

Congressionally Directed Spending Requests—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

Planning for the Future of Maine’s Lobster Industry

Recipient: Maine Department of Marine Resources

Project Location: Administered in Augusta, ME, for Maine Coastal Communities

Amount Requested: \$765,000

Project Purpose: To support planning and industry engagement regarding management measures to protect endangered right whales and preserve Maine’s iconic lobster industry. Regulatory actions to protect the whales may have far-reaching impacts across Maine’s coastal communities and economy.

Satellite Chipset Computer Science Learning Module

Recipient: Educate Maine

Project Location: Portland, ME

Amount Requested: \$400,000

Project Purpose: For a STEM education program to introduce Maine students to satellite chipset data collection and analysis capabilities to address scientific questions. This programming includes a competition for student science projects to ride on a future rocket launch.

Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office Equipment Purchasing

Recipient: Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office

Project Location: Cumberland County, ME

Amount Requested: \$250,000

Project Purpose: To allow the Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office to purchase and implement body-worn cameras and in-car camera systems. By deploying this technology, the Office will be able to improve the delivery of law enforcement services in Cumberland County.

Midcoast Law Enforcement Equipment Purchasing Program

Recipient: Midcoast Council of Governments

Project Location: Damariscotta, ME

Amount Requested: \$750,000

Project Purpose: To create a law enforcement equipment purchasing program for communities across Cumberland, Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox, and Waldo counties. Many smaller communities do not have the resources to request federal funding independently.

Strengthening Local and Regional Seafood Systems for Resilient Communities

Recipient: University of Maine

Project Location: Orono, ME (statewide reach)

Amount: \$2,000,000

Purpose: To build a consortium of researchers, government officials, technical assistance providers, and fishing community partners to support local and regional seafood systems. Catalyzing these systems will help to ensure the seafood sector is resilient to future shocks and will also contribute to the economic prosperity of coastal communities.

Advanced-Manufacturing Materials Research

Recipient: University of Maine

Project Location: Orono, ME

Amount Requested: \$10,000,000

Project Purpose: To construct a digital research Factory of the Future to advance large-scale, bio-based additive manufacturing using advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence, high performance computing, and collaborative arrays of large 3D printers and subtractive systems. The facility will drive innovation and new technology development in affordable housing, clean energy, construction, transportation, boatbuilding, and furniture industries.

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June 18, 2021

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
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The Honorable Richard Shelby
Vice Chairman
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The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
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The Honorable Jerry Moran
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Leahy, Vice Chairman Shelby, Chairman 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 2022 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator