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The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
Chair
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science, and Related Agencies
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jerry Moran
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
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Dear 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 2025 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. None of the entities for which I have requested congressionally directed spending are for-profit entities.

Thank you for your consideration of these important requests.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator

**Schumer, Charles(D-NY) Commerce, Justice and Science
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Freedom Reads	At the centerpiece of Freedom Reads is the Freedom Library: the opening of dignifying library spaces in prison cell blocks across the country, granting daily access to 500 carefully chosen works of literature – to transport readers to a world of ideas and possibility.	Albany NY	\$500
The State University of New York at Albany	UAlbany requires new lab equipment to provide leading-edge capabilities be readily available as well continue enabling the Albany Nanotech Complex research community and New York industrial partners to fabricate novel materials and devices.	Albany NY	\$1,100
The State University of New York at Albany	The University at Albany requests funding to establish a mobile environmental monitoring laboratory that would support air quality sampling for the communities of the NY Capital region, expanding upon the current EPA sponsored NY Capital District Communities Air Quality Measurement Network.	Albany NY	\$1,450
New York Botanical Garden	The Nature Your City project will implement an urban ecology program that demonstrates how cities can become more resilient and livable by centering nature, leveraging our scientific, public, and place-based platforms.	Bronx NY	\$750
Broome County Office of Emergency Services	Funding would be used to purchase blue light phones for Otsiningo Park.	Broome NY	\$102
Town of Vestal	The requested funds will be utilized to procure and implement advanced electronic plate readers and upgraded computer equipment in patrol cars, enhancing the efficiency, safety, and effectiveness of law enforcement operations.	Broome NY	\$100
Challenger Learning Center of the Twin Tier Region	Funding will go towards updating outdated software and equipment so that the center can continue to provide updated STEAM-based learning opportunities to Pre-K through 12th grade students in the region.	Cattaraugus NY	\$2,100
Cayuga County Community College	Funding will support the modernization of science laboratories on the Auburn Campus to bolster educational and research quality and align with emerging requirements of high-growth science and technology sectors to drive innovation in collaboration with local businesses and industries.	Cayuga NY	\$2,200
Village of Lakewood Police Department	This funding request is to purchase a UTV for the Lakewood-Busti Police Department to support law enforcement and search and rescue operations.	Chautauqua NY	\$65
City of Cortland, NY	The City of Cortland Police Department is looking to replace portable radios and mobile data terminals beyond their useful life; additionally, the Police Department would like to integrate in-car camera license plate readers as an enhancement to the new body worn camera program.	Cortland NY	\$312
The Love Quest Foundation Inc	The Love Quest Foundation offers youth in New York's Mid-Hudson Region culturally relevant mental, social, and physical education initiatives like creative writing, journaling, self-care, farming, financial literacy, and music production.	Dutchess NY	\$247
Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper, Inc.	This program seeks to expand and enhance public awareness and understanding of Eastern Lake Erie through the expansion of water quality, shoreline, and ecosystem monitoring programs, and to increase opportunities for underserved students in water education and STEM-based programs.	Erie NY	\$443

Hauptman Woodward Medical Research Institute, Inc	The project will establish the Biophysical Characterization Center for Proteins of Pharmacological Importance at Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute, which will introduce novel research capabilities to Western New York and benefit research institutes to advance health and well-being.	Erie NY	\$3,413
Hauptman Woodward Medical Research Institute, Inc	The project will retrofit an existing server room to increase physical space, cooling capacity, and uninterruptable power supply to computational support for basic research activities and redundancy of systems for anticipated growth in computing developments in machine learning and AI applications.	Erie NY	\$456
