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The Honorable Jeff Merkley
Chairman
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Senate Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Merkley,

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 2024 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,



Lisa Murkowski
Ranking Member

**Murkowski, Lisa(R-AK) Interior and Environment
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
City and Borough of Juneau	This project will add capacity and improve treatment efficiency.	City and Borough of Juneau AK	\$5,004
Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission	This project will identify and prioritize critical minerals on abandoned mines and material sites conveyed to Ahtna as an operation of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.	Ahtna Region AK	\$998
Abbott Loop Community Council (ALCC)	The project is for the removal and disposal of contaminated soils at Spruce Park located in Anchorage, Alaska. The community has used this area as a recreational site since 2006 but studies show high levels of PCB and lead contamination from previous use.	Anchorage AK	\$1,200
Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility	Replace failing private wells with reliable public water service.	Anchorage AK	\$7,000
Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility	Replace failing private failing septic systems with public sewer collection and treatment.	Anchorage AK	\$6,000
Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility	Replace failing private septic systems with reliable and safe public sewer service.	Anchorage AK	\$1,000
Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility	Replace failing private wells with reliable public water service.	Anchorage AK	\$1,750
Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility	Construct a regional water pipeline to improve emergency and fire protection water transmission and supply.	Anchorage AK	\$1,200
Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility	Replace a failed private community well and distribution system with a more resilient and safe public water system.	Anchorage AK	\$6,500
Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility	Improve water pressure for existing customers	Anchorage AK	\$3,750
University of Alaska System	For the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) to research the relationship between rock glaciers and downstream water quality through an interdisciplinary comparative field program.	Anchorage AK	\$239
Cook Inlet Tribal Council - Clare Swan Early Learning Center	To prevent the further loss of Native languages the Division of Economic Development provides the opportunity for Tribes to receive funding to document and revitalize languages that are at risk of disappearing because of a declining native-speaker population.	Anchorage AK	\$200
Alaska Native Heritage Center	Lach'qu Sukdu proposes to execute an Indigenous Boarding School Information Audit focused on clearly reporting upon the joint efforts of governmental and ecclesial institutions to colonize and assimilate Alaska Native children.	Anchorage AK	\$631
Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, Inc.	To prevent the further loss of Native languages the Division of Economic Development provides the opportunity for Tribes to receive funding to document and revitalize languages that are at risk of disappearing because of a declining native-speaker population.	Anchorage & Unalaska AK	\$210
Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility	Provide emergency supply of safe drinking water to residents during emergencies and natural disasters.	Anchorage, Eagle River, Girdwood AK	\$1,750

Metlakatla Indian Community	To assess and make improvements of drainage systems.	Annette Island Reserve AK	\$5,802
Metlakatla Indian Community	MIC plans to add additional municipal water storage tanks to protect the health and safety of the community during an extended water interruption or outage.	Annette Island Reserve (Metlakatla) AK	\$600
Metlakatla Indian Community	To make improvements to the Community's water system.	Annette Islands Reserve AK	\$16,800
City of Bethel	The purpose of this project is to remove the numerous derelict vessels found at Steamboat Slough to prevent public and environmental health risks.	Bethel, Kuskokwim River southeast of Bethel AK	\$8,251
City of Angoon	The City of Angoon needs assistance improving their community landfill and waste management system, including the storage and transportation of solid waste.	City of Angoon AK	\$3,000
City of Craig	The purpose of this project is to engineer and redesign the water system with targeted upgrades to improve capacity, efficiency, and resiliency of water treatment for the City of Craig.	City of Craig AK	\$3,000
City of Dillingham	This project will expand capacity and improve operations of the City's landfill.	City of Dillingham AK	\$4,720
City of Fairbanks	To protect public health and the environment by utilizing a biosolids treatment unit.	City of Fairbanks AK	\$1,500
City of Homer	This project replaces vulnerable water mains with earthquake-resilient HDPE pipes and builds a 250,000-gallon water storage tank.	City of Homer, Kenai Peninsula Borough AK	\$1,931
City of Homer	This project replaces the Beluga Lift Station, a critical piece of the city wastewater system.	City of Homer, Kenai Peninsula Borough AK	\$2,000
City of Homer	Water quality improvement and erosion mitigation project to protect Kachemak Bay water quality and mitigate coastal erosion.	City of Homer, Kenai Peninsula Borough AK	\$1,890
City of Kake	The project will provide remediation for a highly contaminated former school building in Kake, Alaska, through removing building debris and contaminated soil.	City of Kake AK	\$3,614
City of Ketchikan	The purpose of this project is to rehabilitate 40-year-old failing sewer main pipes and replace water main pipes that have suffered salt water caused corrosion.	City of Ketchikan AK	\$4,400
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	This project will eliminate failing sewer mains from throughout Forest Park Drive in order to reduce infiltration and inflow and eliminate mains with deformation and bellies that cause grease build-up and backup.	City of Ketchikan, Ketchikan Gateway Borough AK	\$3,840
City of Kiana	This project will update 50-year-old lines, pumps, manholes, and other needed infrastructure in the city's water and sewer system.	City of Kiana AK	\$500
City of Kodiak	To replace Kodiak's aging wastewater treatment plant which has not been upgraded since 1999.	City of Kodiak AK	\$1,900
City of Nome	This project will replace failing sections of potable water and wastewater mains, attributable to climate change that is thawing and settling the ice-rich permafrost beneath the pipes.	City of Nome AK	\$7,274
City of North Pole	The City of North Pole seeks to replace its primary water main system that provides clean drinking water to almost 1,600 homes.	City of North Pole AK	\$6,534

