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April 21, 2026

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations  
S-128, the Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations  
S-128, the Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Capito and Ranking Member Baldwin:

As you consider the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you consider the attached requests for Congressionally Directed Spending for federal agencies. These requests will support programs that are critical to the people of New Mexico.

None of the entities for which I have requested congressionally directed spending are for-profit entities. Further, 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 2027 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,



Ben Ray Luján  
United States Senator

**Luján, Ben Ray(D-NM) Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education  
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

<b>Recipient Name</b>	<b>Project Purpose</b>	<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Amount Requested (\$000)</b>
City of Albuquerque	For the expansion of the City of Albuquerque's Gateway Center First Responder Receiving Area.	Albuquerque NM	\$2,000
National Institute of Flamenco	For the National Institute of Flamenco's Youth Development Initiative.	Albuquerque NM	\$500
Explora	For career-focused programs at the Explora teen workforce development center.	Albuquerque NM	\$275
Center of Southwest Culture, Inc	For a Regenerative Agriculture & Ranching Program for the Center of Southwest Culture.	Albuquerque NM	\$225
Central New Mexico Community College	For Central New Mexico Community College's Quantum Networking.	Albuquerque NM	\$1,264
City of Albuquerque	Opportunity Works by Job Training Albuquerque (JTA)	Albuquerque NM	\$450
Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless, Inc.	For strategic facilities planning for Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless.	Albuquerque NM	\$2,850
Central New Mexico Community College	For the Central New Mexico Community College's Air Traffic Controller (ATC) Program	Albuquerque NM	\$2,500
Bernalillo County	For Bernalillo County's South Valley Behavioral Health Clinic	Bernalillo County NM	\$2,000
Bernalillo County	For youth workforce development in Bernalillo County.	Bernalillo County NM	\$1,000
Catron County Cares	For Catron County Cares rural health workforce.	Catron County NM	\$300
Catron County Cares	For Catron County Cares Rural Health Infrastructure.	Catron County NM	\$400
City of Clovis	For the City of Clovis' Horizon Crisis Triage Center	Clovis NM	\$2,000
Doña Ana Community College	For Doña Ana Community College's AIM HIGH Initiative.	Doña Ana County NM	\$837
The Bridge of Southern New Mexico	For The Bridge of Southern New Mexico's Pre-Apprenticeship Initiative	Doña Ana County NM	\$300
Gadsden Independent School District	To expand hands-on STEM education across Gadsden Independent School District.	Doña Ana County NM	\$789
New Mexico State University / Doña Ana Community College	For Healthcare Simulation and Extended Reality (XR) Technology for Doña Ana Community College.	Doña Ana County NM	\$990
La Clinica de Familia	For La Clinica de Familia's Mesquite Health Center Construction Project.	Doña Ana County NM	\$1,665
Moving Arts Española	For Moving Arts Española's youth internships & creative arts education program.	Española NM	\$300
Presbyterian Health Services	For a MRI Machine for Presbyterian Española Hospital.	Española NM	\$1,400
Cenikor Foundation	For Cenikor Foundation's behavioral health services in Farmington.	Farmington NM	\$208

