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May 25, 2022

The Honorable Patty Murray Chair Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Senate Committee on Appropriations Washington, D.C. 20510 The Honorable Roy Blunt Ranking Member Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Senate Committee on Appropriations Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair 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-HHS Appropriations legislation, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sincerely,

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Angus S. King, Jr. United States Senator

## King, Angus(I-ME) Labor and Health and Human Services Congressionally Directed Spending Requests

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Androscoggin Home Health and Hospice	Androscoggin Home Health and Hospice requests funds to support the Maine Center for Palliative Medicine, a service line within Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice, established a Nurse Practitioner Fellowship; a one-year program designed to nurture and educate certified nurse practitioners in hospice and palliative care in a variety of settings.	Androscoggin County ME	\$236
Tri-County Mental Health Services	To fund critical repairs and upgrades to community mental health clinics to ensure they are safe, efficient, welcoming, and trauma-informed facilities. Critical needs are repairs of aging facilities, including crucial roofing and heating systems.	Androscoggin County ME	\$175
Tree Street Youth	The PINE (Peer Inspired Navigation of Employment) program will provide the opportunity for employment opportunities for youth and young people ages 16-24 to work and explore work in a variety of settings beyond the walls of the center while building on existing trust, cultural competency, and relationships across the community. Work opportunities will be created with local business partners who are struggling to engage and keep workers. Targeted collaborative approaches to hiring will take place to create connections between youth and job sites while supporting them to foster the skills necessary to work effectively at the companies through a unique accompaniment model from application to independent work.	Androscoggin County ME	\$240
Tri-County Mental Health Services	To fund a new Electronic Health Record System to advance recovery and meet community needs. The software system will allow Tri-County Mental Health Services to fully integrate medical records in the field for immediate response to people experiencing mental health crises and overdose, as well as providing the features and metrics required to become a Certified Community Behavioral Health Center and allow future growth.	Androscoggin County ME	\$150
St. Mary's Regional Medical Center	To support the renovation and improvement of the air handling system of St. Mary's Regional Medical Center's C2 Unit for admitted patients.	Androscoggin County ME	\$945
Tri-County Mental Health Services	To increase mental health services in the region, especially those who are uninsured and underinsured and who are on waiting lists by strengthening the attraction, training, and retention of mental health practitioners. Tri-County proposes to fund two positions - a health coach to work with staff self-reporting they are in need of support and an Internship coordinator to manage the Workforce Development Incubator to support training new practitioners in partnership with area colleges and universities.	Androscoggin County ME	\$110
Central Maine Healthcare	To fund a Behavioral Health Primary Integration/Collaborative Care Project to deploy a multi-disciplinary team of behavioral health clinicians to serve patients that come into the system for behavioral health issues. Telehealth services and shared clinical staff would allow Central Main Healthcare to address the overwhelming demand for mental health services in all of its care delivery sites, particularly Central Maine Medical Center, Bridgton Hospital, and Rumford Hospital.	Androscoggin County ME	\$4,812
Northern Maine Community College	To support the development of well-trained, highly-skilled wind turbine technicians by establishing Northern Maine Community College as the first internationally certified training provider in the wind power industry in the northeastern United States. CDS funds will support the expansion of the wind power training program at Northern Maine Community College in collaboration with Maine Maritime Academy to move into the second phase of a project to become the go-to resource for the training of current and future workforce for the wind power industry. Funding will fund Phase II of the project (phase 1 funded in FY22) to enable NMCC and Maine Maritime to support employers in the wind power industry through the development of safety training standards that combine both land-based wind and offshore wind industries.	Aroostook County ME	\$2,455

Aroostook Agency on Aging	To fund the Aroostook Access Points for Aging Project to create and strengthen an aging network in Aroostook County to assist older people in leading independent and meaningful lives in their own communities and homes. The project will achieve this by adding and/or enhancing access point infrastructures and technologies that will provide localized connections to services, consultation and meeting space, recreation, and enrichment for the County's older population. The project will strive to develop access points in 20 northern Maine communities located in the northern, central and southern areas of Aroostook County; six of which have been designated as Age-Friendly Communities by AARP.	Aroostook County ME	\$862