City of Pelican	To make improvements to the City's septic tank and disposal system.	City of Pelican AK	\$4,000
City of Seward	To upgrade the water utilities in the City.	City of Seward, Kenai Peninsula Borough AK	\$1,650
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	To replace critical water lines in Downtown Talkeetna.	City of Talkeetna, Matanuska-Susitna Borough AK	\$7,500
City of Unalaska	To improve the resiliency of the water distribution network with a water line replacement to better serve users located along the Captain's Bay Road corridor.	City of Unalaska AK	\$3,400
City of Wasilla	The project would make improvements to the City's stormwater management.	City of Wasilla AK	\$2,800
City of Whittier	The purpose of this project is to perform a partial building assessment and remediate the contamination in the Buckner Building of Whittier, Alaska. There is significant concern regarding the building's high level of asbestos, lead, PCBs, and petroleum contamination.	City of Whittier AK	\$5,000
City of Whittier	This project will complete a loop to improve the delivery of drinking water to the western area of Whittier.	City of Whittier AK	\$1,950
Denali Borough	The 2022 Parks Highway PEL Study recommended constructing separated pedestrian pathways along the Parks Highway corridor between mileposts (MP) 203 and 259. These pathways were broken into five separate "community connector" sections that knit together the communities of Denali National Park.	Denali Borough AK	\$640
City of Dillingham	To address the erosion at Snag Point placing the city's sewer lagoon at risk.	Dillingham AK	\$10,000
Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility	Replace failing septic systems with reliable and safe public sewer service.	Eagle River AK	\$3,125
Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility	Provide a secondary water supply source to an existing community at risk of water service loss.	Eagle River AK	\$6,500
Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility	Provide an adequate amount of emergency water supply to existing customers. This project, in north Eagle River, will construct a 5-million-gallon fire protection water storage tank	Eagle River AK	\$10,000
Native Village of Eklutna	Relocating the Eklutna River channel from the current channel to a previous dry channel to create a better path for all five Alaskan species of migrating salmon to pass with less gradient and more off-channel habitat.	Eklutna AK	\$8,650
University of Alaska Fairbanks	For the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) to acquire a radiocarbon dating instrument and conduct research on identifying rare earth elements, volcano and earthquake activity, and mercury concentrations in food.	Fairbanks AK	\$3,500
Friends of SS Nenana	The SS Nenana is the last remaining sternwheeler in Alaska. She supplied Alaska villages, goldmines, and military bases with food and building supplies. She is on the National Register of Historic Places and a National Historic Landmark.	Fairbanks AK	\$500
Doyon Foundation	To prevent the further loss of Native languages the Division of Economic Development provides the opportunity for Tribes to receive funding to document and revitalize languages that are at risk of disappearing because of a declining native-speaker population.	Fairbanks AK	\$96

