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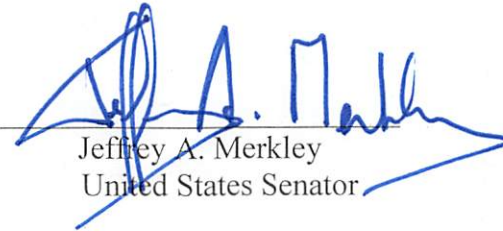
The Honorable Patty Murray  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and  
Human Services, Education, and  
Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Roy Blunt  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and  
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Dear Chairman Baldwin and Ranking Member Hoeven,

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 2022 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, 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) Labor and Health and Human Services  
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

| <b>Recipient Name</b>                              | <b>Project Purpose</b>  | <b>Project Location</b> | <b>Amount Requested (\$000)</b> |
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| Southern Oregon Success                            | This funding would support trauma services for families in Southern Oregon.   | Ashland OR              | \$840                           |
| Baker Technical Institute                          | Funds would go towards expanding the heavy equipment operator training and truck driver and logistics training programs.  | Baker County OR         | \$544                           |
| Oregon Association for Talented and Gifted         | Funds would go towards funding to providing training for educators in inclusive identification methods and effective instruction methods for gifted and advanced learners.                                      | Beaverton OR            | \$1,025                         |
| Deschutes County                                   | The funding would help support mental health counselors and case managers for the homeless population in Bend.  | Bend OR                 | \$1,250                         |
| Benton County                                      | This funding would remodel an existing county-owned building to serve as a Crisis Respite Center.   | Benton County OR        | \$1,000                         |
| Pendleton Children's Center                        | Funding would allow scholarships to be provided on the Blue Mountain Community College (BMCC) campus.   | City of Pendleton OR    | \$70                            |
| Portland Actors Conservatory                       | This funding would support additional degree programs for film and a MFA in Acting.   | Clackamas OR            | \$555                           |
| Parrott Creek Child & Family Services              | This funding would support construction of a residential behavioral health treatment campus.  | Clackamas County OR     | \$1,000                         |
| Workforce Investment Council of Clackamas County d | Funds would support youth ages 16-24 develop essential skills needed to thrive in the workplace through participation in workshops, training and paid internships relevant to their career interests and goals. | Clackamas County OR     | \$194                           |
| Clackamas County                                   | Funding would support the construction of a Federally Qualified Health Center in Sandy, OR.   | Clackamas County OR     | \$1,500                         |
| Oregon Health & Science University                 | The funding would support the establishment of virtual intensive care units (VICU) in two coastal hospitals, Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria and Bay Area Hospital in Coos Bay.                           | Clatsop County OR       | \$943                           |
| Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center (OMIC)      | The funds would extend the work of the Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center to two rural, low-income and/or underserved population high schools in Columbia County Oregon.                                    | Columbia County OR      | \$645                           |
| Southwest Oregon Children's Foundation             | Funding would support the development and implementation of CTE programs in Southern Oregon.  | Coos County OR          | \$500                           |
| Bandon Community Health Center                     | Funding would go towards expanding services to S Curry County through acquiring a larger work space.  | Curry County OR         | \$850                           |
| La Pine Rural Fire Protection District             | Funds would be used to obtain essential and critically needed EMS equipment to serve a rural population.  | Deschutes County OR     | \$660                           |
| High Desert Education Service District             | This project would support childhood trauma programs for schools in Jefferson, Crook, Deschutes, and Harney County.   | Deschutes County OR     | \$900                           |
| Council on Aging of Central Oregon                 | This funding would be used to purchase two vehicles.  | Deschutes County OR     | \$79                            |
| Circle of Friends                                  | Funds would be used to expand program needs for at-risk youth, including training mentors.  | Deschutes County OR     | \$93                            |
| Winston Area Community Partnership                 | The funding would support the Winston Area Community Partnership's Teen Center.   | Douglas County OR       | \$50                            |
| The University of Oregon                           | This program would train a student workforce to investigate and trace the spread of disease.  | Eugene OR               | \$1,000                         |

