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The Honorable Jeff Merkley
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior,
Environment, and Related Agencies
Senate Committee on Appropriations

Dear Ranking Member 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 2026 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. None of the entities for which I have requested congressionally directed spending are for-profit entities.

Sincerely,



Lisa Murkowski
Chair

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

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility, Municipality of Anchorage	To upgrade pipes and waterlines for public sewer system	Achorage AK	\$2,900
Cook Inlet Tribal Council	Funding will support the dissemination of the 2024 Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children's report to the President and Congress, "The Way Forward," and the development of a toolkit to assist with implementation.	Anchorage AK	\$500
The Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility	To construct a new drinking water well	Anchorage AK	\$3,000
Bristol Bay Borough	To collect, process, stage, and backhaul scrap metal waste.	Bristol Bay Borough AK	\$3,860
City and Borough of Sitka	To design and construct a new wastewater system for wastewater treatment facility.	City and Borough of Sitka AK	\$10,000
City and Borough of Wrangell	To upgrade municipal wastewater treatment plant.	City and Borough of Wrangell AK	\$10,000
City of Craig	To replace wastewater transmission lines	Craig AK	\$3,000
University of Alaska Fairbanks	To map mineral and metal deposits.	Fairbanks AK	\$1,104
Fairbanks North Star Borough	To expand natural gas infrastructure.	Fairbanks North Star Borough AK	\$3,000
City of Gustavus	To improve solid waste removal infrastructure	Gustavus AK	\$690
City of Homer	To update drinking water facility.	Homer AK	\$650
City of Hoonah	To upgrade Icy Strait Point's wastewater treatment facility	Hoonah AK	\$5,121
University of Alaska Southeast	To improve flood forecasting in Suicide Basin.	Juneau AK	\$1,800
Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska	to create a landslide hub for sharing and collecting data, response, research and preparedness for the region.	Juneau AK	\$585
Kenai Peninsula Borough	To replace recycling baler	Kenai AK	\$3,000
City of Ketchikan	To upgrade wastewater treatment facilities	Ketchikan AK	\$6,000
City of King Cove	To upgrade solid waste processing facility	King Cove AK	\$2,000
City of Kotzebue	To replace the baler system to improve processing solid waste.	Kotzebue AK	\$1,000
Alaska Trails Initiative	To construct a bridge and extend the Iditarod National Historic Trail	Moose Pass AK	\$1,500
Native Village of Nelson Lagoon	To replace drinking water storage tank.	Nelson Lagoon AK	\$2,383
City of New Stuyahok	To cap existing landfill and build a new landfill	New Stuyahok AK	\$3,756

City of Nome	To replace water and wastewater mainlines.	Nome AK	\$5,000
Kawerak, Inc.	Implementation of local community economic development plans, providing skills training, and developing economic collaboration	Nome AK	\$444
Alaska Department of Fish and Game	To support polar bear conservation and subsistence harvest management	North Slope Borough AK	\$1,230
Robert Aqqaq Newlin Sr Memorial Trust	The Uqapiaqta Inupiaq Language Year will provide an opportunity for adult Inupiaq learners to acquire conversational Inupiaq language speaking ability, grounded in Inupiaq ways of life. Federal funds will support elder gatherings and staffing to develop needed curricular materials.	Northwest Arctic Borough AK	\$241
Native Village of Ouzinkie	To replace waste material incinerator.	Ouzinke AK	\$1,330
Petersburg Borough	Completion of planning and engineering of new wastewater treatment facility	Petersburg AK	\$8,000
Prince William Sound Stewardship Foundation	To repurpose high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe for construction	Prince William Sound Communities AK	\$250
Municipality of Skagway	To replace an aging incinerator	Skagway AK	\$3,100
Alaska Division of Forestry and Fire Protection	To provide funding to carry out fuels reduction projects that align with community wildfire protection plans.	Statewide AK	\$3,500
Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium	This initiative will support efficient and effective Tribal governance by developing the data resources needed to sustainably operate and maintain critical water and sewer infrastructure across multiple Tribal communities.	Statewide AK	\$5,000
University of Alaska Fairbanks	To build capacity for geological hydrogen assessment.	Statewide AK	\$1,100
Alaska Native Justice Center	Support the assessment of, and writing a report on, the status of Tribal justice for Congress.	Statewide AK	\$300
Alaska Native Women's Resource Center	Funds will support the AKNWRC hosting Tribal Community Response Plan (TCRP) gatherings to identify gaps in services and challenges in developing and sustaining supportive and sufficient transitional housing in Alaska's remote tribal communities for all survivors.	Statewide, rural Alaska AK	\$500
Sunshine Community Health Center	To construct a clean water access station.	Talkeetna AK	\$360
City of Teller	To purchase new landfill processing equipment.	Teller AK	\$700
City of Unalaska	To replace city drinking water distribution network	Unalaska AK	\$3,400
City of Wasilla	To expand community water infrastructure	Wasilla AK	\$2,000
City of Whittier	Replacement of aging and near failing wastewater lift station	Whittier AK	\$1,590
City & Borough of Yakutat	To construct water infrastructure	Yakutat AK	\$2,500