Roswell Park Cancer Institute Corporation	This funding will allow Roswell Park to modernize our picture archiving and communication system for enhanced and safe data sharing between mobile screening units and Roswell, as well as across Roswell Park.	Erie NY	\$900
University at Buffalo	UB INSIGHT will support the development and integration of advanced AI technologies for stroke treatment, focusing on creating an industry standard for medical equipment that enables FDA-approved AI applications.	Erie NY	\$3,800
University at Buffalo	UB requests funding to create the Center for Ice Sheet and Sea Level Science to facilitate critical research among leading coastal planners and sea level experts to enable ice sheet modeling necessary to anticipate coastal flooding to the benefit of communities across New York and the Nation.	Erie NY	\$3,750
University at Buffalo	University at Buffalo requests funds to construct a world-class drone research and instructional facility adjacent to its DOD-funded outdoor drone- flight test facility to foster R&D in AI-enabled ground and aerial autonomous vehicles, clean energy, and green building management.	Erie NY	\$1,875
University at Buffalo	The University at Buffalo requests funding for programming at the new UB Center for Generative AI Safety dedicated to spearheading the development, implementation, and promotion of robust safety methods for Generative Artificial Intelligence technologies.	Erie NY	\$1,900
Ausable River Association (name will formally change to Ausable Freshwater Center)	Funds will support a consortium of leading NYS science institutions as they investigate and reveal the effects of climate change on our lakes—sentinels of water quality and ecosystem health—and provide management strategies to guide resource managers in NYS and beyond.	Essex, Albany NY	\$2,000
City of Batavia	The City of Batavia Police Department is seeking funding to acquire an armored rescue vehicle that will play a critical role in enhancing operational capabilities and ensuring community safety in various high-risk scenarios.	Genesee NY	\$400
Jefferson Community College	The requested funds will support acquiring advanced manufacturing, mechatronics, and skilled trades instrumentation and equipment to launch industry-aligned education and research programs.	Jefferson NY	\$1,500
New York University (NYU)	Funding to equip the only Nanofabrication Cleanroom in Brooklyn for academic, startup, and industry scientific research & development in the critical areas of semiconductors, quantum and biotechnology.	Kings NY	\$1,350
Alliance for Coney Island, Inc.	The requested funds will be used for NYS parks peace officer personnel and appropriate equipment to improve public safety for the visitors and small businesses along Coney Island's historic Riegelmann Boardwalk.	Kings NY	\$600
Coney Island Anti-Violence Collaborative Inc	Funding would be used by CIAVC to prevent, and reduce gun violence through a collaborative program that provides youth with mentoring and educational assistance, and adults with employment assistance.	Kings NY	\$350

Family & Friends City of Refuge Community Development Corporation	Family & Friends First Offender Programs focus on rehabilitating the individual who committed a crime rather than placing him or her in jail or prison. They are an alternative to harsh criminal sentences for those with no record of criminal activity.	Kings NY	\$150
Kings Against Violence Initiative Inc.	Kings Against Violence Initiative seeks to deepen and expand its effort to reduce violence in neighborhoods through our Center for Strengthening Community Violence Intervention Programs. The Center aims to build the capacity of member-groups so that they employ best practices and are well equipped.	Kings NY	\$1,000
New York City College of Technology, CUNY	The New York City College of Technology "City Tech" is requesting \$3,750,000 in FY 2025 federal funding support for the development of an Urban Climate and Sustainability Research Center (UCSRC).	Kings NY	\$3,750
The Black Institute Incorporated	Funding is requested to support The Black Institute's initiatives in education, environmental justice, economic fairness, and comprehensive immigration reform, enhancing advocacy and policy development for Black communities and people of color.	Kings NY	\$250
Brooklyn College	Requested funding will replace obsolete equipment in Brooklyn College's instructional and research laboratories.	Kings NY	\$2,746
Irondale Productions, Inc.	"To Protect, Serve and Understand" (TPSU™). TPSU brings NYC police officers together with community members for 10-week series' of workshops using theatrical training techniques to build trust and empathy and reduce simmering tensions through clearer communication and deeper understanding.	Kings NY	\$199