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| Youth Era  | The funding would support programming to serve youth experiencing homelessness and other related challenges.   | Eugene OR           | \$1,200 |
| Looking Glass Community Services                 | Funds would go towards starting a year-round Skilled Trade Training Program for teens and young adults to receive education, training, and career exploration and hiring an instructor with appropriate credentials to facilitate the program. | Eugene OR           | \$264   |
| Oregon Social Learning Center Developments Inc.  | Funds would be used for research to prevent future involvement in the child welfare system.  | Eugene OR           | \$1,277 |
| Community Counseling Solutions                   | To expand their current services and do an extensive remodel of the existing building.   | Grant County OR     | \$199   |
| Rogue Retreat                                    | Funding would support case management and supportive services for those living in Rogue Retreat's facilities.  | Jackson County OR   | \$501   |
| Rogue Valley Symphony Association                | Funds would support the Musical Mentors education program where individual students free private music lessons with a member of the orchestra.   | Jackson County OR   | \$106   |
| Rogue Valley Mentoring                           | This project would provide mental health support for youth affected by wildfires.  | Jackson County OR   | \$476   |
| Oasis Center of the Rogue Valley                 | This project expands clinical capacity to serve the healthcare needs of a primary population of parents with substance use disorder (SUD) and their children through renovation of an existing building.                                       | Jackson County OR   | \$250   |
| Rogue Retreat                                    | Funds would establish a fenced and gated, transitional tiny-house community with common community facilities that are attractive, relaxing, peaceful, and green.   | Jackson County OR   | \$500   |
| Rogue Community College                          | This project will renovate an existing structure on the Rogue Community College Redwood Campus for expansion of the Allied Health training program and the addition of a new program in dental hygiene.  | Josephine County OR | \$2,830 |
| Oregon State University                          | Funds will support the creation of an e-learning course modules to provide practicing structural engineers with professional learning opportunities in timber design.  | Klamath County OR   | \$449   |
| Youth Rising Oregon                              | The funding will support programming critically needed in the tribal region of Oregon for young teenage tribal mothers.  | Klamath County OR   | \$750   |
| Oregon Institute of Technology (Oregon Tech)     | This project will focus on improving delivery of respiratory care hospitalization in rural areas.  | Klamath Falls OR    | \$1,000 |
| Grande Ronde Hospital and Clinics                | This funding would support a expansion of a existing facility at Grande Ronde Hospital.  | La Grande OR        | \$750   |
| Willamalane Park and Recreation District         | Funds would provide a mobile computer lab at the Bob Keefer Center for Sports and Recreation that will offer internet and computer resources to students and underserved populations.  | Lane County OR      | \$56    |
| Mental Health for Children, dba The Child Center | This funding would expand access to school based therapy in Lane and Deschutes counties.   | Lane County OR      | \$100   |
| United Way of Lane County                        | Funds would be used to expand KITS to all 16 school districts in Lane County.  | Lane County OR      | \$500   |
| McKenzie School District                         | Funds would be used to serve students with robust applied learning experiences and connect education with community partners.  | Lane County OR      | \$442   |
| Lane County                                      | Funds will be used for the cost of renovating an existing building and purchasing equipment for the Cottage Grove FQHC.  | Lane County OR      | \$1,500 |
| Lane County                                      | Funding will support the Frequent User Systems Engagement (FUSE) initiative.   | Lane County OR      | \$250   |

