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May 14, 2024

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
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Dear Chair Baldwin and Ranking Member Moore Capito,

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 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies 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.

Sincerely,



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Jeffrey A. Merkley  
United States Senator

**Merkley, Jeff(D-OR) Labor and Health and Human Services  
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

| <b>Recipient Name</b>  | <b>Project Purpose</b>   | <b>Project Location</b> | <b>Amount Requested (\$000)</b> |
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| Clackamas County   | Funds will be used to renovate a substance abuse recovery center.  | Clackamas County OR     | \$2,500                         |
| Children's Center of Clackamas County                          | Funds will be used to expand the number of individuals and agencies engaged in comprehensive child abuse prevention efforts in Clackamas County, OR.   | Clackamas County OR     | \$296                           |
| Oregon Institute of Technology                                 | Funds will be used to create a graduate certificate program in advanced manufacturing engineering to help meet demands for highly-skilled workers in Oregon.   | Clackamas County OR     | \$1,247                         |
| Clackamas Community College                                    | Funds will be used to purchase and install STEM related technology, equipment, and furnishings for the Challenger Learning Center.   | Clackamas County OR     | \$2,500                         |
| Trajectory   | Funds will be used to engage K-12 students with career and technical education in sustainable forestry through program development.  | Clackamas County OR     | \$695                           |
| Amani Center   | Funds will be used to construct a permanent facility in Columbia County, Oregon, providing essential intervention and assessment services for child abuse victims.   | Columbia County OR      | \$1,023                         |
| Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians | Funds will be used to purchase a mobile mammography and x-ray unit.  | Coos County OR          | \$1,041                         |
| Southwestern Oregon Community College                          | Funds will be used to purchase tools and equipment for the Southwestern Oregon Community College's welding and manufacturing job training program.   | Coos County OR          | \$105                           |
| Southern Coos Hospital and Health Center                       | Funds will be used to support modernization of the electronic health record system at Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center.  | Coos County OR          | \$750                           |
| Bay Area Hospital District                                     | Funds will be used to purchase a CT Scanner to support the Southern Oregon Coast's only Level III Trauma Center.   | Coos County OR          | \$2,326                         |
| Coquille Valley Hospital                                       | Funding will be used to create an expanded wound care clinic, expand a senior behavioral health / substance use disorder program, and open a fully integrated behavioral health / substance use disorder clinic. | Coos County OR          | \$935                           |
| Samara Learning Center   | Funds will be used to for an after-school program for elementary students.   | Deschutes County OR     | \$651                           |
| La Pine Rural Fire Protection District                         | Funds will be used to purchase a new Fire Engine.  | Deschutes County OR     | \$880                           |
| Boys & Girls Clubs of Bend                                     | Funds will be used to launch a virtual reality career exploration lab and makerspace, enhancing workforce development for youth by providing immersive learning experiences.                                     | Deschutes County OR     | \$187                           |
| La Pine Community Health Center                                | Funds will be used to construct, furnish and equip the an Imaging Center in La Pine, OR, to include mammography, CT scan, and ultrasound.  | Deschutes County OR     | \$2,389                         |
| High Desert Education Service District                         | Funds will be used to better serve students through inclusionary practices that increase academic achievement and graduation rates.  | Deschutes County OR     | \$650                           |
| Community Counseling Solutions                                 | Funds will be used to continue the renovation of a rural health clinic.  | Grant County OR         | \$1,750                         |