University of Maine System	To expand the University of Maine at Augusta's existing dental education and workforce training programs (currently located in Bangor and Lewiston) to Northern Maine by launching Dental Assisting and Expanded Functions Dental Assisting degree programs at the University of Maine at Presque Isle, including the creation of a new dental lab that would provide free and reduced community dental services.	Aroostook County ME	\$750
University of Maine System	To expand the existing healthcare training labs at the University of Maine at Presque Isle and University of Maine at Augusta campuses and to create a new program lab in Lewiston-Auburn in direct support of the University of Maine System's plan to double the number of needed Medical Laboratory Technicians it produces annually in support of critical workforce needs.	Aroostook County ME	\$1,417
Community Care	The project has two parts. Part one is to improve education and training of healthcare professionals in Maine's Health and Human Services workforce by expanding internship opportunities and staffing support. Part two is to increase the healthcare workforce in rural Maine by expanding Community Care's Adult and Child Case Management Programs, Home and Community Treatment Program, and Outpatient Mental Health Program to Aroostook County.	Aroostook County ME	\$758
Allagash Wilderness Waterway Foundation	To expand the ongoing Allagash Wilderness Waterway Foundation Youth on the Allagash initiative to Wabanaki youth in Maine and expand the Youth on the Allagash initiative in the 3 middle-high schools in the St. John Valley to improve education outcomes and job preparedness.	Aroostook County ME	\$311
317 Main Community Music Center	To enable K-12 students from under-resourced communities in southern Maine to participate in free multi-week music education programs through 317 Main Community Music Center's Partnership Program, a program designed to reduce opportunity gaps for students and support their academic engagement while fostering leadership skills, self-expression, confidence, and resilience through music.	Cumberland County ME	\$100
MaineHealth	MaineHealth seeks funding to purchase an electric shuttle van, hiring of a driver and Transportation Coordinator to mitigate existing transportation issues by transporting individuals housed at hotel shelters to and from medical appointments. MaineHealth also seeks funding as part of this project to bus passes for departments to provide patients who live on or near bus routes of the Greater Portland Metro.	Cumberland County ME	\$250
Side x Side Inc.	Side x Side (SxS) requests Congressionally Directed Spending for Project M.A.I.N.E. to create and implement a Professional Development (PD) series on Arts Integration for Maine educators, which includes inservice and preservice teachers, teaching artists and administrators. It will culminate with the publishing of a digital resource Guide.	Cumberland County ME	\$242
Boots2Roots	To increase capacity in the "Transition to Work" Program to assist transitioning military members, veterans and spouses to find meaningful work in Maine each year by increasing transition coaching (e.g. resume coaching, interview coaching, career coaching), expanding the network of Maine businesses seeking to hire military talent, and expanding marketing opportunities (digital, print, virtual, in-person, social-media) to target military communities around the U.S.	Cumberland County ME	\$1,500
Maine Coast Fishermen's Association	MCFA is seeking funding for their Fishermen Wellness Program develops and advocates for resources to support the health and wellbeing of commercial fishermen and their families, and partners with organizations to create opportunities for fishermen to find help and information.	Cumberland County ME	\$500

Amistad Inc.	To provide permanent, peer-supported, recovery-focused for women who were previously experiencing homelessness or incarceration, and who face challenges related to substance use disorder, behavioral health, and histories of trauma that include the experience of human trafficking and domestic violence. An integral component of this project is the successful establishment of a new model of supportive housing that is effective in sustaining the housing, safety, and recovery of women who, historically, have been the most likely to meet fates of chronic homelessness and incarceration.	Cumberland County ME	\$535
Oasis Health Network, Inc.	Oasis Free Clinics (Oasis) is requesting Congressionally Directed Spending funding to expand and renovate our free medical and dental clinic in Brunswick, Maine.	Cumberland County ME	\$833
ProsperityME	ProsperityME is seeking funding to provide 20 full tuition and book scholarships to asylum-seeking students in Maine in 2023.	Cumberland County ME	\$250
New England Arab American Organization	NEAAO is actively seeking resources to purchase a building or rent a space on the local bus route to build a community center hub. Necessary for the entire community the center will bring resources into one place allowing collaboration, community building, and a safe space for new Maine residents.	Cumberland County ME	\$550
