

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
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The Honorable Jeff Merkley
Chair
Subcommittee on Interior & Environment
Senate Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior & Environment
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Dear Chairman Leahy, Vice Chairman Shelby, Chair Merkley and Ranking Member Murkowski:

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 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies 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) Interior and Environment
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

| Recipient Name | Project Purpose | Project Location | Amount Requested (\$000) |
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| Town of Bedford | The Town of Bedford would use CDS funds to construct sanitary sewers in developed residential areas surrounding Sebbins Pond, which currently suffers from phosphorous and pH impairments. This project would restore water quality to Sebbins Pond, and eliminate pollution impacts from individual on-site wastewater disposal systems that currently service the densely developed residential area. | Bedford NH | \$1,000 |
| Lake Winnepesaukee Association | Funding for this project will support watershed planning for the last four bays in Lake Winnepesaukee. Lake Winnepesaukee Association has already completed analyses for the remaining six of the lake's 10 bays and have identified over 900 sites in need of mitigation. Completing the watershed studies will help them gain a whole lake understanding of the issues and a comprehensive approach for whole lake restoration. | Belknap County NH | \$500 |
| Town of Bristol | The Town of Bristol seeks funds for a force main replacements and a new municipal pump station that can support a larger wet well to handle the flow of sewage during prolonged power outages. | Bristol NH | \$1,050 |
| Town of Dery | The Town of Derry seeks a federal appropriation to assist with the extension of municipal sewer on Rte. 28 South in Derry. The project would make municipal sewer available to 105 acres of commercial land along the busy Rte. 28 South corridor. This project sets up infrastructure for residential development. | Derry NH | \$3,200 |
| City of Dover, NH | <p>The project will stabilize the entire site along the edge of Cochecho River from Washington Street southward along the river's edge. It will also extend a public river walkway across undeveloped city-owned downtown property connecting with trail system on conservation land located downstream. The project will utilize a living shoreline and best management practices (BMP's) for stormwater management and anticipation of sea-level rise. Finally, this project will facilitate public access to the river and long-envisioned development plans for the underutilized city parcel. This portion of Washington Street (from River to Towne Drive) is in very poor shape and is not intended to handle large volumes of traffic. This upgrade will allow for increased traffic routing options and provide an attractive alternative entrance for visitors to Maglaras Park. The design will transition the road from the urban core to the residential area of Henry Law Avenue. Further enhancements include raising the elevation of the property six feet to account for sea level rise, and restoration of the shoreland, which has eroded over time.</p> <p>This project will restrict erosion and improve public access to the Cochecho River in a safe and environmentally beneficial manner. The City will continue to own and manage the shoreline and will document data about usage of the existing and recreated paddle sports dock. The erosion can be monitored and documented via satellite imagery and through survey data.</p> <p>Metrics the City will track include usage of the park, the stability of the shoreline and construction of building pad sites six feet above current elevations.</p> | Dover NH | \$1,500 |
| City of Dover | The purpose of the water pipe project is to enhance water system resiliency by providing a connection between existing regional water systems in the New Hampshire communities of Rochester, Somersworth, Rollinsford, and Dover to the north of the proposed connection and the New Hampshire communities of Newington, Portsmouth, New Castle, Greenland, Rye, North Hampton, Hampton, and Seabrook to the south. The total population served by this project is 66,688 in the northern communities and 80,760 in the south for a total of 147,448. | Dover NH | \$2,500 |
| Town of Durham, Dept. of Public Works | This project would help to replace and rehabilitate aged culverts in Durham, NH, that currently have insufficient drainage capacity and have caused flooding and public safety hazards. The project would also restore aquatic organism passage through the new culverts to the Lamprey River, and raise the roadway elevations to meet flood elevation resiliency requirements. | Durham NH | \$2,500 |