Fairbanks North Star Borough	To construct two dedicated storage tanks for ULSD #2 to mitigate the existing adverse impacts of the Serious SIP on Interior Alaska and fuel availability during winter months. The tanks would be of double wall/floor construction, insulated and equipped with an Internal Floating Roof (IFR) to limit	Fairbanks North Star Borough AK	\$18,000
Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility	Replace a failing private water service with safe and reliable public water service.	Girdwood AK	\$300
City of Gustavus	The purpose of this project is to construct a new main building for the Gustavus Disposal & Recycling Center.	Gustavus AK	\$3,027
Haines Borough	This funding is for water and sewer upgrades for the Haines Borough's new community facility.	Haines Borough AK	\$2,000
City of Hoonah	The project will extend the sewer connection line from Hoonah's new wastewater treatment plant to Icy Strait Point, to decommission the old plant, end raw sewage transport across the city, and support high levels of cruise activity at ISP. The current system is expensive, inefficient, and risky.	Hoonah AK	\$3,224
Sealaska Heritage Institute	To prevent the further loss of Native languages the Division of Economic Development provides the opportunity for Tribes to receive funding to document and revitalize languages that are at risk of disappearing because of a declining native-speaker population.	Juneau AK	\$300
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	This project would replace aging main lines in the South Tongass area of Ketchikan, that have failed many times in the last decade.	Ketchikan, Ketchikan Gateway Borough AK	\$1,500
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Funding for this project would allow for mitigation of flooding and erosion.	Matanuska-Susitna Borough AK	\$3,500
Municipality of Skagway	This project will extend public sewer and water systems over a mile into the Klondike District to provide utilities to underserved residents in this rural area.	Municipality of Skagway AK	\$10,395
Native Village of Hooper Bay	The Native Village of Hooper Bay needs assistance for a community-wide waste collection system, improve volume reduction, and support backhaul services for an exposed landfill.	Native Village of Hooper Bay AK	\$1,500
Native Village of Nelson Lagoon	This project will replace a corroded and weather-damaged 600,000-gallon water storage tank in the tribal community of Nelson Lagoon.	Native Village of Nelson Lagoon AK	\$2,315
Kawerak, Inc. – Katirvik Cultural Center	To prevent the further loss of Native languages the Division of Economic Development provides the opportunity for Tribes to receive funding to document and revitalize languages that are at risk of disappearing because of a declining native-speaker population.	Nome AK	\$300
City of North Pole	To make improvements to the treatment of wastewater effluent.	North Pole AK	\$386
Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Supports a cooperative and comprehensive response to widespread decline of salmon abundances including research, assessment and enhancement activities to rebuild salmon populations to levels capable of sustaining the communities that depend on subsistence, commercial and recreational uses of salmon.	Norton Sound, Yukon, Kuskokwim, Nushagak, and Kenai Rivers AK	\$2,000
Municipality of Skagway	The Skagway incinerator is aging and in need of replacement to service the waste management needs of the community.	Skagway AK	\$7,000

Municipality of Skagway	The Incinerator is aging and in need of replacement, and a backup solid waste disposal method is needed while the Incinerator is disabled.	Skagway AK	\$9,300
Alaska Division of Forestry	To provide funding to carry out fuels reduction projects that align with community wildfire protection plans.	Statewide AK	\$3,500
Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys	To collect baseline data on Alaska's geothermal energy potential and make it available to the public to spur exploration and development investment. Alaskans need reliable and affordable renewable energy. Part of this need could be satisfied by clean, renewable geothermal energy.	Statewide AK	\$1,000
Denali Commission	The project will address waste and contamination removal from small, isolated communities in Alaska, by outfitting a barge with waste removal, soil, and water treatment equipment.	Statewide, Aleutians East Borough AK	\$9,700
Sunshine Community Health Center	To create a Talkeetna watering station where rural residents without clean drinking water can fill up their portable water containers with safe, potable water.	Talkeetna AK	\$400
Talkeetna Historical Society	To preserve history for future generations. The schoolhouse is one of the last of its kind built by the federal government in the 1930s. It houses stories and artifacts of the upper Susitna Valley. For people to know their roots, we need to preserve these stories as well as the structures themselves	Talkeetna AK	\$500
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	To replace critical water lines in South Talkeetna.	Talkeetna, Matanuska-Susitna Borough AK	\$6,500
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	To construct a new water storage tank and well pump house.	Talkeetna, Matanuska-Susitna Borough AK	\$2,700
US Forest Service, Chugach National Forest	To complete the Turnagain Pass Construction project.	Turnagain Arm AK	\$2,500
The Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska	To repair a historic building that is a critical part of the Aleutian Islands WWII National Historic Area.	Unalaska AK	\$550
Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium	To provide first time running water and wastewater collection to 93 homes.	Village of Chefornak AK	\$6,400
Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium	To provide first time running water and wastewater collection to 107 homes.	Village of Kongiganak AK	\$7,800
Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium	To provide first time running water and wastewater collection to 87 homes.	Village of Mekoryuk AK	\$5,600
Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium	To provide first time running water and wastewater collection to 80 homes.	Village of Teller AK	\$12,200
City of Wasilla	The project would upgrade the aging and undersized Wasilla wastewater treatment system from customer septic tanks all the way to the treatment plant.	Wasilla AK	\$12,922
City of Wasilla	The project would upgrade the aging and undersized Wasilla municipal potable water system to provide safe, reliable, and sustainable water to the city residents, visitors and businesses that serve over 108,000 people in the Mat-Su Valley.	Wasilla AK	\$15,100
City & Borough of Wrangell	To replace the community's aged and inefficient water treatment plant with a new facility in order to provide safer drinking water as well as better accommodate community changes in demand for water.	Wrangell AK	\$2,500

City and Borough of Yakutat	To provide expanded water and sewer systems in the community of Yakutat.	Yakutat AK	\$4,180
Ocean Conservancy	This project will support a pilot program for backhaul of marine debris from multiple remote coastal communities in Alaska, likely including Dutch Harbor, St. George, St. Paul, Pt. Heiden, Nome, and Yakutat.	statewide AK	\$2,100
State of Alaska, Alaska Department of Fish and Game	In river monitoring of mortality, changes to fecundity, changes to the health and survival of eggs, and other processes	statewide AK	\$2,000