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The Honorable Patty Murray
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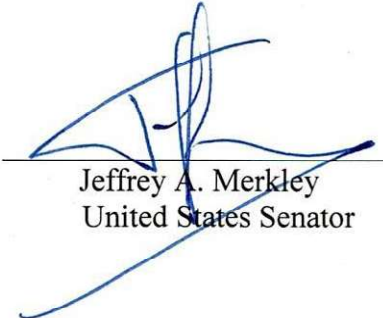
The Honorable Susan Collins
Vice-Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Ranking Member
Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
Appropriations Subcommittee
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Murray, Vice-Chair Collins, 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 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,



Jeffrey A. Merkley
United States Senator

**Merkley, Jeff(D-OR) Interior and Environment
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
City of Sumpter	Funds will be used to install a new water transmission mainline and install functioning, radio-read water meters at every connection in the the city of Sumpter.	Baker County OR	\$1,361
Benton County	Funds will be used for the the design and construction of upgrades and improvements to two unincorporated rural communities in Benton County.	Benton County OR	\$1,152
Benton County	Funds will be used for improvements to rural water and wastewater facilities including The Alsea Water District and The Hidden Valley Water District.	Benton County OR	\$849
City of Monroe	Funds will be used to improve aging infrastructure in the City of Monroe's water system.	Benton County OR	\$2,193
City of Estacada	Funding will be used to replace the City of Estacada's outdated and undersized wastewater treatment plant.	Clackamas County OR	\$2,000
United States Forest Service	Funding would be used to replace roofing material with a fire-proof manufactured shake, the underlayment weather barrier materials, and also make seismic upgrades to the rafters.	Clackamas County OR	\$6,000
City of Molalla	Funding will be used to replace the City of Molalla's outdated wastewater treatment plant.	Clackamas County OR	\$2,000
City of West Linn	Funds would be used to replace the main drinking water pipe for the city of West Linn.	Clackamas County OR	\$2,000
Northwest Forest Conservancy	Funding would be used for repairs, maintenance, and upgrades for the safe and continued use of the Bagby Hot Springs by the public.	Clackamas County OR	\$2,100
City of Astoria	Funding would upgrade a nearly 100 year old 6" cast-iron waterline to a more resilient 12" pipe.	Clatsop County OR	\$1,895
City of Warrenton	Funding would be used to improve treatment and disposal of additional wastewater and septage at a wastewater facility.	Clatsop County OR	\$2,875
City of Clatskanie	This funding will be used to support site preparation at the new Wastewater Treatment Plant site.	Columbia County OR	\$3,000
Oregon Department of State Lands	Funds will be used to support a contracted planning effort to develop the recreational and educational programs	Coos County OR	\$500
Oregon State University	Funding would be used to procure and install instrumentation to monitor forest carbon cycling and to pilot a monitoring protocol for climate smart forest practices.	Coos County OR	\$2,454
City of Prineville	Funding would extend water and sewer lines to connect homes to city water and to city sewer, as well as construction of two million-gallon water storage reservoirs and two booster pump stations.	Crook County OR	\$1,000
Curry Soil and Water Conservation District	Funding would be used to treat and remove invasive gorse and convert around 300 acres of treated ground into desirable vegetation to mitigate catastrophic wildfire.	Curry County OR	\$471
Tumalo Irrigation District	Funds will be used to provide more reliable irrigation water to farms and ranches in the Tumalo Irrigation District (TID).	Deschutes County OR	\$3,500
City of Redmond, Oregon	Funding will be used to begin construction of a required sewer plant interceptor line that is part of a larger sewage treatment project within the City of Redmond.	Deschutes County OR	\$2,000