Southern Maine Community College	SMCC is seeking funding to support increasing the number of trainees in the Electric Vehicle Repair Certification program annually, through the renovation of space currently located at SMCC's South Portland Campus. Renovating this space will allow for an additional cohort of 12 individuals with each training.	Cumberland County ME	\$1,000
Port Resources	Port Resources seeks funding to break down barriers to employment in direct support faced by New Mainers by providing work readiness training to increase and develop a well-trained and diverse workforce to fill the health care role of direct support professional.	Cumberland County ME	\$30
Northern Light Mercy Hospital	In partnership with Portland Adult Education, New Mainer Resource Center, Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center, Department of Labor, and local educational institutions, Northern Light Mercy Hospital seeks CDS funding to substantially increase English language acquisition service availability in the greater Portland region for New Mainers to upskill and grow the local area workforce for careers in health care and beyond. With CDS funds, Mercy would lease a dedicated learning space, hire four full-time instructors from Portland Adult Education for 96 students in direct instruction per session, hire four success coaches to help participants navigate through the steps to their new career pathway, and secure licenses for an innovative digital language literacy program that integrates English language learning and workforce training.	Cumberland County ME	\$1,000
Volunteers of America Northern New England	The City of South Portland and the Maine Council on Aging, in partnership with VOANNE, seeks to launch a 2-year pilot project to determine the individual and community impacts of By Your Side services. During this study, VOANNE will deploy two Community Resource Coordinators (CRC) in the community to work with residents identified as heavy utilizers of EMS and other services in their homes.	Cumberland County ME	\$289
Woodfords Family Services	Woodfords is seeking funding for a one-time transitional funding to support its Early Childhood Services Program's sustainability and to implement targeted recruitment, retention, and training activities to grow and strengthen Maine's largest specialized early intervention educational workforce.	Cumberland County ME	\$1,496
Day One	To renovate a facility to serve adolescent girls who are struggling with acute substance use disorder to provide trauma-informed treatment, life skills development, family therapy, education, and related skills to support recovery.	Cumberland County ME	\$443
Educate Maine	To establish the Maine Center for Teaching Excellence (the Center) to help build a strong, supported, and effective teacher workforce in Maine that ensures student achievement and success. Leveraging the experience and expertise of Maine's leading teachers and key partners, the Center will offer innovative programming that supports teachers along their continuum of practice, bridge the equity gap in professional development opportunities available to educators, and expand and diversify the teacher workforce in Maine. This work will specifically seek to positively impact teacher training and improve instructional services.	Cumberland County ME	\$554

Coastal Counties Workforce Inc.	To establish 'Teen Works', a program designed to address the challenges of employers struggling to find workers with in-demand skills and competencies and to provide work-eligible youth with skill-building employment opportunities in Maine. Teens Work would provide a 10-week summer jobs program for 150 low-income high school students aged 14-19 in the Coastal Counties region, including York, Cumberland, Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Waldo, and Knox counties.	Cumberland County ME	\$607
3i Housing of Maine	To fund a pilot project enabling 3i HoME (together with the University of Pittsburgh and the University of New England) to design, implement and analyze the impact of user-friendly, person-centered assistive/"smart home" technology and telehealth applications for low-income people with complex needs and disabilities. The pilot will be conducted at a new affordable housing community of approximately 45 units 3i HoME is developing in Scarborough (Greater Portland) Maine with a national, non-profit affordable housing organization, the Preservation of Affordable Housing.	Cumberland County ME	\$508
City of Portland	To enhance services and make capital improvements at the Public Health Clinic and the future Homeless Services Center to reduce homelessness and assist people experiencing homelessness through city, regional and state efforts. The proposal optimizes and maximizes services and supportive programming for unhoused and underserved individuals in Portland.	Cumberland County ME	\$323