Livingston County	Funding to upgrade the Sherriff's Office technology equipment to continue to provide residents with the highest levels of service and professionalism.	Livingston NY	\$400
Rochester Institute of Technology	The Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) and the University of Rochester (UR) are seeking funding for equipment to develop an experimental infrastructure designed to assess secure quantum communication networks.	Monroe NY	\$4,000
Humane Society of Rochester and Monroe County PCA INC	Lollypop Farm, the Humane Society of Greater Rochester, is seeking support for our Humane Law Enforcement department, as we inform nationwide standards for SPCAs, implement statewide dog encounter training for police recruits, and invest in essential equipment for our Animal Emergency Response Team.	Monroe NY	\$344
City of Rochester, NY	The City of Rochester is looking to implement a new Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system, which will align "customer" data across City departments and enable targeted and coordinated communication with Rochester residents, property owners, business owners, etc.	Monroe NY	\$850
City of Rochester, NY	RPD is looking to expand their Body-worn Camera (BWC) program for SWAT team members; SWAT needs a special camera and helmet mount for BWCs for use during SWAT operations.	Monroe NY	\$150
City of Rochester, NY	The Rochester Police Department (RPD) looks to expand its less-than-lethal weapons program by purchasing 50 more Tasers, which would be issued to RPD recruits as they attend Academy training.	Monroe NY	\$275
Rise Up Rochester, Inc. and Coordinated Care Services, Inc.	Rise Up Rochester's Safe Housing Gun Violence Response Program for Victims requests funding to continue offering housing relocation, survivor support groups, wraparound support, and safe engagement services to survivors of gun violence and their families.	Monroe NY	\$500

Town of Irondequoit	The requested funds will be used to hire two to three additional police officers per shift, a total of ten new officers, and to create an updated officer training facility with an indoor/outdoor shooting range and an improved evidence storage facility.	Monroe NY	\$13,000
City of Rochester	Funds would go towards the purchase of a Command & Communications / Community Risk Reduction & Recruitment Support Vehicle.	Monroe NY	\$850
Big Brothers And Big Sisters of New York City Inc.	The project will enhance and expand mentorship programming, furthering the impact of 1:1 mentoring for youth across New York City.	Multiple Boroughs NY	\$450
Pakistani American Society of America (PASNY)	The proposed after-school program aims to provide vital support to low-income family students attending MDQ Academy, offering a structured and nurturing environment for academic enrichment, personal development, and community engagement.	Nassau NY	\$50
The Holocaust Museum & Tolerance Center of Nassau County, Inc.	HMTC will expand its Police Diversity and Sensitivity Training program in collaboration with law enforcement agencies across Long Island to introduce Recruits and Officers to Jewish life before, during, and after the Holocaust via dialogues on prejudice reduction and diversity.	Nassau NY	\$250
The Incorporated Village of East Hills	This project will update existing security cameras to include License Plate Recognition and Rapid Review, and install a new security gate at Village Hall which will allow added security by utilizing License Plate Recognition to grant entrance.	Nassau NY	\$275
Research Foundation of the City University of New York (John Jay College of Criminal Justice)	John Jay College proposes a training and workforce development educational initiative in evidence-based public safety to support law enforcement, social service workers, and community practitioners in their professional development.	New York NY	\$1,186
Touro University	In response to the growing number of incidents of antisemitic violence, Touro University would like to harden our campus locations to protect our students, faculty, and staff.	New York NY	\$1,895
American Steamship Owners Mutual Protection and Indemnity Association (known as the American Club)	Project will develop an enhanced economic sanctions monitoring and screening program that will enable the American Club to bolster intelligence gathering for implementation of the economic sanctions regimes through which the U.S. pursues its foreign policy objectives in global maritime commerce.	New York NY	\$1,727