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| Blue Mountain Hospital District                            | Funds will be used to renovate and modernize the Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day, Oregon, to improve patient care and healthcare outcomes.   | Grant County OR      | \$4,000 |
| Harney District Hospital                                   | Funds will be used to replace an aging HVAC system at Harney District Hospital, a frontier critical access hospital serving Harney County, Oregon.                                      | Harney County OR     | \$1,250 |
| One Community Health                                       | Funds will be used to purchase and launch a mobile dental unit in Hood River and Wasco counties.  | Hood River County OR | \$1,113 |
| Lomakatsi Restoration Project                              | Funds will be used for a natural resource focused workforce development program serving Tribal youth.   | Jackson County OR    | \$1,300 |
| Oregon Center for Creative Learning                        | Funds will be used to expand quality early learning opportunities to families and providing essential childcare.  | Jackson County OR    | \$910   |
| Jackson County School District 5 (Ashland School District) | Funds will be used to replace Ashland School District's aging maintenance and operations vehicle fleet.   | Jackson County OR    | \$650   |
| Southern Oregon Education Service District (SOESD)         | Funds will be used to expand the work of a regional network supporting four community initiatives serving seven counties to foster resilience for children, families and communities    | Jackson County OR    | \$649   |
| Rogue Valley Symphony Association                          | Funds will be used to support the costs of providing music education programs to pre-school, elementary, middle and high school students residing in Jackson and Josephine Counties.    | Jackson County OR    | \$84    |
| Central Oregon Community College                           | Funds will be used to expand Central Oregon Community College's campus in Madras to offer degrees in Nursing, Nursing Assisting, and Medical Assisting.                                 | Jefferson County OR  | \$3,000 |
| Oregon Institute of Technology                             | Funds will be used for mobile dental clinics to improve access to dental care and oral health services for underserved and at-risk residents in rural Southern Oregon.                  | Klamath County OR    | \$1,700 |
| Klamath Hospice, Inc.                                      | Funds will be used to build a hospice and palliative care to serve various communities in rural southern Oregon.  | Klamath County OR    | \$3,000 |
| Klamath Community College                                  | Funds will be used to expand Klamath Community College's Commercial Driver's License program to meet economic and workforce development needs.  | Klamath County OR    | \$733   |
| White Bird Clinic  | Funds will be used to purchase equipment for the White Bird Clinic's income-based dental clinic.  | Lane County OR       | \$197   |
| Lane Community College                                     | Funds will be used to provide opportunities for apprenticeship and support regional advancement in existing and new industries.   | Lane County OR       | \$1,600 |
| University of Oregon                                       | Funds will be used to expand a language arts program.   | Lane County OR       | \$850   |
| Oregon Coast Community College                             | Funds will be used to support workforce training and development in rural and coastal Oregon.   | Lincoln County OR    | \$3,600 |
| Pioneer Nursing Home Health District                       | Funds will be used to improve visibility in Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing facilities in rural Oregon.   | Malheur County OR    | \$63    |
| Treasure Valley Community College                          | Funds will be used to create a hybrid Certified Surgical Technology Program that will increase the number of trained healthcare CST workers throughout Eastern Oregon.                  | Malheur County OR    | \$246   |
| Valley Family Health Care, Inc.                            | Funds will be used to construct a facility in Nyssa, Oregon that integrates medical, behavioral, and dental care, along with community partner services.                                | Malheur County OR    | \$1,500 |
| Chemeketa Community College                                | Funds will be used to improve career and technical education preparation opportunities with simulation equipment for scenario training in emergency medical services and cybersecurity. | Marion County OR     | \$437   |

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| Evolve Workforce & Multifamily Housing Services    | Funds will be used to support building a workforce pipeline of culturally competent affordable housing managers.  | Marion County OR     | \$529   |
| Santiam Hospital and Clinics'                      | Funds will be used to construct a Resiliency Center offering resources and assistance to individuals recovering from disasters and other challenges in rural Oregon.  | Marion County OR     | \$2,000 |
| Oregon Health Authority                            | Funds will be used to implement a statewide strategy on promising practices for culturally specific populations within the behavioral health field.   | Marion County OR     | \$5,000 |
| Oregon Health Authority                            | Funds will be used to improve language access for people in Oregon accessing healthcare through digital and physical media and webpages.  | Marion County OR     | \$904   |
| Willamette Workforce Partnership                   | Funds will be used to assist healthcare students by reducing financial barriers and boosting readiness in the healthcare workforce.   | Marion County OR     | \$500   |
| Morrow County Health District                      | Funds will be used to replace Pioneer Memorial Hospital's CT machine.   | Morrow County OR     | \$567   |
| Vision To Learn                                    | Funds will be used to support the expansion vision care services for students in under-resourced schools.   | Multiple Counties OR | \$1,369 |
| Valley Family Health Care, Inc.                    | Funds will be used to implement Medication-assisted Opioid Used Disorder Treatment in Eastern Oregon county jails.  | Multiple Counties OR | \$816   |
| The Mental Health Association of Oregon            | Funds will be used to build a peer-run, no-barrier behavioral health center in East Portland.   | Multnomah County OR  | \$750   |
| City of Portland                                   | Funds will be used to expand Portland Fire & Rescue's pilot program for Mobile Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Drug Overdose Innovative Rapid Response.   | Multnomah County OR  | \$1,500 |
| SMART Reading                                      | Funds will be used to provide free books and volunteer-led literacy support for young children in low-income communities.   | Multnomah County OR  | \$348   |
| Oregon CASA Network                                | Funds will be used for staffing costs necessary to recruit, train, supervise, and support community volunteers to provide court appointed advocacy to children and young people experiencing foster care due to abuse or neglect. | Multnomah County OR  | \$1,700 |
| Centennial School District 28J                     | Funds will be used to increase district capacity to offer more of a continuum of special education services.  | Multnomah County OR  | \$2,000 |
| Portland Community College                         | Funds will be used to expand the behavioral healthcare workforce by increasing access and support for underrepresented populations to education and training opportunities for careers in mental health.                          | Multnomah County OR  | \$2,172 |
| University of Oregon                               | Funds will be used by the Ballmer Institute for Children's Behavioral Health to launch a project integrating a new workforce into pediatric primary care to support children's behavioral health.                                 | Multnomah County OR  | \$2,980 |
| REAP, Inc.   | Funds will be used to enhance educational outcomes, provide crucial behavioral and mental health support, and deliver essential training for educational staff.   | Multnomah County OR  | \$750   |
| Reynolds School District                           | Funds will be used to purchase and install industry standard equipment to kickstart a microenterprise training program in Entrepreneurship through Cosmetology for High School students.  | Multnomah County OR  | \$207   |
| The Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA) | Funds will be used to help various organizations better serve foster kids and families.   | Multnomah County OR  | \$563   |
| Multnomah County                                   | Funds will be used to place Peer Support Specialists into impacted libraries to respond to behavioral health crises, conduct assessments, and provide access to services and treatment for houseless patrons.                     | Multnomah County OR  | \$831   |