STRIVE	STRIVE seeks funding to 1) fill an unmet need in rural Maine that urgently needs services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities 2) provide immediate services for Mainers with IDD who are on long waiting lists for services 3) assist Mainers with IDD who may fall through the cracks due to restrictive eligibility issues, including diagnosis, IQ, age, or other criteria 4) deliver independent living skill training to Mainers currently not receiving services due to a staffing crisis in the field of Intellectual Disabilities 5) assist aging parents/caregivers who struggle to provide services for people with IDD by creating opportunities and resources for their adult children 6) provide training in multiple disciplines, including pre-employment skills, to assist people with IDD in gaining employment and to help Maine employers with difficult to fill entry-level positions.	Cumberland County ME	\$489
Maine Boys to Men	To support Maine Boys to Men in addressing the increasing needs for the Reducing Sexism & Violence Program across Maine. Funds will support a three-year project to establish statewide access to the Reducing Sexism & Violence Program by training a growing network of youth-serving adults to deliver the program independently	Cumberland County ME	\$100
Educate Maine	To create a state-of-the-art mobile life sciences lab that can meet students where they live and learn, engaging them in the life sciences and offering hands-on learning in their own environments, with the goal of making a culture of "life sciences and engineering" accessible for all students. In collaboration with Northeastern's Roux Institute, Learning Undefeated, and BIOME, Educate Maine seeks to bring the concept of a mobile life sciences and engineering laboratory to the State of Maine. Engaging more students in life sciences and engineering fields early on will help prepare more learners to enter these important high-demand fields down the road. This project is specifically designed to efficiently invest in the future workforce, maximizing student experience by sharing high dollar equipment across the state, bringing cutting edge technology to the students in the district without burdening the district with high capital equipment costs that need to be continuously maintained	Cumberland County ME	\$1,300
Saint Joseph's College	Saint Joseph's College seeks funding to provide space and resources that will specifically support the academics and licensure training of our BSN and NP students, as well as the large, flexible spaces for home care training that offer in-person, real-time remote, or recorded trainings either led by aging organizations and home care agencies or led by the College's faculty and staff.	Cumberland County ME	\$1,166
University of Maine System	For the University of Maine at Augusta (UMA) to launch an FAA Title 14 CFR part 147 Aviation Maintenance Technician School (AMTS) at Brunswick Landing teaching students to repair certificated aircraft and power plants, in support of state workforce needs. Additionally, we will construct a FAA Light Sport Repairman with Maintenance (LSRM) Certificate course that provides students with the knowledge required to maintain Light Sport aircraft that includes unmanned autonomous aircraft. Maine is currently one of only three states that does not have an AMTS.	Cumberland County ME	\$500

University of Maine System	This project proposes to prepare aspiring attorneys for professional practice while expanding and enhancing the outreach capacity of Maine Law's signature public service and experiential learning program (Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic) to provide pro bono legal aid to an influx of newly-arrived immigrant youth and adults with the addition of direct legal services staff and student attorneys, mobile technology, and interpretation/translation services.	Cumberland County ME	\$524
University of New England	UNE seeks funding to grow its Virtual Reality Simulation Programming to meet the training needs of future generations of health profession students, while contributing to the continuing education of physicians and other healthcare providers across Maine and the region.	Cumberland County ME	\$1,500
Maine Community College System	To address the declining number of young Maine men who are pursuing education and training beyond high school, the Maine Community College System seeks support for the Maine Connection: Young Men to College & Careers pilot program that will connect male high school students at six of Maine's largest and most diverse career and technical centers (CTEs) with education and training opportunities.	Cumberland County ME	\$1,599
Passion For Life	Passion For Life is seeking funding to complete their mission of serving over 2,000 Maine children annually in perpetuity without additional requests for funding.	Cumberland County ME	\$37
KidsPeace Graham Lake Campus	KidsPeace Graham Lake Campus seeks funding for the first three phases, removals, sitework, and infrastructure, of its Master Plan.	Hancock County ME	\$1,085
Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory	MDI Biological Laboratory has launched a new initiative, MDI Bioscience, that leverages our internationally recognized expertise in molecular biology and regenerative medicine to discover new pharmaceuticals with greater efficiency and efficacy than is currently possible with existing approaches.	Hancock County ME	\$600
Families First Community Center	FFCC seeks funding to carry out a two-year project in which they conduct a full operation in the first year with extensive data collection. After analysis of these data, they would make any advisable modifications of the program and conduct a second year at full operation.	Hancock County ME	\$286
