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The Honorable Susan Collins
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Dear Chairman Leahy, Vice Chairman Shelby, Chairman Schatz and Ranking Member Collins:

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 2023 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Markey

**Markey, Edward(D-MA) Transportation Housing and Urban Development
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts	This funding will be used to preserve, renovate, and increase accessibility of Camp Cedar Hill in Waltham, MA. Cedar Hill is home of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts, and is an important site for the broader community, Massachusetts, and the Girl Scout Movement. Celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2023, Cedar Hill hosts an estimated 10,000 visitors and 2,000 youth annually. This investment of taxpayer support will allow Camp Cedar Hill and the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts to expand its reach to new constituents, and continue to provide social and economic benefits to the community for decades to come.	Waltham MA	\$1,000
Town of Adams	The Howland Avenue Improvement Project will resurface and rehabilitate up to 42,000 square yards of of major roadway along Route 8, which connects the Towns of Adams and the City of North Adams in the Berkshires. The proposed project will create a safe route for the approximate 17,000 cars that pass through daily.	Adams MA	\$1,500
University of Massachusetts Amherst	<p>The money will be used to rebuild the WET Lab which is the front line research facility in the Commonwealth to take on clean water and PFAS detection and solutions. The federal money will be matched by \$1.5M in a state appropriation and a \$1M campus fiscal commitment.</p> <p>The current facility has deferred maintenance challenges and a new facility built along side the UMass/Town of Amherst Wastewater facility will foster state of the art research and testing in clean water and will allow companies to test products and innovation on campus while collaborating with faculty and students. UMass faculty already work with the Commonwealth's Department of Public Health and this facility will only strengthen and further that collaboration.</p> <p>In the Federal Infrastructure bill nearly \$10B was appropriated to help small and disadvantaged communities address PFAS in drinking water, to help drinking water utilities remove PFAS from drinking water supplies or connect well owners to local water systems to help wastewater utilities address PFAS in wastewater discharges and the campus through this R and D facility will work to ensure communities take advantage of the federal opportunities and practice follow best practice scientifically proven techniques.</p>	Amherst MA	\$3,511
The Jones Library, Incorporated	his funding would make Amherst's Jones Library one of the most climate-friendly libraries in the Commonwealth by eliminating the use of fossil fuels, using low-embodied carbon materials, reducing energy use intensity by 60%, and reducing total lifetime carbon emissions by 41% compared to the current building. The Library renovation and expansion leverages state, local, public and private funds toward: full accessibility for those with mobility impairments; meeting the growing need for English language instruction space, for computer and internet access, for programs for children, adults and teens, for safekeeping Amherst's invaluable history; and restoring one of the Town's iconic buildings.	Amherst MA	\$1,110
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Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción	<p>In November 2020, Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción (IBA) was forced to demolish its Boston-based arts center, which was housed in a 155-year-old church, due to structural deficiencies. This loss was significant, as IBA is the largest hub for Latinx arts in New England, and its former arts center hosted events and performances while also serving as a learning and gathering space for IBA's Villa Victoria affordable housing community. The demolition of this space also impacted IBA's revenue stream, as rental space within the former church had been a source of income for IBA. To replace its former arts center, IBA is building The Center for Community Action, Self-sufficiency, and the Arts (The CASA). This multi-purpose community arts and gathering space will better meet IBA's actual needs, and will increase its capacity to facilitate community programming that serves IBA's low-income residents, as well as to provide access to Latinx arts for the City of Boston and New England.</p> <p>The project will be constructed in one phase. IBA anticipates the groundbreaking to occur by mid-2023 and the project to be completed by early 2024.</p>	Boston MA	\$1,000
Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation	<p>The purpose of our request is to help Codman Square NDC in the acquisition phase of a larger affordable housing project. The project as a whole is indeed a construction project, but, as noted in question 15, above, our request concerns only the acquisition of the property on which the larger project will be built.</p> <p>On the Square Housing is an innovative way to leverage existing Codman Square NDC (CSNDC) assets, enliven and strengthen the core Codman Square business district in Dorchester, on behalf of the predominantly low/mod income minority owned businesses that exist there, and provide approximately 48 new affordable housing units to low-income residents, increasing supply and stabilizing this vulnerable population in place against rapidly rising housing prices. We will build four new stories of apartments above an existing 1-story commercial block already owned by a CSNDC subsidiary. In addition to the immediate benefits of the project, it can serve as a model for other developments of this kind in the mainly single-story Codman Square business district, bringing equity and economic mobility to this district in line with business districts in other, more prosperous districts elsewhere in Boston and its surroundings. The City of Boston is already planning to use a similar approach for new housing above the existing single story Codman Square branch library just 2 blocks up the street from our project location a 587-595 Washington Street.</p>	Boston MA	\$750
Boston Housing Authority (BHA)	<p>This funding will support energy efficiency, renewable energy and resilient design upgrades in the renovation of BHA's Ausonia Apartments to improve air quality, reduce energy cost burden and increase climate resilience. Ausonia includes 100 units of housing for elderly and disabled individuals in the heart of the North End.</p>	Boston MA	\$1,000
The Theater Offensive	<p>The Theater Offensive (TTO) is building the largest theater in the world owned and operated by queer and trans people of color. Located in the heart of the Fenway neighborhood of Boston, it will provide a permanent home for our nationally-recognized programming and 30-year legacy, cultivating an affirming community and performance space for Boston and beyond. The space will house TTO's current and new programming, present queer performance from all over the world, and be available to rent at highly-subsidized rates to historically marginalized artists and community groups who have long sought a place to truly belong in downtown Boston.</p>	Boston MA	\$1,000
NeighborWorks Housing Solutions	<p>1200 Montello is a 94-unit family, mixed income rental development, situated directly adjacent to Brockton's Campello Commuter Rail Station. As an in-fill and smart-growth project with Passive House design, it will transform a strategically-located old tow yard to create a vibrant residential community. The project will be the first to break ground within the City's new Campello Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Master-Plan Residential</p>	Brockton MA	\$2,000

	District, providing affordable as well as workforce housing and supporting a broader plan for community revitalization and catalyzing future private investment.		
City of Brockton MA	<p>Upgrade to pool infrastructure (pool piping and filtration system etc.) to bring pool and water quality into current regulations. Upgrade the bathhouse facility to make it ADA compliant as well as improvements to the building itself (showers, new roof etc.).</p> <p>The main goal is for the pool infrastructure to be modernized and sized to meet current pool regulations for water quality for the health and safety of those using the pool. This work would include replacing all feed and return lines into the pool itself and replacement of the current DE filter system with a sand based filter system. These upgrades would not only improve water quality but would increase worker safety for those operating the pool by eliminating the need for the use of diatomaceous earth and the associated health risks with inhalation of airborne silica. The bathhouse, built in 1965 is also in need of significant upgrades. Currently it is not fully ADA compliant, the bathrooms need significant improvement, including the installation of shower stalls, shoring up of deteriorating walls, upgrading of the electrical system and a new roof to protect the building.</p>	Brockton MA	\$3,200
Associação Cabo Verdiana De Brockton, Inc	<p>This expansion will allow Associação Cabo Verdiana De Brockton to further expand their preventive program, to include many other community groups. The expansion as well as renovation of the building will enable the Association expansion of services such as a Youth Tutoring Center, enlargement of the Resource and Community Room and Clinical Services. The goal of the Youth Tutoring Center is to provide academic support and life skills that will help mold 20-25 youth into successful adults. The activities will include: Homework and Tutoring assistance, Fundamental Support and Assistance for college entrance as part of the Let's Get Ready Program from Stone Hill College, Leadership training in collaboration with Social Capital Inc, and Community Service Programs that include volunteering at shelters, visiting seniors centers and organizing canned food drives. The Resource Room only has 5 computers which are not sufficient to serve all youth requesting computer related learning. With the expansion, more computers can be installed allowing more youth with an opportunity to improve their technical skills. The area will also be available to disadvantaged adults as they will become familiar with emerging technologies by taking computer classes. The Community Room is reserved for neighborhood meetings and functions. The extension of this room would permit more community gatherings and social initiatives to leverage the mission of the Association. And the Clinical Services area will expand our current family unification program as well as alcohol counseling classes, parenting training programs, and individual counseling. These services will be offered in Capeverdean Creole and Portuguese and other community languages. There is a significant need of language appropriate services in the region; more people are forced to travel a long distance to receive such service.</p>	Brockton MA	\$1,720