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| College Possible                                    | Funds will be used to build college access and workforce hubs in rural Oregon communities to improve higher education outcomes for rural students.   | Multnomah County OR | \$1,000 |
| Portland Adventist Medical Center                   | Funds will be used to build and equip a new Intensive Care Unit at Portland Adventist Medical Center.  | Multnomah County OR | \$1,750 |
| Oregon Alliance of YMCAs                            | Funds will be used to recruit and engage behavioral health specialists working across several Oregon YMCAs, providing staff training and youth behavioral and mental health services.                              | Multnomah County OR | \$2,000 |
| The Insight Alliance                                | Funds will be used to support Insight to Wellbeing, an evidence-based group dialogue initiative that helps vulnerable, justice-involved individuals reduce risk factors.   | Multnomah County OR | \$150   |
| Prevent Child Abuse Oregon                          | Funds will be used for PCAO staffing and operations to support development of a public-private Ecosystem of Prevention, the statewide Child Abuse Prevention Collaborative, and Prevention Training Academy.       | Multnomah County OR | \$485   |
| Metropolitan Family Service                         | Funds will be used to provide health related, and climate resilience services to older adults most at risk for poor health outcomes and attract/catalyze State, local and private investment.                      | Multnomah County OR | \$242   |
| University of Portland                              | Funds will be used to purchase equipment for the Shiley-Marcos Center for Design and Innovation.   | Multnomah County OR | \$1,500 |
| Warner Pacific University                           | Funds will be used for a new on-campus facility and help expand the nursing workforce.   | Multnomah County OR | \$1,489 |
| Project Access NOW                                  | Funds will be used to invest in the staffing and technology needed to operate a social care delivery system connecting community-based organizations and health care organizations across the Portland metro area. | Multnomah County OR | \$943   |
| Lines for Life                                      | Funds will be used to support YouthLine in building capacity to expand existing services and current infrastructure in Oregon, allowing the program to support more youth nationwide.                              | State-wide OR       | \$1,611 |
| Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center                     | Funds will be used to purchase upgraded mammography equipment, as well as the necessary software and electronic medical record integration capability.   | Umatilla County OR  | \$482   |
| Community Counseling Solutions                      | Funds will be used to renovate the Pendleton Community Counseling Solutions medical offices to provide a single location for services in Pendleton.  | Umatilla County OR  | \$2,500 |
| Umatilla School District                            | Funds will be used for resources to bolster public school enrollment across Umatilla County.   | Umatilla County OR  | \$1,506 |
| Grande Ronde Hospital                               | Funds will be used to purchase and replace a critical nuclear medicine machine for Grande Ronde Hospital in rural La Grande, Oregon.   | Union County OR     | \$1,356 |
| Northeast Oregon Area Health Education Center, Inc. | Funds will be used to purchase maternal health equipment.  | Union County OR     | \$163   |
| Grande Ronde Model Watershed                        | Funds will be used to expand capacity and youth engagement to monitor the Grande Ronde watershed while weaving Indigenous perspectives into the project.   | Union County OR     | \$71    |
| South County Health District                        | Funds will be used to renovate a building a for use as a dental and medical clinic in rural Oregon.  | Union County OR     | \$989   |
| Wasco County  | Funds will be used to build a behavioral health acute care treatment campus.   | Wasco County OR     | \$2,500 |
| Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc. (            | Funds will be used to purchase equipment and pay for related costs to create an electronic benefits system for VeggieRx recipients, in rural Oregon.   | Wasco County OR     | \$500   |

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| Providence Health and Services- Oregon                        | Funds will be used to enhance educational outcomes, provide crucial behavioral and mental health support and deliver essential training for educational staff.                                     | Washington County OR | \$1,000 |
| CARES Northwest (c/o Legacy Emanuel Hospital & Health Center) | Funds will be used to offset renovation costs for a CARES Northwest medical clinic, bringing child abuse evaluations and trauma therapy for Washington County families to the Family Peace Center. | Washington County OR | \$500   |
| Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center                        | Funds will be used to build the Virginia Garcia Hillsboro Wellness Center located in the Hillsboro Health & Education District.  | Washington County OR | \$3,000 |