Getting Out and Staying Out (GOSO)	The requested funds will be used to further develop and expand Getting Out and Staying Out's (GOSO) therapeutic services and benefits assistance (SNAP, Medicaid, etc.) that will ensure the emotional wellbeing and economic self-sufficiency for survivors of violence and families of at-risk youth.	New York NY	\$250
Graduate Center of the City University of New York	This new laboratory will capitalize on recent breakthroughs in nanostructured materials that can perform analog- based signal and image processing and sensing at the speed of light and with zero energy costs.	New York NY	\$1,958
Not Another Child, Inc.	The proposed Youth and Community Initiatives will substantially expand therapeutic and prosocial services to community members and youth impacted by the justice system and gun violence. This will further strengthen the survivor support system in NYC through culturally appropriate practices.	New York NY	\$468
Partnership with Children, Inc.	Partnership with Children will provide comprehensive mental health services across nine Brooklyn schools in NY-8 to support the creation of trauma-informed, safe, and supportive school environments that can help prevent violence, reduce behavioral health inequities, and improve successful outcomes.	New York NY	\$1,334

Research Foundation of the City University of New York	Funding will support the acquisition, quality assurance, product development and application development of foundational data sets for climate resilience including: LiDAR at 20 points per meter squared, and (ortho) photography at nadir and four oblique angles, at a resolution of 7.5cm.	New York NY	\$2,007
New York City Department of Education	The NYC Center for Aerospace and Applied Mathematics, a Challenger Learning Center, is developing a custom Mars Experience for students in grades K-4 to be immersed in a simulated mission to Mars where they will conduct real-world, hands-on STEM activities in a Mars habitat.	New York NY	\$600
New York Stem Cell Foundation, Inc.	Project will develop the largest known biobank of stem cell lines from an ethnically diverse group of individuals to serve as a community resource for studying how genetics affects health and disease at a cellular level and standardizing the development of safe, effective therapies for patients.	New York NY	\$1,936
One Hundred Black Men	One Hundred Black Men (OHBM) has advocated for communities of color. Providing support for the youth of our community is a critical part of OHBM's mission and our members use their experience, resources and commitment to improve the conditions of the broader community.	New York NY	\$3,000
Partnership with Children, Inc.	Partnership with Children will provide comprehensive mental health services across three Bronx schools in NY-14 to support the creation of trauma-informed, safe, and supportive school environments that can help prevent violence, reduce behavioral health inequities, and improve successful outcomes.	New York NY	\$360
Partnership with Children, Inc.	Partnership with Children (PWC) will provide comprehensive mental health services across six schools in NY-13 to support the creation of trauma-informed, safe, and supportive school environments that can help prevent violence, reduce behavioral health inequities, and improve successful outcomes.	New York NY	\$503
Partnership with Children, Inc.	Partnership with Children (PWC) will provide comprehensive mental health services across three schools in NY-7 to support the creation of trauma-informed, safe, and supportive school environments that can help prevent violence, reduce behavioral health inequities, and improve successful outcomes.	New York NY	\$355
UNITAS North America	Project Equip: UNITY New York is a multi-faceted initiative designed to combat human trafficking and empower at-risk youth through education, support services, and community collaboration in New York City.	New York NY	\$1,116
Upper Manhattan Together	Manhattan Together will train volunteers to aid individuals with mental health or substance abuse issues within our institutions and continue to build research teams to identify policy solutions at the local level to help craft a cost effective community based care model.	New York NY	\$400
NYC Commission on Human Rights	In preparation for implementation of Int. 0632, which prohibits housing discrimination based on one's criminal history, the Commission requests funding to conduct quantitative research, such as a landscape analysis, of communities across NYC that are most impacted.	New York NY	\$1,000
NYC Commission on Human Rights	Funds will be used to expand the agency's capacity to investigate discrimination complaints and to make New Yorkers aware of their rights and obligations under the New York City Human Rights Law.	New York NY	\$750