Maine Children's Home	Our request for funding is to support renovations and modifications to our Family Counseling Center program so that it can be incorporated into this planned "Center for Connecting Families" to meld together two critical supports – the direct support of one-to-one client contact and the additional wrap-around supports of training, group therapy, preventative interventions and education for children, youth, families and professionals in a state-of-the-art trauma-informed setting.	Kennebec County ME	\$525
Thomas College	Thomas College proposes Project Sentinel to build a pipeline for qualified students into our existing undergraduate and graduate degree programs in cybersecurity, computer science, and technology-related fields to quickly expand enrollment and employment in this high demand field. Additionally, Project Sentinel will develop and deploy web-based resources and virtual consulting to enhance digital security measures and practices for individuals and businesses.	Kennebec County ME	\$974
State of Maine, Governor's Energy Office	These funds will be used to support and develop programming for workforce and training opportunities, particularly in the energy efficiency sector needed to effectively ensure federal LIHEAP, weatherization, and related benefits reach intended recipients.	Kennebec County ME	\$5,500
University of Maine System	CDS funding would invest in building out and upgrading nursing simulation at all University of Maine System nursing schools and related program sites to establish a standardized simulation integration program aligned with best practices and expand access to in-demand high-quality affordable public nursing education and workforce training.	Kennebec County ME	\$4,500
Maine Development Foundation	This project implements the identified top priorities of two cluster growth initiatives, FOR/Maine and SEAMaine, by (1) raising aspirations, awareness, and industry connections for youth, adults, educators - and the navigators who support them; and (2) developing transformational career and education pathways working with university, community college, adult education, and community-based partners.	Kennebec County ME	\$1,500

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		cloud-based data system, and integrate it into HL4ME. The funds will provide the staffing necessary to recruit, enroll, and coordinate the	\$1,067

Crisis and Counseling Centers	Crisis and Counseling Centers proposes to create a clinically-managed withdrawal unit within the Behavioral Health Urgent Care and Recovery Support Center. The Behavioral Health Urgent Care and Recovery Support Center will serve as a walk-in crisis center, 23-hour peer and clinically supervised observation unit, and offer outpatient mental health, peer support, substance use treatment, case management, and the withdrawal program.	Kennebec County ME	\$4,798
Knox Clinic	In response to the needs for expanded physician, dental, and mental health services, the Knox Clinic seeks to become a Federally Qualified Health Center. In collaboration with and at the behest of the Town of Thomaston, the clinic will relocate from its current borrowed space in Rockland to new space in Thomaston. Concurrent with that move, the clinic will increase the size of its medical staff, increase its dental capacity, and increase its mental health counseling services. This will require new construction and new personnel.	Knox Clinic ME	\$1,836
Knox Clinic	This project will enable fundamental advances in the quality and scope of the delivery of telehealth services by utilizing wearable and nearable sensors delivered to patients to capture actionable patient data and using artificial intelligence to make recommendations to caregivers on how to optimize patient care. We call this the Augmented Telehealth Visit (ATV).	Knox County ME	\$950
National Digital Equity Center	NDEC is requesting Congressionally Directed Spending funding for the Maine Digital Navigators project – a key component of our work to close the digital divide in Maine. The project will embed 32 Digital Navigators in communities statewide (two in each Maine county) to ensure that all Mainers, especially the most disadvantaged, have access to and are able to use information and communications technologies.	Lincoln County ME	\$1,735
Healthy Lincoln County	To begin to address some of the gaps and barriers to healthy living, Lincoln County proposes to implement a Community Navigator to serve the Wiscasset area, and northern parts of Lincoln County.	Lincoln County ME	\$115
Maine Curriculum Leaders Association	The overall goal of this project is to provide equitable access to student-centered education support and resources across the state of Maine. We see two main needs in the state: access to high quality curriculum resources and materials and the capacity to manage and implement curriculum, instruction, and assessment practices that reflect current research and best practices.	Lincoln County ME	\$800
Stephens Memorial Hospital	The proposed PACE renovation will address the HVAC needs, provide private sleeping quarters and bathrooms, new work areas, educational space, and adequate garage space for maintaining and storing the ambulances.	Oxford County ME	\$1,642
