

Congressionally Directed Spending Requests – Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Recipient Name: Baileyville Utilities District

Project Location: Washington County, ME

Project Purpose: The Baileyville Utilities District (BUD) serves around 720 customers with the largest customer the St. Croix Tissue and Woodland Pulp LLC. Unfortunately, the BUD cannot support the ongoing growth of this very important industry without additional financial support for improvements in its infrastructure and cannot qualify for typical grant opportunities since the Mill's water use outweighs the residential customer's water use. The BUD proposes to replace the current waterline infrastructure and larger waterline to connect the mainline from the Reservoir. This would set the District up for the future and ensure that when the mill expanded they could be supplied with sufficient water. In addition, this line needs to be replaced since it is in very poor shape with multiple failures.

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Requesting Member: Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. (ME)

Recipient Name: City of Bangor

Project Location: Penobscot County, ME

Project Purpose: The City of Bangor sewer collection system and wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) collects, conveys and treats approximately three-billion gallons of polluted water annually, protecting the Penobscot and Kenduskeag rivers. The SCADA system was originally installed in the early 1990's and although the City has made improvements to maintain and keep the control system operational, much of the control system is reaching the end of its useful life. Updating the SCADA system will improve pollution-reducing processes within the sewer collection system and wastewater treatment plant by refining control during wet-weather to reduce untreated sewer overflows to the Penobscot and Kenduskeag rivers. The benefits will be realized not only by the citizens of Bangor, Hampden and Hermon, but all users of the Kenduskeag and Penobscot rivers as well as recreational, commercial and aquatic uses downstream through the estuary and to the Atlantic Ocean. Further, this project will help the City of Bangor meet compliance requirements of the 2015 EPA Consent Decree.

Amount Requested: \$1,343,000

Requesting Member: Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. (ME)

Recipient Name: City of Belfast

Project Location: Waldo County, ME

Project Purpose: Belfast requests funding to support sewer line replacements located in streets in three separate areas of Belfast.

Amount Requested: \$4,288,000

Requesting Member: Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. (ME)

Recipient Name: City of Brewer

Project Location: Penobscot County, ME

Project Purpose: As part of the City's ongoing effort to eliminate Combined Sewer Overflows, they have conducted field investigations of the Oak Grove area of the city, an area that has the most sewer overflows. They identified upgrades to existing sanitary sewer lines. The request would pay for this construction, as well as for engineering fees associated with the project implementation.

Amount Requested: \$1,103,000

Requesting Member: Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. (ME)

Recipient Name: City of Eastport Wastewater Treatment Department

Project Location: Washington County, ME

Project Purpose: The City of Eastport is requesting funds to upgrade a critical backup generator. The existing generator is too small to operate more than one pump and cannot keep up with transferring all the flow from the entire sewer system to the plant.

Amount Requested: \$120,000

Requesting Member: Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. (ME)

Recipient Name: City of Presque Isle

Project Location: Aroostook County, ME

Project Purpose: To repair and upgrade the Echo Lake Septic Tank Effluent Pump System, which is out of compliance with DEP and threatens the health of humans and aquatic life as well as tourism in the Aroostook State Park recreation area.

Amount Requested: \$550,000

Requesting Member: Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. (ME)

Recipient Name: City of Saco

Project Location: York County, ME

Project Purpose: The City of Saco is requesting funding to support improvements to the Saco's Water Resource Recovery Department that is located within two feet of the tidally influenced Saco River. The project would address climate mitigation and improve resiliency from severe floods and weather events, improving reliability and increasing treatment capability and capacity of the plan to meet Saco's anticipated growth demands.

Amount Requested: \$4,080,000

Requesting Member: Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. (ME)

Recipient Name: Downeast Salmon Federation

Project Location: Washington County, ME

Project Purpose: Downeast Salmon Federation proposes to complete phase two of a restoration project to remove a dam and powerhouse, to widen the riverbanks, and provide safe access to the river.

Amount Requested: \$181,000

Requesting Member: Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. (ME)

Recipient Name: Southwest Harbor Water and Sewer District

Project Location: Hancock County, ME

Project Purpose: The Southwest Harbor Water and Sewer District requests funds to provide sewer, water and drainage infrastructure on Wood Street in an area that is currently underserved by utilities. Wood Street currently does not have any public utilities on it and is the site of a proposed housing development for seasonal tourism employees. Affordable local workforce housing is critical to Mount Desert Island and without public utilities, the project cannot support further development along Wood Street.

Amount Requested: \$560,000

Requesting Member: Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. (ME)

Recipient Name: Sportsmans Alliance of Maine

Project Location: Penobscot County, ME

Project Purpose: Sportsman Alliance of Maine requests funding for follow-up research and engineering preparation to expand production of salmon hatcheries to boost production, salmon stocks, and enhance the fishing experience in more waters. This priority was identified in the 2016 Fish Hatcheries Report. The project would allow the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the capacity to sustain and enhance lake whitefish, arctic charr, and other species whose numbers are dwindling due to invasive species and to protect genetic strains of landlocked salmon and brook trout.

