

United States Senate

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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
S-128, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Vice Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Chris Murphy
Chairman
Subcommittee on Homeland Security
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Homeland Security
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Dear Chairman Leahy, Vice Chairman Shelby, Chairman Murphy 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 2023 Subcommittee on Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator

Shaheen, Jeanne(D-NH) Homeland Security Congressionally Directed Spending Requests

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Manchester Fire Department	<p>Manchester Fire Department is requesting funding to renovate and upgrade the Emergency Operations Center(EOC). The EOC is increasingly relied on to support emergencies and preplanned events such as the Taco Tour, Cruising Downtown, road races, parades, and political rallies. The EOC is a multi-functional space accommodating city, state, federal, private sector and nonprofit partners. This project begins with new electrical conduits and network connectivity to outside walls. Currently, multiple conduits are located in the middle of the room prohibiting flexibility configuring the room and has limited capacity. The EOC's retractable wall is increasingly difficult to move due to a damaged track, which has created a safety hazard. Replacement will allow us to invest in a retractable wall with noise dampening, and will continue to provide the ability to partition the room to support a variety of EOC functions. In doing this, we would like to replace the floor of the EOC, which will assist with noise reduction. The EOC display walls are inoperable due to a parts failure and need to be replaced. The age of this system technical support is no longer available and we are unable to source parts to complete repairs. These systems support display of responder locations, live event mapping, weather conditions, air monitoring devices, and a variety of other live data feeds ensuring public safety and security. This project will include investment in an event management platform for the city.11% of the total request is for Management Costs to account for State oversight. The goal is to have a functional EOC to support planned and unplanned events in the city. Specifically, at the completion of this project, we anticipate having adequate electrical and network ports to support a Full EOC activation, to provide a functioning retractable wall, have increased noise reduction, a fully functioning display wall for live data displays and video feeds, video teleconferencing capabilities, and incident management platform. We expect that these renovations and upgrades will provide a fully functioning EOC in which Emergency Management will coordinate with city departments, state and federal agencies, private, non-profit and other partners to manage disasters, as well as preplanned events occurring within the city. This provides a location for a cohesive response and recovery strategy, in order to save and protect lives, protect property, reduce economic impacts, initiate recovery efforts and restore our way of life. Project performance will be kept on track by the project manager, the Emergency Management Coordinator, incoordination with the Business Services Officer who will have fiscal oversight. Administrative oversight for this funding will be completed by the NH Department of Safety, Grants Management Bureau.</p>	Manchester NH	\$450
City of Portsmouth Department of Public Works	<p>This project will increase the resiliency of the WWTF by elevating a 400-foot long section of the access road and the adjacent parking area by up to three feet and above the current 100-year floodplain and protect it against projected sea level rise until approximately 2050. A reduction in impervious surfaces will also be achieved by replacing the packed gravel parking area with grass pavers and vegetation, improving stormwater management. Educational signage will be placed at the site to increase community awareness of stormwater management, flood adaptation and resilience efforts. Design of the project is currently at the 75% complete stage and required environmental permits have already been obtained. The parking area requires improvements to reduce flooding as well as stormwater runoff into the Piscataqua River. The NH State Fish Pier provides dockage and support services for the commercial fishing fleet that provides fresh fish and shellfish to the entire Seacoast region, and this project will protect those resources from the catastrophic impacts that would occur should the WWTF or connecting piping fail due to erosion or undermining.</p> <p>This project will increase the resilience of a critical service (delivery and treatment of wastewater as well as potable water) for Portsmouth, New Castle, Greenland and Rye, and combines stormwater management and climate change adaptation by incorporating green infrastructure and reducing impervious surfaces to improve the drainage of the existing parking area. The outcome will result in a site that is more resilient to increased precipitation and extreme storm events, that still allows for continued public parking for amenities including the boat ramp, off-leash dog area, walking trails and recreational facilities, that increases vegetation, and that minimizes impacts to the surrounding sensitive habitat as well as the tidal Piscataqua River.</p>	Portsmouth NH	\$935