Asians Fighting Injustice, Inc.	Asians Fighting Injustice's Hate Crime Victim Support and Prevention program seeks funding to cover staffing needs and support victim assistance, language support, policy advocacy, public education, media production, cultural competency training, and community mobilization efforts.	New York City NY	\$100

Griffiss Institute Inc.	Requested funds will help establish a quantum information science (QIS) business and technology accelerator capability (QuANTUS) at the Innovare Advancement Center in Rome, New York. The goal of the project is to help build a robust ecosystem of QIS technology businesses across upstate New York.	Oneida NY	\$2,000
Village of Yorkville	The Village of Yorkville seeks to secure funding to establish a new police department to better serve the community and enhance public safety. Our current facility is outdated, insufficient, and no longer meets the demands of modern policing.	Oneida NY	\$850
Syracuse University	Syracuse University will purchase an X-ray Micro CT scanner for research and education in advanced semiconductor manufacturing and advanced chip packaging to promote advancements in measurement science.	Onondaga NY	\$1,600
Center for Community Alternatives, Inc.	CCA's Line Cook Program, a workforce development program for criminal justice reentry population returning from prisons and jails, requires support for personnel expenses, wraparound support & stipends for participants, transportation costs, and culinary supplies.	Onondaga NY	\$625
City of Syracuse	The requested funds will be used for the development and deployment of a Mobile Command Unit equipped with advanced communication technologies, real-time information access, command and control facilities, logistics support, and media management capabilities.	Onondaga NY	\$2,000
Syracuse University	Syracuse University proposes to address the critical workforce need for skilled cybersecurity professionals by establishing a state-of-the-art cybersecurity research and workforce development lab.	Onondaga NY	\$1,000
Village of Liverpool	Funding requested for a fully equipped Dodge Durango police vehicle to replace the oldest vehicle in the fleet.	Onondaga NY	\$62
County of Ontario	Ontario County is requesting funds to purchase 40 mobile data terminals that will improve interoperability among criminal justice and public safety units and future-proof the County's crisis response strategies.	Ontario NY	\$400
City of Fulton Police Department	To repair and upgrade current radio system antenna and add additional portable and mobile radio units.	Oswego NY	\$52
Oswego County Emergency Management	Requested funding will bolster Oswego County's Drone as a First Responder (DFR) program.	Oswego NY	\$500
Village of Cooperstown	In keeping with its 2021 Police Reform Plan, the Village of Cooperstown seeks to install municipally owned and controlled fixed-location cameras on Main Street, in Lakefront Park, and at Doubleday Field in order to deter, investigate, and prosecute criminal activity.	Otsego NY	\$75
County of Putnam	This project includes the removal of outdated traffic signal controller equipment and replacement with new equipment including battery backup, electrical disconnect generator transfer switch, remote monitoring equipment, 360-degree camera video detection systems, and traffic signal controllers.	Putnam NY	\$800
Faith in New York, Inc.	Faith in New York (FINY) will train clergy and community leaders on preventative public safety measures to reduce violence in our neighborhoods, particularly among a) Youth, b) Formerly Incarcerated Returning Citizens, and c) Black, Latinx, and Immigrant Communities.	Queens NY	\$300
Research Foundation of CUNY on behalf of Queens College CUNY	Queens College requests funding for scientific equipment to establish the environmental research and monitoring capabilities of the new Queens College Green Energy & Coastal Sustainability Field Station.	Queens NY	\$1,500

Research Foundation of CUNY on behalf of Queens College CUNY	Queens College's Barry Commoner Center for Health and the Environment requests funding to purchase equipment and achieve site preparation for a major expansion of New York City's innovative high-resolution environmental/climate surveillance network.	Queens NY	\$2,807
The Voice of Youth Changes Everything Inc.	The Juneteenth in Queens Festival commemorates freedom and cultural heritage in Queens, NY. Through partnerships with local NYPD precincts, it promotes community safety, mutual respect, understanding, and unity among all community members.	Queens NY	\$200
Korean American Civic Empowerment for Community	Establishing the legal service team to organize and coordinate the organization's legal service asset and network to effectively provide legal service for the community with language, cultural competency, and expertise.	Queens NY	\$500