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| Every Child Lane County           | Funds will go towards meeting the needs of foster families including emergency needs when children are quickly placed in foster care, and foster family recruitment.  | Lane County OR      | \$45    |
| Oregon Coast Community College    | Funds would be used to increase the technology available to healthcare students attending Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC).  | Lincoln County OR   | \$503   |
| Mid-Willamette Family YMCA        | To hire the right staff and purchase the resources necessary to help those with special needs.  | Linn County OR      | \$350   |
| Family Tree Relief Nursery        | To expand the Keeping Children Safe program to east Linn County.  | Linn County OR      | \$325   |
| Treasure Valley Community College | Funds will be used to establish a two-year degree program for Aviation Maintenance Technicians.   | Malheur County OR   | \$500   |
| Mano a Mano Family Center         | The project will increase the number of Community Health Workers in the region.   | Marion County OR    | \$250   |
| Salem Art Association             | This funding would support the Art Matters Now initiative   | Marion County OR    | \$260   |
| Prevent Child Abuse Oregon        | To build capacity of the statewide office to convene partners and guide a statewide commitment to child abuse prevention.   | Milwaukie OR        | \$75    |
| Western Oregon University         | This funding would create new programs in Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy.  | Monmouth OR         | \$1,000 |
| Multnomah County                  | Funds would be used in final stages of planning a Behavioral Health Resource Center in Portland.  | Multnomah County OR | \$375   |
| Lines for Life                    | Funding will expand the National YouthLine Program including hotline support, crisis intervention, education, and youth development.  | Multnomah County OR | \$433   |
| SPOON Foundation                  | This project would provide an education and workforce development program for staff to be certified as Community Health Workers (CHWs).   | Multnomah County OR | \$175   |
| OCHIN, Inc.                       | Funds would be used to update essential health information technology infrastructure.   | Multnomah County OR | \$500   |
| Black United Fund of Oregon       | Funds would be used to expand access to postsecondary education for BIPOC and low-income youth.   | Multnomah County OR | \$100   |
| Cascade AIDS Project              | Funding will support culturally specific/responsive behavioral-health services for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) Oregonians.  | Multnomah County OR | \$848   |
| Latino Network                    | Funds would be used to enhance a Latinx early learning curriculum into a full day preschool curriculum model and expand staff training.   | Multnomah County OR | \$250   |
| ORTOP dba FIRST Oregon            | Funds would be used to support staffing and equipment purchases.  | Multnomah County OR | \$1,000 |
| Self Enhancement, Inc. (SEI)      | Funds will be used to launch a new low-interest loan program that meets the needs of African American/Black and other traditionally underserved individuals and families from the Portland, Oregon community. | Multnomah County OR | \$500   |
| Growing Gardens                   | This funding will add one new position on Growing Gardens' Youth Grow team.   | Multnomah County OR | \$50    |
| Lift Urban Portland (Lift UP)     | This funding would address food insecurity among seniors.   | Multnomah County OR | \$353   |
| Maybelle Center for Community     | Funding is requested to support construction costs related to renovations at Macdonald Residence, Oregon's first Assisted Living Facility for low-income residents.   | Multnomah County OR | \$300   |

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| College Possible                                  | Funds would expand college access programming in Oregon to the significant unmet need in districts across the state, as well as maintain current staffing and programming needs as the organization recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.                       | Multnomah County OR | \$500 |
| College Possible                                  | Funding would be used to build capacity to increase the college enrollment, persistence and graduation rates of Oregon's historically underserved students.  | Multnomah County OR | \$500 |
| Oregon Health & Science University, The Northwest | This funding would increase the number of American Indian and Alaska Native people who enter the health workforce and serve AIAN people by building on the demonstrated success of OHSU's Northwest Native American Center of Excellence (NNACoE) programming. | Multnomah County OR | \$488 |
| Oregon Public Health Institute                    | This funding would establish the Oregon Emerge for Health Fellowship Program.  | Multnomah County OR | \$350 |
| Oregon Primary Care Association                   | This funding will be used to integrate the electronic health record data of Federally Qualified Health Centers in Oregon   | Multnomah County OR | \$772 |
| Neighborhood House                                | This funding would be used to fund the Childcare Improvement Project at Neighborhood House   | Multnomah County OR | \$100 |
| William Temple House                              | This funding would support outpatient community counseling service that provides free and low-cost mental health support to low-income adults and families.  | Multnomah County OR | \$50  |
| Growing Gardens                                   | Funding would expand program reach to include more Portland metro regions.   | Multnomah County OR | \$125 |
| Multnomah County                                  | This project would provide critical upgrades and expansions of infection prevention technology and capital equipment designed to increase access to health care services to safety net populations.  | Multnomah County OR | \$725 |
| Quest Center for Integrative Health               | This funding would support the completion of a building renovation.  | Multnomah County OR | \$445 |
| Chemeketa Community College                       | This funding would support the acquisition of a wine bottling line for the Eola Wine Studies Center.   | Polk County OR      | \$263 |
| Urban League of Portland                          | This proposed project would provide workforce development and training opportunities for Black Oregonians who lost work or income due to the pandemic to explore in-demand career opportunities.   | Portland            | \$400 |
| Oregon Tradeswomen                                | These funds would be used to increase organizational capacity to support adult jobseekers statewide, who self- identify as women, navigate employment and registered apprenticeship in the skilled construction trades.  | Portland OR         | \$500 |
| Oregon Center for Nursing                         | The funding would support Oregon's highly qualified registered nurses through a two-year mini-grant program to connect nurses with effective mental health and well-being support.   | Portland OR         | \$459 |
| Portland State University                         | Funds would go to training and education programs for local and regional governments and their networks.   | Portland OR         | \$600 |
| Easterseals Oregon                                | This funding would support the expansion of a Easterseals Oregon's outreach program for low-income seniors.  | Portland OR         | \$865 |
| Oregon Alliance of YMCAs                          | Funding would go towards providing underserved Oregon youth with summer educational service.   | Portland OR         | \$500 |
| Trillium Family Services                          | This funding would support boiler replacement and window repair.   | Portland OR         | \$185 |
| Oregon Ballet Theatre                             | The project would expand an after-school initiative to learn ballet.   | Portland OR         | \$50  |
| SMART Reading                                     | Funds would go to a virtual program to connect a child and two volunteers to read together on a weekly basis throughout the school year.   | Portland OR         | \$188 |

