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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
Chair
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural
Development, FDA and Related Agencies
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
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Washington, D.C. 20150

The Honorable John Hoeven
Ranking Member
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Dear Chair Baldwin and Ranking Member Hoeven,

I certify that neither I nor any members of my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the Fiscal Year 2022 Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA and Related Agencies bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sincerely,



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Heinrich, Martin(D-NM) Agriculture Congressionally Directed Spending Requests

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
New Mexico State University	<p>Limiting global warming below the 2°C thresholds set by the Paris Climate Agreement relies on reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to the atmosphere. Carbon (C) sequestration strategies must incorporate all major land-use types, i.e., croplands, rangelands, forests, and urban landscapes. Implementation of C sequestration and GHG mitigation on a large scale is complex because C dynamics vary with climatic conditions, soil types, and land management practices. This request would fund the Initiative on Carbon Management and Soil Health in Arid and Semi-Arid Environments at New Mexico State University (NMSU) to lead research, education, and outreach activities on natural climate solutions in arid and semi-arid agriculture. Requested funding will allow NMSU to stand up a proof-of-concept for C sequestration potential in arid and semi-arid croplands, rangelands, forests, and urban landscapes through demonstration projects at four NMSU Agricultural Science Centers located across the state, engage stakeholders through a C literacy program, and train graduate and undergraduate students, including Native Americans and other minority groups, in research and educational outreach activities. Outreach and education will be shared with agricultural producers working on arid and semi-arid lands in the broader southwestern U.S. region through partnership with NRCS state and regional offices and the USDA Southwest Climate Hub, which is headquartered on the NMSU campus in Las Cruces, NM, and serves Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah.</p>	Las Cruces NM	\$995
New Mexico State Library	<p>This request will provide the New Mexico State Library (NMSL) funding for computer devices, software, and headsets to provide 65 rural New Mexico public and Tribal libraries access to synchronous online distance learning and telemedicine access. Benefits from this project include: access to virtual instruction from the 800+ NM schools including Tribal schools offering indigenous language instruction; access to NMSL's distance learning databases for STEM education, which deliver virtual tutor instruction to K-12 students as well as freshman and sophomore college students in Spanish and English; synchronous online learning from 17 cultural and scientific institutions through the NM Department of Cultural Affairs; access to STEM instruction offered through the Department of Cultural Affairs and; access to telemedicine appointments for those libraries with private rooms or parking lots with WiFi. According to the NMSL, this project will serve 34 libraries located in exceptionally rural areas, 16 libraries located in rural areas, and 8 libraries located in mid rural areas. With schools closing during the pandemic, many of these libraries became the only internet access-point for many students to receive their education. Post Covid-19, libraries remain a rural community anchor where residents access high-speed Internet distant learning and telemedicine services.</p>	Sante Fe NM	\$791
Ben Archer Health Center	<p>This funding will expand Ben Archer Health Center's (BAHC) delivery of telehealth education to underserved, uninsured rural residents of southern New Mexico. The project would rely on end-user sites, which would be telecommunication hubs located in BACH clinics located in the rural areas of the Village of Hatch, Truth or Consequences (two sites), Village of Columbus, Deming and Alamogordo. At these sites, rural residents would have access via telecommunications to the Health Education and Access to Learning (HEAL) project, which delivers distance learning to rural and exceptionally rural individuals in Northern Dona Ana, Sierra, Otero and Luna Counties in New Mexico, all Medical, Dental and Behavioral Health Professional Shortage (HPSA) Areas.</p> <p>The HEAL Project will address barriers to care by providing virtual health education services including maternal child health education, parenting classes, patient advocacy education, patient navigation, and health literacy to the underserved, uninsured and geographically isolated residents within the four-county service area. Community health workers, health educators and medical staff will utilize the technology available within the classroom to facilitate interactions with patients that will promote health literacy. Health literacy topics that will be addressed with patients will include; new patient orientation to BACH, healthy lifestyle- healthy eating, physical activity, proper use of the emergency department, health insurance coverage, and patient self-advocacy.</p> <p>With requested funding, BAHC will develop virtual classrooms within Ben Archer Health Centers and will purchase necessary equipment that will allow for the provision of distance learning services.</p>	Hatch NM	\$104