Staten Island Economic Development Corporation	The SIEDC is requesting a grant to fund a study which will provide multiple solutions to mitigate flooding in Staten Island's West Shore Business Improvement District.	Richmond NY	\$250
Richmond County District Attorney	The requested funds will be used for capital improvements, including but not limited to the purchase and installation of assistive listening devices, braille signage, and evacuation chairs, to enhance accessibility for staff and visitors to the Richmond County District Attorney's Office.	Richmond NY	\$19
Staten Island Economic Development Corporation	The SIEDC is applying for a Grant to fund a comprehensive, multidisciplinary research project to inform maritime infrastructural, industrial, and logistical development along the waterfront of Staten Island's North and West Shores.	Richmond NY	\$300
Dominican University New York	The requested funds will be used to purchase four 3D anatomy visualization and virtual dissection tables to enhance healthcare education for over 750 Dominican University New York undergraduate and graduate students annually, the majority of which are minority students.	Rockland NY	\$393
BluePrint Geneva, Inc.	To provide supplies and staffing to support Finger Lakes specific air quality monitoring and conditions data.	Seneca NY	\$165
Clarkson University	To purchase equipment for conducting innovative research in chemical-mechanical planarization (CMP), a critical process to ensure that each semiconductor wafer is polished smooth and flat so that each semiconductor chip is flawlessly manufactured.	St. Lawrence NY	\$2,300
Steuben County Sheriff's Office	The Steuben County Sheriff's Office respectfully requests funding to support the first year purchase and operation of Rapid DNA technology to aid in criminal investigations and disaster response.	Steuben NY	\$550
Atlantic Marine Conservation Society, Ltd.	Atlantic Marine Conservation Society requests funds to document causes of mortality for deceased whales, dolphins, seals and sea turtles in NY waters.	Suffolk NY	\$350
Crime Victims Center, Inc.	Funds will be used to provide acute sexual assault victims with NYS Certified 24-hour Rape Crisis Responders to educate them about their rights, the criminal justice process, and available support services, as well as train law enforcement and hospital medical staff on trauma-informed responses.	Suffolk NY	\$387
Stony Brook University, State University of New York	This project will develop a new readiness framework using advanced sensing and visualization technologies to prepare NY for storm surge events through innovative data streams that utilizes AI-enabled analytics.	Suffolk NY	\$9,933
Town of Islip	This grant request is to assist with the purchase of a high speed rapid response boat that can react swiftly to any domestic or foreign terrorist activity targeting ferries or highly populated Town of Islip waterfront amenities.	Suffolk NY	\$716

Town of Smithtown	Funds will be used to purchase an Emergency Response Mobile Command Vehicle to support phase two of the expansion and modernization of the Town of Smithtown Emergency Operations Center.	Suffolk NY	\$436
Save our Sodus	Weekly Water Wellness is the only weekly water testing program for Sodus Bay to provide key water quality information to the community and its visitors.	Wayne NY	\$61
CHOICE of New Rochelle, Inc.	The Improving Adult Reentry: Education and Employment Program, a comprehensive pilot work readiness program acting as a bridge from the criminal justice system to the community, is requesting funding for salaries, laptops and participant needs.	Westchester NY	\$627
City of New Rochelle, Inc. (hereinafter, "CNR")	The requested funds will be used for technology and equipment to enhance law enforcement capabilities in New Rochelle to allow for enhanced community-oriented policing.	Westchester NY	\$3,193
City of Yonkers	Moving 911 Call Center equipment and all personnel to a new location as well as purchasing a backup generator and other vital equipment.	Westchester NY	\$853
My Sisters' Place, Inc.	In response to a sharp increase in identified high-risk cases of domestic violence in Westchester County, My Sisters' Place seeks funding to improve its crisis response by developing tools for providing and tracking services, engaging in cross-disciplinary collaboration, and sharing best practices.	Westchester NY	\$1,283
Purchase College Foundation	Purchase College Foundation respectfully requests funding for climate forward, cost-efficient, industry-standard lighting and audio equipment needed for students to research, attain, and demonstrate the advanced STEM skills that are directly applicable and utilized out in the contemporary workforce.	Westchester NY	\$2,115