigate treatment or other services. Pittsburgh EMS responded to almost 1,100 opioid-related overdose calls in 2021, and on average 30% of patients declined transport to the emergency department, eliminating a critical opportunity for support and engagement. The overdose response program will build critical relationships with participants and providers to ensure fluid referral and support services for individuals experiencing substance use disorders.	Allegheny County PA	\$420
Lebanon Valley College	This project will support technology and equipment for a new 30,000 square foot facility dedicated to nursing education, accommodating 40-60 new nursing students in each annual incoming class, as well as 14+ new full-time faculty/staff. This facility is in response to the Pennsylvania Board of Nursing's April 2021 approval of a 4-year bachelor of science in nursing program at Lebanon Valley College—the only nursing education program in Lebanon County. The facility will contain multiple teaching spaces, including five simulation labs, two skills labs with exam spaces, three classrooms, a wet lab, and a home health simulation area—each outfitted with the technology required for today's nursing education.	Annville PA	\$1,000
The Lincoln Center for Family and Youth	Through the proposed project, The Lincoln Center for Family and Youth (TLC) will partner with Trellis for Tomorrow to develop a school garden and with it, a site for educational programming to provide valuable STEM learning, career readiness skills, collaboration and leadership experiences, and a host of other benefits for at-risk students experiencing significant academic and behavioral challenges.	Audubon PA	\$32
Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Tech	The project would help in the construction of a new healthcare training facility by the Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology. This initiative would enable affordable post-secondary education in a rural area, which includes pockets of poverty and severe distress, to address significant unmet demands for a skilled workforce in the healthcare industry.	Bellefonte PA	\$1,000
Abilities in Motion	AIM would like to provide disability/sensitivity training for all first responders in Berks county. This training will provide our local first responders with first-hand appropriate education with regards to what it means to be a person with a disability, how can our first responders become more adept at the appropriate language with regards to speaking with individuals with many different disabilities ranging from autism, behavioral health, intellectual disabilities and physical disabilities. This training will provide first hand tips on ways to interact with individuals with disabilities, in emergency-type situations. It is an hour training.	Berks County PA	\$20

Northampton Community College	Designed to be community resources that recruit and educate tomorrow's high-priority workforce, the Centers will feature state-of-the-industry, skill-specific training stations to educate and offer pre-college programming in advanced technology degree programs. In response to employer request, a new program, Precision Machining and Tool Design will be developed at the Bethlehem Center that will allow students to earn a specialized diploma, certificate, or A.A.S degree.	Bethlehem PA	\$1,000
Butler County Community College	This funding will support the purchase of equipment & technology for Butler County Community College's Shaffer School of Nursing and Allied Health. The equipment & technology will be used to appoint classrooms, laboratories and simulation labs to provide high-quality, affordable nursing education that will help address critical nursing shortages and provide students with access to in-demand, well-paying jobs in Western Pennsylvania.	Butler County PA	\$500
1889 Foundation	This project will expand the number of Community Health Workers providing assistance to at-risk individuals in need of health care or social services in rural Cambria and Somerset counties. This program works to reduce health inequities by improving care coordination and linkage to services.	Cambria County PA	\$400
Penn State University	Penn State University requests funding for educational programming focused on 'industry 4.0' (technology that enables production, manufacturing, and business operations modern efficiencies) workforce development and entrepreneurial training for rural founders.	Centre PA	\$300
Lincoln University of Pennsylvania	The purpose of this project is to create an E-Sports Varsity Program, Certificate Program and Innovation Lab at Lincoln University of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It will cover start-up costs and provide equipment and technology needed to start the program, starting personnel expenses, and more.	Chester PA	\$370
Widener University	This project will expand and upgrade facilities and equipment for physical, speech, and occupational therapy as well as physician assistant services and community rehabilitation at the Chester Community Clinic, operated by Widener University. The Clinic provides pro bono care to underserved residents of Delaware County while serving as a training program for the next generation of health care workers.	Chester County PA	\$115