Amount Requested: \$5,000,000

Requesting Member: Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. (ME)

Recipient Name: Town of Bridgton

Project Location: Cumberland County, ME

Project Purpose: The Bridgton Sewer Main Extensions project will provide sewer service to new homes and businesses currently served, or projected to be served, by private septic systems. Historically, Bridgton has had numerous documented wastewater permit violations, and the proximity of failing private septic systems throughout Town has contributed to contamination of surface water bodies. In 2020, the Town began construction of a new wastewater treatment facility and upgrades to the existing wastewater collection system to correct these violations and allow for additional capacity within the system.

Amount Requested: \$1,400,000

Requesting Member: Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. (ME)

Recipient Name: Town of Frenchville

Project Location: Aroostook County, ME

Project Purpose: The Town of Frenchville is looking to upgrade the existing pump station #2 and replace some 3,200 feet of existing force main. The existing 30+ year old force main has failed largely due to the reuse of the existing force main pipe combined with the installation of a larger pump station necessitated at the time to accommodate the increased flows originating from Saint Agatha. Funding this project will help keep the user rates down for a rural, aging region with limited options to offset costs.

Amount Requested: \$758,000

Requesting Member: Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. (ME)

Recipient Name: Town of Livermore Falls

Project Location: Androscoggin County, ME

Project Purpose: Funding would be used to assist two communities (Livermore Falls and Jay, ME) in replacing their aging joint wastewater facility. Federal funding would help to reduce the burden on two towns that have seen a changing and declining industrial base. The wastewater treatment facility is critical to continuing improvements to the water quality of the Androscoggin River and important to the Jay-Livermore region.

Amount Requested: \$1,700,000

Requesting Member: Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. (ME)

Recipient Name: Town of Old Orchard Beach

Project Location: York County, ME

Project Purpose: Old Orchard Beach would like to update their wastewater treatment facility to improve aging infrastructure that no longer can support current uses long-term or future growth. This request would fund the first phase of the treatment facility and collection system upgrades project to help meet mandated environmental goals and reduce pollution.

Amount Requested: \$1,695,000

Requesting Member: Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. (ME)

Recipient Name: Town of Vinalhaven

Project Location: Knox County, ME

Project Purpose: Vinalhaven's Downtown Project includes construction of infrastructure—roadway, sidewalks, crosswalks, parking, boat launch, stormwater drainage, sewer, and water main. The Project has four integrated components to build community resilience by providing critical protection and support for Vinalhaven's economy through enhanced utility capabilities, increased public access and safety, and accommodation for growing concerns of flooding due to increased precipitation and rising sea levels as identified in a 2016 study commissioned by the Town from Ransom Engineers which showed much of the project area would be inundated by a 100-year event coastal flood. Vinalhaven is requesting funds to support only STAG eligible project components of the Downtown Project. These are: 1. Upgrade Stormwater Infrastructure and 2. Improve Public Utilities (sewer and water).

Amount Requested: \$1,410,000

Requesting Member: Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. (ME)

Recipient Name: Town of Winslow

Project Location: Kennebec County, ME

Project Purpose: The purpose of the proposed project is to address critical deficiencies associated with the existing Chaffee Brook Pump Station and Force Main to ensure the reliability of the Town of Winslow's sanitary sewer collection system, and to address the recommendations associated with the Town of Winslow's recently updated Combined Sewer Overflow Master Plan Update (2018).

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Requesting Member: Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. (ME)

Recipient Name: U.S. Forest Service White Mountain National Forest

Project Location: Oxford County, ME

Project Purpose: White Mountain National Forest seeks funding from the USFS to acquire, from willing sellers several inholdings comprising the 2,276-acre Western Maine Gateway project in Oxford County, Maine.

Amount Requested: \$2,200,000

Requesting Member: Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. (ME)

Recipient Name: University of Maine System

Project Location: Penobscot County, ME

Project Purpose: UMaine System requests funding to enable University and its partners to undertake outreach and education to increase understanding, acceptance, and support of plant pest and disease eradication and control efforts. Funding will also help to enhance mitigation capabilities with assessment of silviculture treatments as well as Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategies at selected locations in Maine. Project would improve the monitoring of disease outbreaks and ability to monitor and detect stages of infestations.

Amount Requested: \$300,000

Requesting Member: Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. (ME)

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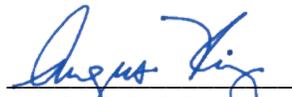
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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
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Dear Chair Merkley and Ranking Member Murkowski,

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 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies appropriations legislation, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sincerely,


ANGUS S. KING, JR.
United States Senator