Old Colony YMCA	<p>These funds will be used for renovation and building of facilities to ensure increased access to critical community-based wellness, behavioral health and childcare programming for urban at-risk underserved populations.</p>	Brockton MA	\$2,000
Cooperative Development Institute	<p>The Cooperative Development Institute (CDI) seeks \$1 million in federal funding to assist residents (the North Street Association) at Glen Mobile Home Park in Danvers, MA to complete much needed water and wastewater projects. With their December 2021 resident purchase came a significant amount of deferred maintenance, resulting from years of owner neglect. Beginning in the 1940s, Glen Mobile Home Park operated as a campground for several decades before converting into permanent/non-transient manufactured housing. The infrastructure of the community matches its original use, and was not constructed to support year round usage by 77 families.</p>	Danvers MA	\$1,000

FORWARD Friends Or Relatives With Autism & Related	Create new permanent housing for adults with special needs by building 8 one-bedroom affordable and supported apartments for Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services clients with autism and related disabilities who require appropriate affordable housing. All apartments will maximize the resident's ability to live independently while receiving supportive services from the Department of Developmental Services. Designed for aging-in-place, built at ground level, fully accessible, assistive-technology ready, and a fire suppression system. The project will be built on town-owned land leased to FORWARD for 99 years. This project addresses the dire need for affordable housing specifically designed for this special population.	Dennis MA	\$1,000
Massachusetts Port Authority	The main purpose of this project is to look closely at all of Logan's facilities and to actively prepare these facilities as it relates to the effects of climate change. Another goal is to provide the necessary means for the overall evaluation in the in the event of a crisis, provide and ensure constant safety, energy efficiency, and ultimately sustainability. A program of study such as this will allow Massport to leverage its findings to pursue future grant opportunities under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).	East Boston MA	\$1,600
City of Fall River Massachusetts	In conjunction with the multi-million dollar MassDOT Route 79 – Davol Street Corridor Improvements project, the City is being asked to contribute a portion of the total project cost in the amount of \$11,555,286. The City is requesting Congressionally Directed Spending for a portion of these infrastructure/project improvements, which are not typically included in highway Transportation projects. The specific items that the City is seeking aid for through this request are as follows: Underground Stormwater Storage Chambers in lieu of open retention/detention ponds; Landscaping (signs, benches, irrigation); and Ornamental Highway Lighting. The requested aid totals \$2,680,699.48, which is approximately 23% of the City's contribution.	Fall River MA	\$2,681
Fitchburg State University	CDS funding will support Phase 2 of Fitchburg State University's (FSU's) multi-year, 3-phase Theater Block Revitalization Project in Fitchburg's downtown corridor. This phase will involve the construction of a 15,830 square-foot learning laboratory and black box theater called the "theaterLAB." Following the completion of phase 1 in 2018, which created a state-of-the-art game design studio and University/community creativity and entrepreneurial space (the "ideaLAB"), the theaterLAB project has extensive local support and will strengthen Fitchburg's cultural and educational infrastructure while supporting economic revitalization in a neighborhood long characterized by high levels of poverty, declining industry, and urban blight.	Fitchburg MA	\$2,000
Fitchburg Housing Authority	The FHA is requesting \$275,000.00 to assist us in building a new administrative and community center at the Green Acres family public housing community built for the WWII returning veterans. These funds would be in addition to the \$8,014,901.00 awarded by Massachusetts. Currently there is no space at Green Acres to hold community meetings and/or conduct training and youth programs. The key is the construction of a new administrative-community center which will allow for outreach to the residents and their children under the FHA's A Better Life Experience (ABLE) program that will provide incentives to work and learn new skills.	Fitchburg MA	\$275
City of Gardner	The property located at 94 Pleasant Street has been cited in the City of Gardner's Urban Renewal Plan for demolition for economic development purposes. The previous owner of the property owed the City over \$480,000 in backed taxes with land court cases going back to 1996. The demolition of this property would remove a blighted building in the heart of Gardner's downtown in order to boost our economic development and downtown revitalization efforts.	Gardner MA	\$80

City of Gardner	<p>This request would help fund the construction of a new, state-of-the-art perioperative pavilion that will remove barriers to surgical care for the 86,000 patients they serve and will address a myriad of challenges derived from an outdated and undersized surgical platform (est. 1960). This transformative solution will ensure consistent and reliable access to high-quality, cost-effective, essential surgical care, well into the future. Core design features of the 40,115 ft² addition include the following:</p> <p>Six new operating rooms, each nearly 200 ft² larger than our four existing ORs;</p> <p>Central core for storage of sterile instrumentation;</p> <p>Separate clean and dirty elevators for transport of instrumentation to the central sterile processing department (CSPD);</p> <p>21 pre/post procedure rooms;</p> <p>Medical office space to accommodate multiple outpatient surgical specialty clinics: orthopedic surgery, interventional pain, and urology.</p>	Gardner MA	\$750
Mayor Michael J. Nicholson	<p>The drainage system captures stormwater runoff from the site via a series of new deep-sump catch basins directed to one of several drainage trunk lines. These trunk lines direct the runoff through treatment systems prior to discharge to either a proposed underground storage system, an existing system on the western side of the property, or the municipal drainage system within Woodland Avenue. Prior to these discharges runoff is directed through a proprietary water quality unit to provide Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and oil removal in compliance with the City Standards as well as DEP Stormwater Management Regulations.</p>	Gardner MA	\$319
Town of Groton	<p>The area of Broadmeadow Road at James Brook, a road right off Main Street in the Town Center, is subject to recurring flooding and is an old soft, floating road. Broadmeadow Road is a "Corduroy road", a road built on logs placed above naturally occurring mud and peat. Maintenance of the road over the years has consisted of overlays of asphalt which eventually sinks into the wetlands bordering James Brook. Previous dredging of James Brook has been done to keep the water flowing. Beavers and the increase in the severity and occurrence of rain/snow events have made flooding more frequent. The stability of the road is a major concern as well as more frequent road closures. These road closures limit emergency access and increase response times, block the only public access and exit route for the Public Library, impact students and parents trying to reach the school buses, alter school bus routes at the last minute, and limit the recreational opportunities along the popular Nashua River Rail Trail. This road is also a major egress for the residents who live along the upper portion of Broadmeadow Road, which is a one-way road off Main Street (Route 119). The only other way for these residents, patrons of the Public Library and users of the Rail Trail, to exit upper Broadmeadow Road when the Road is closed is by using a private driveway owned by a private school.</p> <p>Economic development and revitalization of the Downtown has been on the forefront of Town Officials for several years. A few mixed-use development properties that have direct access to Broadmeadow Road would substantially benefit from proper reconstruction of this road. Any increases in desirable housing downtown and retail opportunities would spur much needed economic development which is a major priority of the Town and would help lessen the tax burden placed on the taxpayers. The Town, as part of this request, would also look to pave a dirt road/crossing from the end of Station Ave, along the Rail Trail and out to Broadmeadow Road and also look to bring a water main from where it ends on Broadmeadow Road and connect it to an existing water main on Station Avenue to provide those priority development properties with the ability to connect to Town Water. A proposed 12,500 square foot commercial facility cannot be constructed without this new water main due to the lack of adequate water supply to that area.</p>	Groton MA	\$3,000

The 2019 Spring Town Meeting approved \$50,000 to partially restore the historic drainage channels in the wet meadows bordering James Brook. A 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan – Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Plan was created and identified the flooding along Broadmeadow Road as a “highest high priority”. With the creation of this Plan, the Town applied for a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Grant in June 2020. The Town was not successful with this grant opportunity. The Town has allocated \$100,000 in ARPA funds to solicit a feasibility study/design work related to this project.

Cooperative Development Institute	Halifax Mobile Home Estates Association is a 430-unit manufactured housing community in Halifax, MA, which is run and operated as a resident owned (ROC) housing cooperative. Halifax Estates provides affordable housing to residents who are 55 and older. On behalf of the residents of Halifax Estates, the Cooperative Development Institute (CDI) seeks \$900,000 of funding for essential hazardous tree removal projects to benefit the health, safety, and sustainability of their community.	Halifax MA	\$900
City of Haverhill	Haverhill is seeking federal funding to combine with local/state and private funding to support improvements to Winnekenni Recreation Area. Winnekenni is a city-owned conservation area of more than 700 acres. The park is in desperate needs of repairs and upgrades to both the grounds and the historic Winnekenni Castle. The City is partnering with the Winnekenni Foundation to support a complete restoration to the park to make it an economic and cultural destination for Haverhill, while supporting mental and physical healthy living. The project is an equitable solution for low-income individuals and families in the region who lack outdoor space.	Haverhill MA	\$700
Massachusetts International Festival of the Arts,	This funding would be used by the Massachusetts Festival of the Arts (MIFA) to rehabilitate Holyoke’s historic 1920s Victory Theatre, vacant since 1979, and transform this blighted property in the heart of the community into the 21st-century, state-of-the-art MIFA Victory Theatre Center for the Performing Arts. The reborn Victory will establish an economic, touristic and equity development engine to stimulate and enrich a Western Massachusetts region that contains four of the Commonwealth’s former industrial Gateway Cities and some of the state’s most diverse and low-income populations. The project will fill a gap in this region of 600,000 people, with a Broadway-size theater able to take advantage of the economic phenomenon of Tier-A Broadway touring. The project will also provide a venue capable of producing and hosting compelling local, national international cultural and touristic events. The project will create jobs and offer workforce training in the theatre and entertainment industry in collaboration with Holyoke Community College.	Holyoke MA	\$4,000
Girls Inc. of the Valley	Girls Inc. of the Valley purchased and is renovating the historic 16,000SF O’Connell building at 480 Hampden St. in Holyoke as a permanent headquarters and program center. After decades of operating out of multiple rented spaces, the Girls Inc. Headquarters and Program Center Project will enable us to combine our center-based programs into one location. A single facility will be easier for families, and foster continuity within our elementary, middle and high-school programs. By providing the infrastructure for both onsite and offsite staff, the facility will support our school-based and remote programs, allowing us to serve more girls. Once completed, we will serve 1,000+ girls from under-resourced communities annually – the vast majority from Holyoke, Springfield and Chicopee. The building is in good shape structurally and has ample parking and a yard for outdoor activities. We will renovate program and office space and add an elevator for full accessibility. Specific upgrades include age-appropriate and welcoming program and learning spaces for girls, a cutting-edge STEM/Maker Space, a Library Learning Center, a kitchen and dining area, and outdoor and indoor activity spaces. Two major areas will be an Out-Of-School-Time	Holyoke MA	\$1,000

Elementary Program Center and a dedicated Teen Center. The project will create flexible office and conference space for staff, board and families.

Overall, the new program center will equalize opportunities for girls in the Valley, enabling us to provide Girls Inc.'s high-quality, no-cost programming using research-based curricula within a dedicated learning environment. The facility will meet our community's needs far into the future, providing transformative positive youth development programs after school, on weekends and during the summer.

City of Holyoke	<p>This project entails initial design and restoration work to revitalize and reopen Holyoke's largest urban park for public use.</p> <p>The present LWCF application is based on the Phase I budget produced during a recent preliminary site design process. The work proposed in Phase I reflects the areas of broad consensus of community informed feedback: 1) improved pedestrian access from Community Field to Anniversary Hill Park and ADA access; 2) restoration of stonework structures; and 3) selective landscaping and site restoration. In addition to overall trail improvements, Phase I includes design and construction costs associated with tree work (removal of hazard trees and vista pruning), restoration of historic Civilian Conservation Corps stone structures, creation of an accessible trail to Scott Tower, and vegetative clearing with habitat improvements.</p> <p>Phase I improvements also include installing connections from existing water, sewer, and electrical utilities to service restroom facilities and outdoor lighting anticipated to be included among future Phase II improvements. During this process, existing overhead utilities will be relocated underground to improve the visitor experience, for added safety, and to ensure eligibility for LWCF funding. Finally, the addition of educational and interpretive signage on the natural and human history of Anniversary Hill Park, along with maps and trail markers, will help tie the park experience together and again encourage passive use by visitors.</p> <p>This project involves initial restoration work to revitalize and reopen Holyoke's largest urban park for public use. Anniversary Hill Park was originally acquired via several donations of land from 1923 to 1939, to commemorate Holyoke's fiftieth anniversary as a city. The park quickly became a destination for picnickers, sledders, and nature lovers, and had dramatic infrastructure improvements added in the early 1940s under the Works Progress Administration (WPA). A number of the hardscape features from this period are still visible today in good condition, including trails, footbridges, stone steps, and Scott Tower itself, all constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) using local stone. The reinvention of Anniversary Hill Park under Phase I will include restoring these features along with new improvements.</p> <p>The decline of the park began abruptly in the 1960s when I-91 was constructed through its center. The portion on the eastern side, now known as Community Field, underwent a \$3.1 million multi-use renovation in 2010 and is now the City's most visited park. The City of Holyoke has long sought to revitalize the former Anniversary Hill Park site and return it to the high-profile and active use which it once enjoyed within the City's Park system. Combined with the adjoining Community Field, it would become Holyoke's largest park. With many residents now driving northward to visit Mt Tom to access hiking trails, picnic spots, and vistas--especially during the Covid-19 pandemic-- few know that similar amenities could exist near the City's center.</p> <p>The site is well situated just to the west of Holyoke's downtown core, and ideal for broad accessibility by Holyoke's populace. It is adjacent to two Holyoke Housing Authority developments, and within walking distance or a very short drive of several U.S. Census tracts containing socio-economically disadvantaged communities without access to nearby open space (see Attachment D). PVRTA bus routes 21 and 23 already pass through Jarvis Avenue near</p>	Holyoke MA	\$1,062
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	<p>Scott Tower park and could easily add stops near the new park entrance. Kestrel Land Trust, the City's partner in the current park revitalization effort was able to negotiate similar, increased bus access with PVTA for a new park on Mt. Tom in neighboring Easthampton.</p> <p>Under the city's ultimate vision for re-establishing Anniversary Hill Park--once described as the "Central Park" of Holyoke--it is feasible that the location could become a draw for local events as well as for visitors from outside Holyoke, with amenities similar to other urban forest parks in the region. The natural resources and ecological restoration of the park would also allow it to serve as a model "outdoor classroom" for local youth through partnerships with local non-profit groups like Eagle Eye Institute and the Holyoke Boys and Girls Club.</p>		
Town of Ipswich, MA	<p>The Town of Ipswich is partnering with The Trustees of Reservations and has support from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to seek funds to construct a statewide model of climate-resilient road redesign to balance access, chronic flood risk, and wetland health at Argilla Road. This road is the key access point for more than 150,000 visitors to the Crane Estate and 350,000 to Crane Beach.</p> <p>The Town of Ipswich and The Trustees engaged the Woods Hole Group and Stantec Engineering to create resilient nature-based road redesigns. The design includes raising 2,400 feet of roadbed by 3 feet, replacing and enlarging the existing culvert, installing high marsh culverts, and using a 3:1 living shoreline slope to stabilize the banks to protect the adjacent salt marsh from erosion. The enlargement will increase the upstream tidal range, helping to make the Great Marsh ecosystem more resilient to climate impacts and resulting in 1.2 acres of salt marsh creation. Raising the road would protect it from increasingly frequent tidal flooding through at least 2070.</p>	Ipswich MA	\$4,160