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	Industries and employers in South Central Pennsylvania continue to grapple with a critical need for a skilled entry-level and an upskilled incumbent workforce. Shippensburg University has capabilities in the areas of career readiness and workforce development that can be leveraged to prepare marginalized, unemployed, and underemployed Pennsylvanians to enter or promote wage-sustaining jobs with identifiable career pathways and upward economic mobility. With \$1.2 million in Community Project Funding, Shippensburg University South Central Pennsylvania Career Development and Readiness Initiative will deliver career counseling, resources, and support services along with a robust schedule of employability and industry driven technical skill courses, programs, certificates, and certifications at no cost to any qualified individuals through a scholarship that will cover the cost of the training.	Cumberland PA	\$1,200
County of Delaware	This funding would be used to launch the Delaware County Perinatal Community Health Worker/Doula Pilot Program, a workforce development program that prepares participants to work as Perinatal Community Health Care Workers (PCHW) or Doulas. This program would aim to reduce racial and economic disparities in maternal care through its educational component and through targeted training and deployment of doulas in communities that are experiencing the highest disparities in maternal/childcare and birth outcomes. This training also supports participants by offering them education and certification that will allow them to jumpstart their careers in healthcare and social assistance.	Delaware County PA	\$954

Lafayette College	The project will make it possible for K-12 students and teachers in Northeast Pennsylvania to have better access to the region's wealth of historical materials and education resources housed at area cultural organizations. The LV-Lab's mission is to provide historical content and educational resources related to American and local history and civics, aligned with Commonwealth education standards, and delivered via a mobile application to approximately 52,000 public school students in Grades 3, 6, 9, and 12 across Berks, Lehigh and Northampton counties.	Easton PA	\$250
Voices for Independence	The overarching goal is to empower people, primarily single mothers, in Western Pennsylvania to live more self sufficient lives through the life skills training program offered by Voices for Independence. Classes will be taught in cooking, financial literacy, budgeting, and grocery planning.	Erie, Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Clarion, Crawford, Warren, McKean, Forest, Venango, Elk, Cameron, Washington, Green, Somerset, Bedford, Westmoreland, Armstrong, Indiana, Mercer, Lawrence, Blair, Cambria, Potter, Jefferson, Potter Counties PA	\$150
Seton Hill University	This funding will support Seton Hill University in the creation of a new Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT) program that will serve vulnerable populations (aging, rural, low-income) in Pennsylvania.	Greensburg PA	\$500
Hyndman Area Health Center, Inc	The project would help the Hyndman Area Health Center to add clinical space, exam rooms, counseling rooms, reception area, professional offices, and bathrooms to their facility. The expanded physical capacity would facilitate and increase their ability to offer much needed medication-assisted treatment to address opioid use disorder in their rural, low income community.	Hyndman PA	\$852
Johnstown Area Regional Industries (JARI)	The project purpose is to increase workforce capacity by providing training and employment opportunities for unemployed and underemployed disadvantaged residents of the Johnstown Public Housing units. The overall goal of the project is to increase workforce capacity to fill current and future job openings while offering residents an opportunity to transition out of poverty.	Johnstown PA	\$250
Kennett Library	The New Kennett Library and Resource Center asks for funding for Computers and Technology that will be installed at the end of the construction of the new facility, currently underway, estimated to be the summer of 2023. Technology items and associated infrastructure are considered Owner's Costs, and as yet are unfunded. The items are considered vital to the success of the Resource Center, and especially impact the adult education programs, which are helping to stabilize and upgrade our workforce, and also our K-12 programs.	Kennett Square PA	\$224
Marywood University	Marywood University seeks funding to expand its healthcare education building to accommodate a new, accelerated LPN-BSN degree program and expansion of existing physician assistant and nursing programs to address healthcare staffing shortages in Northeastern Pennsylvania.	Lackawanna County PA	\$2,000
Friendship House	Friendship House seeks to renovate buildings to co-locate mental health and substance use disorder services with other primary/physical health services in order to provide Whole Person Care.	Lackawanna County PA	\$500
Scranton Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.	The project will expand the Aging in Place program, which assists older and disabled homeowners with critical safety modifications to help them to continue living safely and with dignity in their homes and community.	Lackawanna, Wayne, and Luzerne Counties PA	\$1,200
Community Action Partnership of Lancaster County,	Community Action Partnership of Lancaster (CAP), Lancaster's most robust anti-poverty organization, is seeking funding to infuse STEM education across its 53 early learning classrooms in Lancaster County.	Lancaster PA	\$710

United Way of Lancaster County	This project supports software enhancements for United Way of Lancaster County's 2-1-1 free information and referral hotline to increase equitable access to community resources. This software, piloted by United Way of Lancaster County, would be scaled out to all 67 counties in Pennsylvania.	Lancaster County PA	\$670
County of Lehigh	This project will support the construction of a new wing of the Cedarbrook Senior Care & Rehab, a county-run nursing home that primarily serves seniors on Medicaid. This new wing will enable the facility to reduce room occupancy from 3 or 4 to no more than 2 residents to a room, and will add private bathrooms to each room. This project will allow low-income seniors to age in dignity and greater comfort, and also supports infectious disease mitigation efforts by allowing more limited contacts when necessary.	Lehigh County PA	\$1,000
Jewish Family Services of Lehigh Valley	The project will address barriers of systemic social exclusion of adults with disabilities through a program focused on in-person and weekly events to enhance participants quality of life.	Lehigh, Berks, and Northampton Counties PA	\$115
Volunteers in Medicine	This project supports a partial building renovation at a Volunteers in Medicine facility in Luzerne County to meet increased demand for free health care services, including behavioral health services, from the low-income patients served by the clinic.	Luzerne County PA	\$850
Pennsylvania CASA Association	In this project, Pennsylvania CASA seeks to expand operations in Northwest Pennsylvania and specifically in Mercer County, areas that are under-served by existing programs. Pennsylvania CASA provides Court Appointed Special Advocates, volunteers who advocate and improve outcomes for abused and neglected children. Foster children with CASAs are less likely to re-enter foster care within 12 months, making these advocates an important tool in promoting safe and stable families.	Mercer County PA	\$272
Special Olympics Pennsylvania	The project will provide health and sport clinics throughout the state, and expand opportunities for athletes to return to in-person activities and address health disparities experienced by both children and adults with intellectual disabilities.	Montgomery County PA	\$500
Mikayla's Voice	Mikayla's Voice will utilize funding to scale up a program and support additional children and youth with and without disabilities to be taught the concepts of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) across an additional 16 schools.	Nazareth PA	\$250
Bucks County Community College	The Bucks County Community College Network Refresh Servicing Educational Mission will serve the purpose of updating the College's Information and Technology Services (ITS) network core with current technologies and hardware equipment to support internet connectivity for all functions of the institution.	Newtown PA	\$582
Philabundance	The Philabundance Community Kitchen's (PCK) workforce development program would provide students and graduates with additional supports to help them thrive in a post-COVID job market while scaling the program to impact more community members. PCK provides free, high-quality culinary job training to low- and no-income adults with limited work experience and significant personal challenges, including a history of unemployment, mental illness, or incarceration. Between 80 and 100 adults will be enrolled in the program during FY23 and will receive 16 weeks of professional-level training and life skills development, followed by ongoing support for two years after graduation, ultimately contributing to the ability of Philadelphia-area residents to attain and retain sustainable careers, providing the culinary sector with a steady source of trained candidates, and preparing over 350,000 healthy meals for community members in need.	Philadelphia PA	\$300
Community College of Philadelphia	Community College of Philadelphia is seeking \$750,000 to support its educational programming in the life sciences helping to strengthen its role as a vital player contributing to a diverse STEM workforce called for in the cell and gene therapy and pharmaceutical sector rapidly growing in Philadelphia, working to expand the number of under-represented minorities in this field. Specifically, the funding would support the College's technical and subject matter capacity, development and design of curriculum and training for an aseptic technician program, as well as other supports necessary to launch a pilot training program with key	Philadelphia PA	\$750

employers who have a strong need for a diverse workforce in these positions. The College will seek to replicate in Philadelphia skill standards established in the areas of quality control and aseptic techniques for biomanufacturing technicians based on programming developed in 2013 by Montgomery County Community College via the National Science Foundation funded Northeast Biomanufacturing Center and Collaborative (NBC2). The College would conduct training that supports 80 - 100 aseptic and quality control techs and between 75-100 middle and high school students seeking preparatory STEM training to generate interest in Philadelphia's Cellicon Valley industry of cell and gene therapy.