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| Town of Durham, Public Works | The Town of Durham would use these CDS funds to implement a water tank mixing system, which is a common practice to improve water quality and tank turnover. The tank mixing systems would provide mixing of the water within the tank to eliminate stratification and improve water quality and water safety for the Durham, University of New Hampshire and Town of Lee customers. | Durham NH | \$550 |
| U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service | This project would support the federal acquisition of a conservation easement by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of priority lands in New Hampshire owned by the Bear Hill Conservancy as additions to the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, which spans the four-state Connecticut River watershed. | Grafton County NH | \$6,000 |
| Squam Lakes Association | This project would support the Squam Lakes Association in implementing the Squam Lake Watershed Plan. Specifically, this CDS allocation would support restoration projects to stabilize waterfronts, storm water management through erosion controls, culvert replacements, water retention and water treatment through rain gardens and similar natural filter enhancements. | Holderness NH | \$1,400 |
| Town of Jaffrey | The Town of Jaffrey seeks funds to replace the Wheeler neighborhood water main. The current infrastructure of the pipes is from the 1920s and contains lead and rust. Upgrading the infrastructure is critical for the town. | Jaffrey NH | \$1,000 |
| Southern District YMCA | SDYMCA Camp Lincoln seeks funds to repair and prevent future erosion at the beachfront area, walking trail, and Amphitheater. The project entails adding additional materials to stabilize eroding banks and trails, which will require materials, engineering, and labor. The Amphitheater requires the removal of all current benches and steps and the implementation of replacement materials to allow for proper drainage and prevent any future erosion. | Kingston NH | \$75 |
| City of Manchester, Department of Public Works | The Cemetery Brook Tunnel Project will greatly reduce combined sewer overflows (CSOs) to improve Merrimack River water quality, expand recreational opportunities and promote appropriate aquatic growth and sustainability. | Manchester NH | \$2,000 |
| Belknap County Conservation District | Funding is requested for replacement of inadequate Reservoir Road culvert on Reservoir Brook to meet projected 100-year stormwater capacity needs, reduce sediment and excess phosphorus contributed to Reservoir Brook and downstream to Lake Waukegan and improve aquatic organism passage. Reservoir Brook has a native Eastern brook trout population. Reducing excess sediment and nutrients in Reservoir Brook helps protect the water quality of Lake Waukegan and extends the capacity of the Monkey Pond wetland adjacent to Lake Waukegan to provide natural filtration of sediment and nutrients. | Meredith NH | \$150 |
| City of Nashua | To repair and restore the Hunt Memorial Building, which has leaking windows that are causing extensive damage and threatening recent interior repair work. | Nashua NH | \$485 |
| Town of Newport | The town of Newport seeks funds for and upgraded distribution system. This project would develop an additional water source on the north side of town to offset any issues with the southern water supply, thereby making the system more reliable and secure. This project would complete the engineering, permitting, and construction of a new well. Once permitted, the project would develop the well and pump station and connect to the current water system. | Newport NH | \$450 |
| City of Portsmouth | Funding for this project will allow for a regional study to engage all interested municipalities, regulators, landfill owners/operators, regional planning commissions and interested non-governmental organizations to find a long-term, cost effective and environmentally sound solution for biosolids management in southern New Hampshire. The study will examine potential future regulations, future demand, projected disposal costs and potential processes for volume reduction and/or PFAS destruction. | Portsmouth NH | \$1,500 |
| City of Portsmouth | The City of Portsmouth will use these CDS funds to implement a resiliency strategy for historic Prescott Park, including stabilizing and raising the existing seawall, installation of tide gates at all existing outfalls to prevent tidal backflow, regrading to concentrate flooding and direct runoff, construction of a new 24-inch diameter storm drain and upsizing the existing 24- inch diameter storm drain to a 36-inch pipe to provide additional system storage and discharge capacity. | Portsmouth NH | \$2,500 |

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| Town of Winchester | <p>The town of Winchester seeks funds to update their Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF) to include the addition of a second dewatering train for redundancy and a sludge dryer to transform the sludge to a marketable bio solids product for local distribution. Additionally, the project includes solar generation to offset the energy demands of the drying process and a green storm water infrastructure element.</p> | Winchester NH | \$1,880 |
| Town of Winchester | <p>The Booster Pump Station and water main replacement projects are crucial and should be addressed as soon as possible to prevent further deterioration of the system. The Booster Pump Station will create a separate pressure zone which will boost the pressure in that zone to meet minimum pressure requirements and eliminate negative pressures that currently result when breaks occur in other areas or when fire hydrants are used in other areas of Town. The existing water mains on Old Chesterfield Road, Howard Street, and Clark Road are in poor condition and have a history of breaks including multiple breaks in that last year alone. Replacing approximately 8,800 linear feet of water main with new 8-inch water main on these roads will improve the Town's ability to provide consistent, high-quality water to their customers. The new water mains will also help reduce non-revenue and unaccounted for water in the distribution system and improve reliability in the system. Construction of the Booster Pump Station will aim to increase system pressure in an area that currently experience slow and negative pressures. Upon completion of the project, the pressures in this part of Town will be within the industry standards for reliable water service and minimum pressure requirements as required by New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) regulations. The increase in pressure in this area will be measurable, and the pressure will be reported at the Booster Pump Station for monitoring. Replacing the water mains on Old Chesterfield Road, Howard Street, and Clark Road will eliminate a primary source of water main breaks and leaks on these roads. If the Town doesn't experience anymore water main breaks on these roads after completion of the project, then the project would be considered a success. The replacement of these water mains is also expected to reduce unaccounted for water in the system, which the Town will be able to track using their metering system.</p> | Winchester NH | \$1,920 |