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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin, Chair
The Honorable John Hoeven, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development,
Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Baldwin and Ranking Member Hoeven:

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 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Thank you again for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,



PATRICK LEAHY
United States Senator

**Leahy, Patrick J.(D-VT) Agriculture
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	Funding will establish a 125-student child care facility in downtown Bennington, furthering the region's workforce and community development goals.	Bennington VT	\$750
University of Vermont	Funding will establish the Institute for Rural Partnerships at the University of Vermont, in order to support federal, state, local and private partnerships to address existing and emerging challenges for rural America.	Chittenden VT	\$10,000
Shelburne Farms	Funding will establish a National Farm to School Institute to provide technical and practical assistance to Farm to School programs across the country.	Chittenden VT	\$5,000
Town of Groton	Funding will support replacement of a wastewater system critical to municipal buildings that houses the local food shelf and town offices.	Groton VT	\$200
Jeudevine Memorial Library	Funding will allow completion of a long-planned renovation and expansion of this historic building which is a cornerstone of Hardwick Village and serves residents of seven towns. This expansion was upended by the pandemic and the inflated costs that resulted.	Hardwick VT	\$600
Richmond Land Trust	Funding will support the replacement Gillett Dam in order to protect a locally-significant wetland and forest habitat, reduce the risk of floods and washouts downstream, and preserve one of the few publicly accessible large-pond recreation resources in Chittenden County.	Richmond VT	\$250
Rupert Village Trust	The Rupert Village Trust will use funding to renovate the historic Sheldon Store, which will provide much needed common space for meetings and events, and space for future small businesses.	Rupert VT	\$120
Town of St. Johnsbury	Funding will finish the connection between the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail and downtown St. Johnsbury, increasing the vitality of downtown businesses and providing new recreational opportunities for town residents.	St. Johnsbury VT	\$543
Catamount Film and Arts Co.	Funding will support critical upgrades to address important public health concerns, including air quality issues, that will allow the circa 1912 building to safely reopen and once again serve as a regional cultural attraction and community resource in Vermont's rural Northeast Kingdom.	St. Johnsbury VT	\$108
Vermont Land Trust	Funding will support a permanent fund to facilitate the transition of new and beginning farmers onto conserved farmland with low-cost financing and technical assistance. The fund will preserve Vermont's working landscape and support rural economies by removing two of the biggest barriers to entry for new farmers: access to land and capital.	Statewide VT	\$5,000
Northern Forest Center	Funding will support the development and implementation of a sub-award program for outdoor recreation infrastructure projects across Vermont, benefitting Vermonters and regional economic development. Recreational trail networks conserve and protect open land from development, while increasing employment opportunities and promoting regional economic development in rural parts of the state.	Statewide VT	\$500