

Fiscal Year 2023 Congressionally Directed Spending Requests – Financial Services and General Government

Southern Maine Community College Facility Purchase and Certificate Program

Recipient: Southern Maine Community College

Project Location: Brunswick, ME

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Project Purpose: To purchase a facility to support Controlled Environment Agriculture and to initiate a certificate program in greenhouse management and horticulture. This programming will help educate Maine businesses, communities, and citizens about ways to foster year-round food and plant growth, including through workforce skills training and industry workshops.

Strengthening Rural Entrepreneurship

Recipient: Northern Maine Development Commission

Project Location: Caribou, ME

Amount Requested: \$90,000

Project Purpose: To support business growth and job creation in rural areas by expanding business counseling and accelerator trainings for entrepreneurs.

University of Maine Food Innovation Center

Recipient: University of Maine System

Project Location: Orono, ME

Amount Requested: \$2,500,000

Project Purpose: To grow Maine's land- and water-based food economy by providing workforce development and services for small agriculture and aquaculture producers, including through food processing services, production scale-up, food safety consulting, and testing.

Maine Agriculture Industry Innovation and Growth

Recipient: University of Maine System

Project Location: Orono, ME

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Project Purpose: To develop a strategic plan to support Maine's small-scale agricultural workforce and business growth.

Maine Entrepreneurship Fellowship and Incubator

Recipient: University of Maine System

Project Location: Orono, ME

Amount Requested: \$150,000

Project Purpose: To fund a small business education fellowship program that will provide incubator support, technical assistance, and training to accelerate startup businesses and create jobs in Maine.

Advancing Small Business Development

Recipient: University of Maine System

Project Location: Washington County, ME

Amount Requested: \$2,997,000

Project Purpose: To provide training and technical assistance to small wild blueberry growers and to support research and new technologies for sustainability and efficiency.

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May 12, 2022

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
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The Honorable Richard Shelby
Vice Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Chris Van Hollen
Chairman
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The Honorable Cindy Hyde-Smith
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Leahy, Vice Chairman Shelby, Chairman Van Hollen, and Ranking Member Hyde-Smith:

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 Financial Services and General Government 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