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Chair Shelley Moore Capito  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
135 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Ranking Member Tammy Baldwin  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
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Dear Chair Capito and Ranking Member Baldwin,

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the Fiscal Year 2026 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, consistent with the requirement 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,



M. Michael Rounds  
United States Senator

**Rounds, Mike(R-SD) 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>
Avera Health	Avera Health seeks Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) support to strengthen rural cancer care infrastructure across South Dakota by expanding diagnostic imaging and replacing aging radiation therapy equipment.	Aberdeen, Mitchell, Yankton, Pierre SD	\$11,175
South Dakota State University	To develop high levels of student GenAI literacy and competency across the curriculum at South Dakota State University.	Brookings SD	\$1,000
South Dakota State University	This innovative model focuses on areas of the state with limited access to nursing education, allowing them to complete a majority of their nursing program online and in a healthcare facility close to their hometown.	Brookings SD	\$2,240
South Dakota State University College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions	AI-based drug repurposing will generate new intellectual property and start-ups, employing graduates from South Dakota State University and other institutions in South Dakota.	Brookings SD	\$1,000
South Dakota State University	The South Dakota First Responder Support Training Center (FRST Center) at SDSU will aid firefighting departments in the assessment, implementation, and evaluation of Wellness Fitness Initiatives (WFI) to meet the CFR 1910.156 "Fire Brigade" and NFPA 1582 standards.	Brookings SD	\$1,700
South Dakota State University	South Dakota State University offers a series of recently approved Gateway Certificates as an opportunity for students to connect to the university via dual credit coursework, giving those students an advantage in career exploration and university-level academics.	Brookings SD	\$400
Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Plains	Through this initiative, existing Boys & Girls Club early learning centers will be upgraded and expanded, and new early learning spaces will be created to serve additional children and families.	Brookings County, Moody County, Clay County, Lincoln County, Minnehaha County SD	\$2,000
Bennett County Hospital & Nursing Home	: To construct a new, modern healthcare facility that meets current regulatory standards, enhances patient care, and provide for the long-term sustainability of essential health services in a medically underserved rural region.	Martin SD	\$2,801
Avera McKennan	The purpose of this program is to establish a new facility for Avera's Careflight aircraft fleet in an estimated 28,900 sq. ft facility including aircraft hangar space, offices, and living quarters for the Careflight team.	Sioux Falls SD	\$5,000
Southeast Technical College	The proposed remodeling project aims to upgrade and optimize the current Sullivan Healthcare education facility to provide state-of-the-art learning environments for students.	Sioux Falls SD	\$10,000
Best Buddies International, Inc.	The Best Buddies Social Skills Education for South Dakota Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities addresses the isolation many students with disabilities face, especially when it comes to forming meaningful peer connections in and outside the classroom.	Sioux Falls SD	\$250
South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault	This statewide initiative will be available to all survivors of domestic violence regardless of location, creating an integrated system of care that bridges the gap between existing advocacy services and critical mental health interventions.	Sioux Falls SD	\$956

South Dakota State University - College of Nursing	To address the nursing workforce crisis, the College of Nursing plans to expand the Rapid City and Sioux Falls sites, increasing enrollment by up to 100 students annually.	Sioux Falls and Rapid City SD	\$3,453
Coteau des Prairies Hospital	The project will replace the current, outdated chiller system with a modern, energy-efficient system. This will prevent service disruptions and improve energy efficiency, thereby enhancing long-term sustainability and reducing risks to patient safety, medication storage, and critical medical operati	Sisseton SD	\$683
Coteau des Prairies Hospital	To support the upgrade of the hospital and clinic's boilers and pump systems in Sisseton, South Dakota.	Sisseton SD	\$1,099
Coteau des Prairies Hospital	This critical project will replace the outdated steam humidifier in the central supply room at CDP Health's hospital facility in Sisseton, South Dakota.	Sisseton SD	\$156