Ohkay Owingeh Tribe	Requested funding will be utilized to complete the construction of the planned Ohkay Owingeh Outdoor Health and Education Facility. Project activities include installing electrical equipment, domestic water and sewer services, and a parking lot. Upon completion, this facility will provide community health and outdoor educational activities for Ohkay Owingeh residents and the surrounding rural communities in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. These improvements will provide County residents with a safe, outdoor educational space that will improve Ohkay Owingeh's pandemic resiliency.	Ohkay Owingeh NM	\$784
City of Sunland Park	This funding request would allow Sunland Park to fund the planning and design phase of a project to build a public safety complex that would house both the city fire department and the police department. This project would allow Sunland Park to: 1) decrease its National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) response time to the recommended standard of 4 minutes for Fire Suppression Incidents and Emergency Medical Incidents. 2) Decrease Fire and Emergency Service response time to areas most disproportionately impacted due to geographic proximity to emergency services, as identified by both the Sunland Park Fire Department and Sunland Park Police Department. 3) Increase local police response time for high priority calls to meet standards set by the Federal E-911 services provisions. Funding for this project would cover the costs for the preliminary Architectural Report (PAR), the feasibility study, the environmental report, and the design of the complex. The project was ranked #3 by the City Council in the FY2022 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP).	Sunland Park NM	\$500
One Generation - Indigenous Farm Hub	Project funding will be utilized by the Indigenous Farm Hub, focusing on sustainable and regenerative agricultural practices. In particular, funding would support activities at the new community training center, located in Corrales, New Mexico, that is dedicated to creating healthy and sustainable food systems, strengthening access to nutritious locally grown foods, building prosperity for beginning farmers and ranchers, and vitalizing Indigenous languages and cultures through agriculture. These activities will also support the state's Beginning Farmer and Rancher, Farm to School, and Local Food Promotion programs.	Albuquerque NM	\$100
The Natl. Latino Farmers and Ranchers Trade Ass.	These funds will be used to educate and train aspiring small farmers and ranchers in New Mexico to remain and be encouraged to pursue careers in agriculture. As we know the mean average small farmer rancher population is 68 years of age, which means this decade is significant for retention and stability in the profession. Outreach efforts directly focused on the school based opportunities for students to gain on the ground, hands in the dirt experiences. Which in turn promotes accessible fresh produce from the gardens at the local level. Funding will be directed towards infrastructure development and build out of Covid Safe and ADA Accessible gardens.	Bernalillo County NM	\$50
Village of Questa	This request would allow the Village of Questa to build a fire station. Currently the fire department primarily serves the Village of Questa and assists with regional fires in areas including Amalia, Costilla, Red River, Latir, Cerro, and San Cristobal. By building a fully equipped fire station that includes four bays for emergency vehicles and storage, the fire department will be able to improve response times and better serve our population through fire prevention programs and improve medical emergency response services.	Questa NM	\$1,000
Sandoval County, New Mexico	This request would allow Sandoval County to build an Emergency Operations Center. Sandoval County started proactively designing a Public Safety Complex in 2018 to address the needs of the ever increasing community that would include an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) as well as free up space in the current judicial complex and allow for the expansion of the 13th Judicial District Court which has added an additional judge to the court due to the growing population. The EOC in particular is needed to provide the proper emergency functions that a local government should be able to deliver to its residents during the time of a crisis, like what we saw in 2020 with the global COVID 19 pandemic.	Sandoval County NM	\$3,000
Not Forgotten Outreach, Inc.	This request would allow Taos Community Foundation and Not Forgotten Outreach to fund the VetCorps program. VetCorps addresses Veteran related challenges including Post Traumatic Stress (PTS), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Military Sexual Trauma (MTS), and suicidal ideation by combining agriculture training with mental health resources to improve whole health.	Taos County NM	\$300
City of Bayard	This request would allow the City of Bayard to rehabilitate a water storage tank. The water tank rehabilitation will include design, rehabilitation and construction of components of a water storage tank, including recoating of the interior and exterior surfaces, replacement of valves, project engineering services and any other work required with tank rehabilitation.	City of Bayard NM	\$63