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| Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center   | Funds would go towards building out and expanding social and emotional learning (SEL) curricula and activities to align with state-wide and local focuses on SEL within education.                          | Portland OR          | \$500   |
| Friends of the Children                           | Funding would support enhanced professional mentoring services.   | Portland OR          | \$750   |
| College Housing Northwest                         | This funding would provide affordable, low barrier housing with wraparound support services to low-income college students experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity.                                 | Portland OR          | \$500   |
| Trillium Family Services                          | Funds will go towards updating and replacing equipment needed to provide the current need of tele-therapeutic support.  | Portland OR          | \$190   |
| Coalition of Communities of Color                 | Funds would go towards planning for and beginning to implementing a statewide community data infrastructure.  | Portland OR          | \$300   |
| SPOON Foundation                                  | This funding would support the development and dissemination a trauma-informed online training package to prevent, detect, and address nutrition and feeding challenges among children experiencing trauma. | Portland OR          | \$63    |
| Blanchet House of Hospitality                     | This funding would support the hiring of mental health and peer support specialists.  | Portland OR          | \$250   |
| Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center   | Funds would allow the expansion of career training and placement opportunities by 20% to serve ~500 additional low-income community members and community members of color.                                 | Portland OR          | \$500   |
| Sarah Bellum's Bakery & Workshop                  | Funds would be used to create new paid positions in the non-profit program.   | Portland OR          | \$50    |
| City of Salem                                     | This funding would support a Community Mobile Crisis Response pilot in Salem.   | Salem OR             | \$550   |
| Oregon Employment Department                      | Funds will provide childcare, housing, and workforce development programs for veterans and other targeted populations.  | Salem OR             | \$1,267 |
| Mid-Columbia Health Foundation                    | This funding would purchase the installation of a new linear accelerator for the Mid-Columbia Medical Center's Celilo Cancer Center.  | The Dalles OR        | \$1,300 |
| Columbia Gorge Community College                  | This funding would enhance critical workforce training and purchase equipment at CGCC's Skills Center and Makerspace.   | The Dalles OR        | \$475   |
| NW Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports | Funds would be used to develop online e-learning modules for educators and other educational partners to promote equity and community engagement in education.  | Tigard OR            | \$515   |
| Community Action Program of East Central Oregon   | This funding would support the construction of a multi-use facility to support nutrition services.  | Umatilla County OR   | \$2,000 |
| City of Elgin                                     | This funding would be used to acquire a new ambulance for the City of Elgin.  | Union County OR      | \$199   |
| Deschutes Rim Clinic Foundation                   | This funding would support the construction of the new Deschutes Rim Health Clinic serving South Wasco County.  | Wasco County OR      | \$1,300 |
| Northwest Mothers Milk Bank                       | Funds will go towards purchasing additional equipment to increase operational efficiencies.   | Washington County OR | \$165   |
| Tualatin Together                                 | Funds would be used to extend work to further support youth and families recovering from the effects of isolation and personal and economic stress, through implementation of Communities that Care (CTC).  | Washington County OR | \$720   |
| Youth Music Project                               | Funds would go towards tuition assistance for low income youths who want to participate in the Youth Music Project.   | West Linn OR         | \$250   |

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| MLD Foundation                         | Funding will go to a three-year demonstration project for Patient Advocacy Groups (PAGs) as part of the support systems for babies identified through newborn screening. | West Linn OR      | \$750   |
| Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center | Funds would be used to increase the capacity of the Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center's Newberg Clinic.   | Yamhill County OR | \$2,124 |
| Oregon Association of Relief Nurseries | The funding would support a culturally specific child abuse prevention campaign.   | Yamhill County OR | \$500   |
| Oregon Association of Relief Nurseries | This funding would support a study to strengthen the impact of the Relief Nursery model.   | Yamhill County OR | \$652   |