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The Honorable Susan Collins
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The Honorable Patty Murray
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The Honorable Bill Hagerty
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The Honorable Jack Reed
Ranking Member
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Dear Chair Collins, Vice Chair Murray, Chair Hagerty and Ranking Member Reed:

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 2027 Financial Services and General Government 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,



Edward J. Markey

**Markey, Edward(D-MA) Financial Services and General Government
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Black Biz Dev Inc.	The Roxbury project expands applied, qualitative, quantitative, oral history, and performance research to tell the story of an existing, thriving, self-sustaining entrepreneurial and business community.	Boston MA	\$300
Veronica Robles Cultural Center	VROCC will expand its Cultural Entrepreneurship Program to support 150 Latino microbusinesses annually in East Boston. The project strengthens La Cocina, a culinary incubator, and provides bilingual training, technical assistance, and revenue opportunities for creative and culinary entrepreneurs.	Boston MA	\$500
Roxbury Community College	The Business Innovation Center's expansion will provide Boston-based entrepreneurs with access to the critical resources needed to establish or grow their business, providing a pathway to attain financial stability and build generational wealth through business ownership.	Boston MA	\$1,000
Conexion, Inc.	To provide workforce development and leadership training for entrepreneurs and small business leaders in Massachusetts through a structured, mentorship-based program.	Boston MA	\$280
Embrace Boston Inc.	Embrace Ventures is a small business development center and creative entrepreneurship hub within The National Embrace Center in Boston, providing training, technical assistance, and flexible commercial infrastructure, including pop-up retail, food and beverage, art exhibition, and performance venues	Boston MA	\$1,200
Huntington Theatre Company Inc.	The Huntington provides highly-subsidized production space and resources supporting the entrepreneurial development of dozens of smaller Boston arts companies.	Boston MA	\$725
Cambridge Local First, Inc	Independent businesses face structural disadvantages — in capital, marketing, and technology — and AI is widening that gap faster than ever. CLF is addressing this disparity through a comprehensive AI Access & Education Initiative, providing small businesses with the tools, training.	Cambridge MA	\$150
Sustainable Business Network of Massachusetts	SBN's Small Business Technical Assistance Program delivers culturally responsive technical assistance, financial education, and market access to microbusinesses, small businesses, farmers, and food-based businesses across Massachusetts, strengthening business sustainability.	Cambridge MA	\$300
Blue Hill Observatory & Science Center, Inc.	Blue Hill Observatory & Science Center seeks funding to digitize the Western Hemisphere's longest continuous weather record — 141 years of daily atmospheric observations — transforming inaccessible scanned logbooks into a free, open, structured dataset that will support climate research, disaster pr	Milton MA	\$750
YouthBuild Boston	Funding YouthBuild Boston will expand trade education and workforce development programs that provide young adults from under-resourced communities with hands-on training and direct pathways to careers in high-demand industries such as construction and the AEC sector.	Roxbury MA	\$850
The American City Coalition, Inc.	The Savor Collective Marketplace will transform an underutilized commercial space in Boston's Roxbury neighborhood into a community-driven business incubator that offers retail space, training, and shared resources to help entrepreneurs and early-stage small businesses.	Roxbury MA	\$1,003
Greentown Collaborative, Inc.	This project will deliver training and technical assistance to climate and energy small businesses in Massachusetts, supporting company growth, market entry, and commercialization while reinforcing the Commonwealth's leadership in clean energy innovation and creating high-quality jobs.	Somerville MA	\$250

We Are ALX Inc.	This initiative expands workforce participation in under-resourced communities by providing structured entrepreneurship-based employment pathways that support sustainable income generation and long-term economic mobility in Massachusetts Gateway Cities.	Wellesley MA	\$1,500
Latin American Business Organization Inc	The LABO BUILD Workforce Training & Entrepreneurship Pathways Program equips underserved individuals with financial literacy, workforce training, and certification pathways, including ServSafe and Construction Supervisor License (CSL), to access employment and increase income.	Worcester MA	\$195
Massachusetts Women of Color Coalition	Strengthens growth, contracting capacity, and capital access for disadvantaged, women- and minority-owned businesses in Worcester County. Expands the proven POWER-PATH model into a permanent hub with AI-driven tools. Establishes a research partnership with Worcester State University.	Worcester MA	\$1,500