Gila Regional Medical Center	For ambulances for Gila Regional Medical Center.	Grant County NM	\$642
New Mexico State University	For the New Mexico State University Resilience, Opportunities, and Ongoing Training for Sustainability (ROOTS) Program.	Las Cruces NM	\$2,200
Reading Is Fundamental, Inc.	For New Mexico Reading Is Fundamental Children's Literacy Initiative.	Las Cruces NM	\$1,000
Luna Community College	For Luna Community College Nursing Skills and Simulation Laboratory Modernization.	Las Vegas NM	\$237
Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Foundation	For a Kinship Caregiver Support Project.	Los Alamos NM	\$750
Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments	For the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments' Industrial Workforce Program (IWP).	McKinley County NM	\$1,500
Northern New Mexico Foundation	For Northern New Mexico College iSostenga! Center.	Rio Arriba County NM	\$233
Bridge to Health NM	For Bridge to Health NM's Senior Service Program in Rio Arriba County.	Rio Arriba County NM	\$138
San Juan College	For San Juan College HVAC Training Lab Equipment.	San Juan County NM	\$79
Save the Children Federation, Inc.	For Save the Children's Northern New Mexico Literacy Improvement Project.	San Juan County NM	\$850
R4Creating	For R4Creating's STEM, AI & Space Workforce Innovation Project.	Sandoval County NM	\$300
Pueblo of Santa Ana	For the Pueblo of Santa Ana's Social Services Expansion Project.	Santa Ana Pueblo NM	\$365
New Mexico 211	For New Mexico 211's Family Stability Project	Santa Fe NM	\$744
New Mexico Health Care Authority	For the New Mexico Health Care Authority's Certified Peer Support Workforce Expansion.	Santa Fe NM	\$1,000
Esperanza Shelter	For Esperanza Shelter Forensic Exam Room.	Santa Fe NM	\$125
Touro University	To support Touro University's Rural Dental Education Initiative.	Santa Fe County NM	\$944
Santa Fe County	For Santa Fe County's Regional Youth Behavioral Health Center.	Santa Fe County NM	\$700
La Familia Medical Center	For La Familia Medical Center's Southside Medical Clinic Expansion	Santa Fe County NM	\$3,133
Santa Rosa Consolidated Schools	For Santa Rosa Consolidated Schools Entrepreneur Training Program.	Santa Rosa NM	\$378
Bernalillo Public Schools	For Santo Domingo Elementary School communications technology.	Santo Domingo Pueblo NM	\$290
Center for Health Innovation - Public Health Institute (CHI-PHI)	To strengthen New Mexico's Healthcare Workforce Pipeline.	Silver City NM	\$923
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	For New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology's STEM Center.	Socorro County NM	\$1,450
University of New Mexico	For the University of New Mexico to purchase gene sequencing equipment.	State-wide NM	\$1,000
University of New Mexico	For the University of New Mexico's early childhood workforce project.	Statewide NM	\$492

Communities in Schools of New Mexico	For Communities in Schools of New Mexico's statewide yellow ribbon youth suicide prevention program.	Statewide NM	\$212
Adult & Teen Challenge of New Mexico	For Adult & Teen Challenge Substance Use Disorders Treatment & Recovery Initiative.	Statewide NM	\$1,025
Joint Task Force Sports	For Joint Task Force Sports Veteran Suicide Prevention Initiative	Statewide NM	\$1,000
National Dance Institute of New Mexico, Inc.	For National Dance Institute of New Mexico's Outreach Program	Statewide NM	\$250
New Mexico State University	To support New Mexico State University's Papen-Aprendamos Autism Diagnostic Center.	Statewide NM	\$1,561
Global Give-A-Book	For Global Give-A-Book's literacy initiative.	Statewide NM	\$394
InclusivityWorks	For specialized legal ASL interpreter training to strengthen communication access in New Mexico court and legal settings.	Statewide NM	\$200
STEMarts Lab	For STEMarts Lab Space Futures Initiative	Statewide NM	\$175
Hispano Roundtable of New Mexico	For the New Mexico Hispano Roundtable & New Mexico ENLACE 's Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics (STEAM) Program	Statewide NM	\$500
National Forest Foundation	Acequia Youth Conservation Corps	Statewide NM	\$500
State of New Mexico's Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department -- Energy Conservation and Management Division	For the State of New Mexico to provide HVAC Contractor Training.	Statewide NM	\$1,000
LANL Foundation	For the LANL Foundation's Career Training Services.	Statewide NM	\$500
New Mexico Aging and Long Term Services Department	For the New Mexico Aging and Long Term Services Department's Enterprise System Modernization Project	Statewide NM	\$1,225
Future Focused Education	For Future Focused Education's Transition Framework for Young People with Disabilities.	Statewide NM	\$250
Education, Learning, and Technology Foundation	For the Education, Learning, and Technology Foundation's Career Readiness Initiative	Statewide NM	\$2,485
Santa Fe Children's Museum	For the Santa Fe Children's Museum's Headstart Initiative.	Statewide NM	\$175
Institute for Applied Ecology	For the Institute for Applied Ecology's Forest Bound Environmental Education Program.	Statewide NM	\$38
Pegasus Legal Services for Children	For the Pegasus Legal Services for Children's Safety Capacity Project	Statewide NM	\$550
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps	For an agriculture and workforce development program for the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps.	Taos NM	\$1,068
Lifeshouse Carlsbad, Inc.	To expand Lifeshouse Carlsbad's sober living services in Taos.	Taos NM	\$1,103