Summer Search Philadelphia	Summer Search Philadelphia seeks \$200,000 to be able to double the number of school partners with whom we work.	Philadelphia PA	\$200
PIDC Community Capital	PIDC seeks Community Project Funding in the amount of \$460,000 to continue to operate and expand its Navy Yard Skills Initiative (NYSI) program, which connects Philadelphia residents who have been disconnected from the workforce to permanent, full-time, quality wage careers at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. Funding would expand to launch a specialized 22-week Aseptic Technicians training program with a Navy Yard life sciences employer.	Philadelphia PA	\$460
Big Brothers Big Sisters Independence Region	The BIG Futures project supports career exploration and work- and life-skill development programming to ensure Littles graduate with a plan for their future, whether that is Enrollment in higher education, Entrepreneurship, Employment, or military Enlistment (the 4E's). The project will also help Big Brothers, Big Sisters Independence (BBBSI) serve even more Littles and families in PA-05 and throughout the greater Philadelphia region.	Philadelphia PA	\$1,000
Jewish Family and Children's Service	This project will expand the Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Philadelphia (JFCS) Mental Health Network, a strategic partnership and pilot program between JFCS and greater Philadelphia mental health practitioners and community organizations. Targeting local youth and families with insufficient access to quality, affordable mental health services, the Mental Health Network makes available mental health services such as talk therapy, psychiatry, substance abuse counseling, and intensive outpatient services through streamlined services and subsidized rates. Its goal is to increase accessibility and affordability of mental health care for underserved communities in the greater Philadelphia area.	Philadelphia County PA	\$500
Philadelphia Department of Public Health	This request will fund the renovation of Philadelphia's oldest public health center, which provides primary, ambulatory, and family-oriented health services to the surrounding community. More than 60 years old, the facility has been used and reused extensively, leaving it in a state of disrepair. Renovations are desperately needed to meet the healthcare needs of an underserved community.	Philadelphia County PA	\$591
Covenant House PA	This project would help Covenant House PA scale up its mental health services for young adults and young families in Philadelphia and York who are experiencing homelessness. Funding will be used to increase mental health treatment and other supportive services for these at-risk individuals and develop and sustain meaningful partnerships with permanent connections in the community.	Philadelphia and York PA	\$225
Temple University Hospital	This project will cover a portion of the equipment costs associated with Temple University Health System's (TUHS) new hospital for women and infants. The TUHS specialty campus will offer women and families a safe, welcoming environment and the highest quality care, regardless of social and economic circumstances.	Philadelphia, PA PA	\$1,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Pennsylvania	Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Pennsylvania (BGCWPA) is requesting funds to launch the Teen Outreach Program into more schools and sites within Allegheny County and to, for the first time, offer the program within schools and sites in Fayette, Somerset, and Westmoreland Counties. The Teen Outreach Program is an evidence-based program designed to instill in participants the confidence and tools needed to lead healthy lives, develop healthy relationships, and avoid risky behaviors, including substance use and abuse and teen pregnancy.	Pittsburgh PA	\$1,500

Carlow University	Carlow University seeks to begin a pilot program to transition college-age students out of the foster care system into postsecondary students. The program would provide critical wrap around services, including mental health support, year round housing, healthcare and more, to ensure all areas of the student is cared for.	Pittsburgh PA	\$300
Macedonia Family and Community Enrichment Center	Responding to opportunity gaps exacerbated by the pandemic disruptions to school and family life, Macedonia FACE's Family Capacity Youth Education Support program seeks funding to expand our transportation support to assist families in getting their children to school, and our in-school school-day support to parents, students, and educators.	Pittsburgh PA	\$100