Northern Light Acadia Hospital	Northern Light Acadia Hospital's Congressionally Directed Spending Project request focuses on expanding access to pediatric inpatient care. Due to the lack of inpatient pediatric mental health beds in the state, every day at least 12-15 children are "stuck" in emergency rooms throughout Maine, sometimes waiting up to 20 days or more for admission to pediatric inpatient services. The \$2 million dollar project request will support the construction of new inpatient pediatric care capacity at Acadia Hospital within the larger "Acadia For All" expansion project - a \$56.2M project focusing on building additional psychiatric inpatient care capacity; expanding child, adolescent and geriatric services; and mental health workforce development.	Penobscot County ME	\$2,000
Millinocket Regional Hospital	The project funds needed renovations and expansion of the Millinocket Regional Hospital, including increasing bed capacity, improving ability to care for opioid dependent and psychiatric patients, addition of a decontamination room, and creation of a second entrance for accessing emergency care.	Penobscot County ME	\$9,600
Live and Work in Maine Inc.	Live and Work in Maine seeks to grow the impact of its work supporting the talent needs of Maine employers by developing new programming ("Talent Development and Retention Program") and expanding existing programming that will engage talent (and potential talent) in high-need areas of our state. The program will connect current Mainers (including high school and college-aged individuals) with community resources and employment opportunities in their specific area of the state, and create more awareness of career pathways and burgeoning industries.	Penobscot County ME	\$2,400

Wellspring, Inc.	Funding to add an additional 4-6 beds to the medically monitored detox unit currently operating, these will have flexibility to swing to less intensive detox programming as clients begin to feel better and need less medical intervention and more emphasis on counseling and early recovery expectations. Wellspring envisions adding a 10-bed, Category 1 Rehabilitation Program that would offer a broader array of options for those discharging from detox and would be an option for those needing residential care for the first time or as a temporary intervention pending admission to a longer care program and/or, outpatient counseling.	Penobscot County ME	\$1,500
Christine B. Foundation Inc	The Christine B. Foundation is seeking \$650,000 to create seven jobs across Maine's second congressional district and respond to the need to advance health promotion and education for those facing a chronic disease (cancer).	Penobscot County ME	\$650
Husson University	Husson University seeks Community Project Funds (CPF) to assist with the purchase of the scientific and laboratory equipment needed to support infrastructure changes and to assist with the purchase of additional equipment specific to our healthcare programs.	Penobscot County ME	\$726
St. Joseph Hospital	St. Joseph Hospital (SJH), Regional Breast Cancer Center seeks to provide the highest quality of imaging services for the early detection of breast cancer through the acquisition of Senographe Pristina 3D equipment to meet the growing demand for these services.	Penobscot County ME	\$716
Maine Discovery Museum	Maine Discovery Museum's (MDM) Expanding Science Education in Maine project has been designed to expand MDM's science education and programming to reach more elementary and middle school students beyond our current network of schools (currently including the Bangor region and Downeast).	Penobscot County ME	\$520
Lee Academy	Lee Academy is looking to ensure engagement for all students in a region where there is a lack of economic opportunity, a lack of diversity, and a lack of mental health services. Lee Academy wishes to address these issues head on with the creation of a workforce development program, the implementation of a strategic scholarship program, and the use of an interdisciplinary approach to addressing the mental wellbeing of students at Lee Academy.	Penobscot County ME	\$4,368
St. Joseph Hospital	To help fund improvements to move St. Joseph Hospital towards being an "Age-Friendly" healthcare system. This requires not only environmental changes (e.g., non-slip floor surface, adequate and proper lighting), but also delivery of healthcare guided by the 4M Framework of the Institute of Healthcare Improvement (IHI): (1) "what matters" patient-centered care; (2) "medication" age-friendly medication; (3) "mentation" proper treatment of dementia, delirium, and depression; and (4) "mobility" maintain function to do "what matters".	Penobscot County ME	\$601
Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness	To assist with renovations of the Family and Friends Connection center, a part of the Center for Wabanaki Healing and Recovery in the town of Millinocket.	Penobscot County ME	\$1,500
Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center	Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center Ventilator Project replaces 28 aging and end of life inpatient ventilators within the critical and intensive care and other high acuity care clinical areas throughout the hospital.	Penobscot County ME	\$1,197