City of Myrtle Creek	Funding would be used to replace failing steel and Asbestos Cement (AC) water lines with new lines that meet today's standards and allow for adequate water capacity to fire hydrants.	Douglas County OR	\$2,378
City of Oakland, OR	Funds will be used to convert an existing recycled water holding pond and distribution system to a freshwater reservoir storage and distribution system.	Douglas County OR	\$5,609
United States Geological Survey	Funding would be used to complete the estimates of groundwater budgets for Oregon basins in order to understand the conditions of groundwater throughout the state.	Harney County OR	\$500
High Desert Partnership	Funding would be used to purchase and install critical infrastructure to reduce invasive carp spawning and facilitate easier capture.	Harney County OR	\$277
City of Hines	Funds will be used to plan, design and construct a wastewater system extension for the city of Hines.	Harney County OR	\$1,840
Mt. Hood National Forest	Funding would modify, improve, and stabilize existing winter trails, and program welcome areas to modernize, improve safety, and expand capacity.	Hood River County OR	\$360
Rogue River Watershed Council	Funding would go toward five restoration projects in Southern Oregon, reconnecting, restoring, and increasing habitat for endangered Coho Salmon and numerous other species.	Jackson County OR	\$1,614
City of Medford	Funds will be used to establish a regional facility for the disposal of fats, oils, and greases at Medford's Regional Water Reclamation Facility, which would serve the entire Rogue Valley.	Jackson County OR	\$2,500
JPR Foundation, Inc	Funding would support infrastructure improvements and the purchase of modern equipment and technology systems necessary to complete the restoration of the Holly Theatre and open it as a community performing arts center.	Jackson County OR	\$500
City of Grants Pass	Funds will be used to install a large diameter transmission main water line which was identified as critical to the overall function of the water system in the area of Grants Pass.	Josephine County OR	\$3,104
City of Chiloquin	Funds will be used to modernize Chiloquin's wastewater collection and treatment system.	Klamath County OR	\$4,340
University of Oregon	Funding would be used for camera placement, curation of sharable data and graphics, and technical coordination of systems to monitor, detect, and mitigate wildfires.	Lane County OR	\$610
Lane County	Funds will go towards building critical wastewater infrastructure, including laying approximately 9 miles of pipe and includes four pump stations.	Lane County OR	\$5,000
Eugene Water & Electric Board	Funds will be used to support fuels reduction work on a landscape scale in high-risk priority areas in the McKenzie River Valley.	Lane County OR	\$1,000
City of Albany, Oregon	Funds will be used for Phase 3 of the Interceptor project which will construct 2,400 feet of 24-inch sewer main including approximately 500 feet that will be bored under Interstate 5.	Linn County OR	\$2,100
City of Sweet Home	Funding would be used to improve Sweet Home's wastewater treatment system to comply with the EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requirements.	Linn County OR	\$3,441
Owyhee Irrigation District	Funding would upgrade two Snake River pumping facilities to increase irrigation flow efficiencies, conserve power, and improve water quality protection.	Malheur County OR	\$2,513
Marion County	This funding would support design and construction of the force main of the regional sewer lift station in the City of Gates.	Marion County OR	\$3,000

City of Stayton	This funding will be used to replace and upsize priority aging sewer lines, as identified in the City of Stayton's recently updated Sewer Master Plan.	Marion County OR	\$2,000
City of Aumsville	This funding would be used to support the City of Aumsville's effort to build a new mechanical wastewater treatment plant to replace their 60 year old sludge lagoon.	Marion County OR	\$3,000
City of Stayton	Funds will go towards stormwater infrastructure improvements for the City of Stayton.	Marion County OR	\$2,000
Morrow County	Funds will provide residences in Morrow County assistance with nitrate-contaminated drinking water.	Morrow County OR	\$1,320
Port of Morrow	Funds will be used to expand the Port of Morrow's wastewater infrastructure to reduce nitrogen levels in reclaimed water.	Morrow County OR	\$3,120
USDA Forest Service (Region 6)	Funding would restore trails to expand access to the outdoor recreation and increase the economic impact and sustainability of Oregon's outdoor recreation economy.	Multnomah County OR	\$1,327
Human Access Project	Funding will be used for technical assistance to develop a channel to mitigate threats to environmental and human health caused by harmful algal blooms.	Multnomah County OR	\$100
City of Gresham	Funding will be used to improve a Wastewater Treatment Plant so as to allow for the removal of ammonia, a byproduct of semiconductor manufacturing.	Multnomah County OR	\$5,000
Portland State University	Funding would be used to update global and state ranks for 275 nonvascular and vascular plants, and 125 animal species of conservation concern in Oregon.	Multnomah County OR	\$1,193
City of Dallas, Oregon	Funds will go towards planning, design, permitting, and some construction costs associated with building a new 3 million gallon potable water reservoir.	Polk County OR	\$2,000
City of Independence, OR	Funds will be used to install a new water main with a goal of serving existing population more safely.	Polk County OR	\$880
City of Grass Valley Oregon	Funds will be used to establish a sewer system in the city of Grass Valley.	Sherman County OR	\$2,000
Tillamook County	This funding will be used to construct new sewer trunk line, a new lift station, and a pressure main.	Tillamook County OR	\$2,000
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	Funding will be used to install a wastewater treatment plant that will produce class A recycled water for non-potable uses.	Umatilla County OR	\$3,000
City of Milton-Freewater, Oregon	Funds will be used to drill a new basalt well to supply water to the south pressure zone in the City of Milton-Freewater.	Umatilla County OR	\$2,055
Umatilla County	Funding will be used to build a pipeline that will go under Interstate 82 to tie into Westland Irrigation District (WID) in Umatilla County.	Umatilla County OR	\$2,130
Wallowa Lake Irrigation District	Funding would replace a diversion structure with a new facility providing effective upstream and downstream passage for fish.	Wallowa County OR	\$2,000
Wallowa County	Funding would be used to make improvements to a five mile portion of the byway from the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest boundary to the Salt Creek Summit Snow Park.	Wallowa County OR	\$4,000
Wallowa Resources	Funding would be used to improve Bull trout and Kokanee salmon habitat and reduce flooding.	Wallowa County OR	\$300
City of Mosier	Funding will be used to establish a new emergency backup source of water for the City of Mosier.	Wasco County OR	\$525
Wasco County Soil & Water Conservation District	Funds will be used to create a system to capture high winter stream flows in Fifteenmile Creek and store them in a basalt aquifer to be used to supplement low summer stream flows.	Wasco County OR	\$1,563