Partner4Work	The Career Services Program will reduce recidivism, increase community safety, and improve employment outcomes for youth and adults involved in the justice system by providing comprehensive case management, career services and connection to wrap-around supports. Case managers will create service plans to identify pre-employment needs, career interests and training and/or work experience opportunities. Participants will receive scholarships and stipends to attend occupational training, which typically lasts 6-8 weeks and includes industry-recognized credentialing programs, apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship, and enrollment in post-secondary education. Participants will be placed in career-track employment in industries like construction, manufacturing and retail/hospitality, in collaboration with employer partners, Industry Councils and American Job Center. CSP will engage a wide referral network of justice system partners, including the County Jail, PADOX and probation centers.	Pittsburgh PA	\$993
Manchester Bidwell Corp. Bidwell Training Center	Through this initiative, Manchester Bidwell Corporation's Bidwell Training Center will implement a unique training program based upon industry needs in the region. Through the implementation of an urban food production program, BTC seeks to support current and developing businesses that are emerging in greater Pittsburgh to support local food needs. Current trends strongly suggest the future of urban food production is threefold: vertical farming, hydroponic farming, and more traditional indoor farming where plants are grown in a potting mix. Because urban food production, especially indoor operations, is an emerging part of the horticulture industry in Pittsburgh, there is a shortage of trained individuals to meet growing labor needs. Bidwell Training Center, which has been providing workforce development training to greater Pittsburgh residents for over 50 years, seeks to expand its reach through the creation of this program. It can easily be implemented into their existing infrastructure within the Drew Mathieson Greenhouse, their 1-acre educational facility. They would continue food production in traditional potting mix, install a vertical farming training system, and implement a cutting-edge hydroponics system, which has been pioneered in the Netherlands and is being successfully executed across the US. This hydroponics system will be connected to an on-site Urban Farm Shop, as well, allowing students the chance to sell what they grow to the local community as a part of their educational experience.	Pittsburgh PA	\$200
United Way of Venango County	To support early childhood literacy in Venango County by purchasing books for the Imagination Library.	Reno PA	\$15
Lehigh Carbon Community College	LCCC's SEED (Success, Engagement, Education, Determination) program provides students with disabilities with the on campus services and support they need to achieve their academic, career, and independent living goals. LCCC requests funding to expand SEED's outreach to the business community and to create more job shadowing and internship opportunities for students exploring their career interests.	Schnecksville PA	\$172

Outreach Works	Outreach's Center for Community Resources (formerly Employment Opportunity and Training Center EOTC) seeks support to provide tutoring to economically disadvantaged adults, allowing them to gain improved literacy and the skills necessary to achieve their GED credential. Outreach also seeks support to assist adults requesting a pardon for non-violent criminal offenses committed over five years ago. These supportive services in combination with the workforce development services that Outreach provides to economically disadvantaged adults in our region improve their opportunities to achieve employment at family-sustaining wages.	Scranton PA	\$250
Washington & Jefferson College	This project will support upgrading the public safety and security systems at Washington & Jefferson College.	Washington PA	\$360
Transitional Paths To Independent Living (TRPIL)	TRPIL is developing programs that would assist consumers with disabilities to feel more independent and less isolated in the community. The agency knows that consumers and personal care attendants may not have learned cooking skills when younger or feel uncomfortable in the kitchen because of safety issues.	Washington, Greene, and Fayette Counties PA	\$110
Westminster College	Westminster College seeks funding to provide equipment to (1) enhance its existing nursing education program by offering an RN to BSN program, (2) improve learning outcomes for nursing students and expand workforce development opportunities for allied health providers through enhanced educational facilities, tools and technology, and (3) build workforce capacity to address the unique health and fitness needs of an aging population.	Wilmington PA	\$473