St. Joseph Hospital	For this request, St. Joseph Hospital proposes to implement a workforce development program that incorporates evidence-based best practice approaches in caring for aging patients. This includes provision of student and continuing education, age-friendly and palliative care training, and on-site counseling for our workforce, both present and future, with the goal of providing the highest caliber and quality of care to the older adults in our community.	Penobscot County ME	\$74
Helping Hands with Heart/Maine Highlands	To help fund a Youth Mentor Initiative in Piscataquis County for issue-specific efforts such as prevention of substance use, or juvenile justice interventions.	Piscataquis County ME	\$426
United Way of Eastern Maine	CDS funding will allow for United Way to build and expand upon the success of, Bundle, a multi-faceted community planning process focused on early childhood intervention that was funded by the Maine Community Foundation and the Bingham Program and launched in Piscataquis County in 2019.	Piscataquis County ME	\$403

Midcoast Youth Center	Funds will go towards Midcoast Youth Center's Working Communities Challenge which focuses on creating a comprehensive web of support that includes education, mentoring, training, jobs, and healthcare; so that one call for help unlocks, and sets into motion, a wide range of support systems and removes barriers – especially those faced by families with low-to-moderate incomes, families of color, and members of our LGBTQ communities. The majority of funds from the grant will be allocated to staffing this long-term initiative of creating systems change throughout Sagadahoc County.	Sagadahoc County ME	\$375
Upper Kennebec Valley Ambulance	To purchase needed medical equipment and ambulances to provide pre-hospital EMS care.	Somerset County ME	\$600
Kennebec Valley Community College	To help fund Kennebec Valley Community College's holistic student supports, which will include: academic advising; registration assistance; academic planning; new student onboarding activities; academic recovery services; IT support for students; academic support services (Learning Specialists – Math and English, academic coaching, tutoring, and online 24/7 tutoring); career advising, planning and placement; outside agency partnerships (Adult and Community Education, CareerCenter of Maine, Jobs for Maine's Graduates); transfer counseling; information literacy; admission test preparation and testing; and disability services.	Somerset County ME	\$330
Kennebec Valley Community College	KVCC seeks support in developing a Broadband Installer Technician curriculum, purchasing the necessary equipment to launch Broadband Installer Technician training, and financial support for 40 individuals participating in training.	Somerset County ME	\$800
Volunteers of America Northern New England	To implement an infrastructure designed to work across sheriff's offices, behavioral and medical health providers, as well as community-based service providers to interact directly with, to coordinate resources, tailor the response to an individuals' changing needs, and increase community collaboration. VOA, in collaboration with Knox County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) and Waldo County Sheriff's Office (WCSO), is working to ensure the success of individuals to coordinate engagements from diversion, reentry, and post-release back into the workforce. This project will allow better communication between law enforcement, social services, and individuals to keep resources accessible and avoid incarceration.	Waldo County ME	\$483
Sunrise County Economic Council	The Sunrise County Economic Council seeks funds to expand an existing self-employment training series, called Partners in Entrepreneurial Pathways, to include an Agritourism track consisting of experiential learning with intensive technical assistance for family farms, landowners, and food/hospitality ventures.	Washington County ME	\$550
York County Community College	YCCC requests funding for the construction of an addition and renovation of space at the Sanford Instructional Center, creating a state-of-the-art welding instruction lab and classroom, allowing for an increase in the number of trained welders. Additionally, this request supports the purchase and installation of an HVAC system able to manage the unique air exchange needs of welding programs.	York County ME	\$1,500
University of New England	UNE is seeking support in order to strategically advance its work in innovation, including in partnership with the City of Biddeford, one of Maine's fastest growing cities. We are requesting \$3,000,000 to meaningfully expand our impactful innovation initiatives and develop a "OneHealth Innovation Incubator."	York County ME	\$3,000
York County Government	York County seeks funding to outfit and equip a multi-purpose facility that will house 3 levels of residential treatment, a detox unit, medication assisted treatment (suboxone), substance abuse outpatient, intensive outpatient, and case management.	York County ME	\$1,968
York County Fire & EMS	York County Fire & EMS Office requests funding to equip their training center with training simulators, props, and other equipment to provide realistic training in a controlled environment.	York County ME	\$750
York Hospital	York Hospital is requesting funding to fulfill its critical initiative to provide patients in Southern Maine with the best possible cardiac care at its center.	York County ME	\$2,500