Tooley Water District	Funds will be used to drill a new well for the Tooley Water District.	Wasco County OR	\$1,229
Pine Grove Water District Wasco County	Funds will be used to construct a new well, pump station, and 1,100 linear feet of piping to connect into a new Water System in the Pine Grove.	Wasco County OR	\$1,822
City of Hillsboro	Funding would be used to begin the pipeline mitigation system project, which would cover design costs and a geotechnical study.	Washington County OR	\$2,240
City of Sherwood	Funding will be used to replace undersized clay sanitary mainline pipes within the City of Sherwood.	Washington County OR	\$1,830
Clean Water Services	Funding will be used to increase capacity in sewer trunk lines and Forest Grove Water Resource Recovery Facility to treat peak flows.	Washington County OR	\$4,960
City of Forest Grove	Funds will be used to purchase and install an emergency electrical intertie to guarantee a redundant water source in the event of any transmission line failure.	Washington County OR	\$2,000
City of Sherwood	Funds will be used for design, easement acquisition, and purchase and installation of approximately 1,100 feet of 12-inch pipe to replace aging and undersized 6-inch sanitary mainline pipes in SW Sherwood.	Washington County OR	\$600
Tualatin Valley Water District	Funding will be used to purchase two thousand Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) units; AMI provides a number of important functions such as the ability to automatically and remotely monitor water use.	Washington County OR	\$1,500
Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD)	Funding would be used to increase capacity to mitigate wildfire, including having readily accessible equipment and tools to use throughout the year.	Washington County OR	\$200
City of Beaverton	Funding would be used to develop a non-potable (purple pipe) water system in a green field development area within the city of Beaverton.	Washington County OR	\$2,165
City of Dayton	Funding would be used to replace sewer lines within the main drainage basin serving the original portion of Dayton, eliminating groundwater infiltration and surface water inflow into this portion of the collection system.	Yamhill County OR	\$2,000
City of Willamina	Funding would be used to address critical improvements to lift stations and reduce or eliminate future sewer overflows or permit violations at a wastewater treatment plant.	Yamhill County OR	\$2,450
City of Carlton, Oregon	Funds will go towards removing and replacing old cast iron pipes which are prone to water loss through leakage, reduced capacity from internal corrosion, and pipe breaks.	Yamhill County OR	\$3,000
City of Dayton, Oregon	Funds will replace the water transmission line that delivers water from the City watershed into Dayton, which was originally installed in about 1904 and last upgraded in the 1930s.	Yamhill County OR	\$2,360
City of Carlton	Funding will be used to replace and upgrade 3/4 mile of 100+ year old clay and concrete sewer mainlines in downtown Carlton.	Yamhill County OR	\$2,720