North Star Family Services, Inc.	<p>North Star Family Services (NSFS) is excited to help expand housing choice for families in Leominster. NSFS currently operates a five-bed family shelter in Leominster and would like to expand the supportive services that they offer to low-income families through the development of 15 units of supportive housing. NSFS' mission is to provide stable housing, comprehensive services and advocacy for families in need of support. North Star has served the Greater Leominster area since 2003.</p> <p>North Star Family Services has received positive feedback from neighborhood groups, abutters, and city officials for the development of this project. The City of Leominster has been an important partner in this project since the very beginning and has recently granted the project zoning board approval through a comprehensive permit. It is a priority for the City of Leominster to house homeless families in permanent supportive housing and NSFS has shown that the services that they offer help families maintain their tenancy. The abutters have been very supportive of the project, understanding the importance of the housing for the community.</p>	Leominster MA	\$1,000
Merrimack Valley Housing Partnership	<p>The mission of the Merrimack Valley Housing Partnership is to promote responsible and sustainable homeownership opportunities for low and moderate-income earners by producing comprehensive training and counseling, as well as promoting the use of special mortgage products and down payment assistance programs. The Merrimack Valley Housing Partnership's homebuyer education is essential as the pandemic-era market makes first-time homeownership increasingly challenging for even moderate-income households. With individualized support from the organization's certified housing counselors, about 40% of participants purchase a home within two years. This is notable since 60% of participants have incomes at 80% or less of the area median income.</p>	Lowell MA	\$150

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe	Built around 1849 (although possibly as early as 1820), the Mashpee Parsonage at 431 Main Street is a key architectural cornerstone in the Town of Mashpee's historic district. The Parsonage is located on the Mashpee Tribe's Reservation, and squarely within the Tribe's historical territory. Because of the architectural, historic and cultural significance of the building, it has been thoroughly studied by architects, engineers and restoration specialists. Funding is needed to continue crucial restoration work to stabilize and preserve the building – without this work, this irreplaceable part of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's (and the Town of Mashpee's) history may be forever lost. The project will also create and support local jobs in the engineering and construction sectors.	Mashpee MA	\$1,629
Town of Mattapoisett	<p>This Congressionally Directed Spending funding would support the Mattapoisett Rail Trail shared use path project by providing funds for completion of the shovel-ready segment. The property has already been acquired and substantial improvements have been made to this section utilizing state, local and private funds. At present, there is a gap in the two portions of the shared use path in Mattapoisett that have been, or which will soon be, completed through a productive public-private partnership using local and state funds, as well as significant private donations. Not only will the project provide a local transportation option, but it is also a critical component of the larger South Coast Bikeway, providing community connectivity along a 50-mile, carbon-free route across Southeastern Massachusetts from New Bedford harbor eastward to the Cape Cod Canal. More significantly, completion of the path offers a safe option for walkers, bicyclists and other vulnerable users by removing them from the auto-centric Route 6 corridor, and providing a safe alternative means of travel across the greater South Coast region to Cape Cod.</p> <p>The project is comprised of three components described here in the order of readiness and completion:</p> <p>Construction of 'Shovel-Ready" 2B, Design Engineering, Permitting and of Construction of 2A, and Amenities Vision Plan.</p> <p>We are applying for a single Project to ensure that all safety concerns are completed effectively and efficiently.</p> <p>Since Phase 2B is fully designed and permitted, bidding and construction can start once Congressionally Directed Spending funding is obligated. Phase 2A Engineering Design can begin soon after our Town funded Pre-Design is complete in 2023. 2A Design may occur concurrently with construction of 2B. Construction of 2A will follow. The third component, an "Amenities Vision Plan" can be implemented as SUP sections are completed, site coordination and funds allow. We envision a unified Project to safely manage cyclists, pedestrians, trucks, commuters, and local traffic properly in a constrained area. We envision sufficient trail 'amenities' to make this a pleasurable and sustainable commuting and recreational experience. The project will provide free access and free parking for several public beaches. It will abut Mattapoisett's Affordable Housing units and its Senior Housing facility, providing those residents, as well, with an ADA-accessible safe and pleasant forested walk and access to the adjacent Holy Ghost Park. It will provide alternative surface transportation to good jobs at two industrial parks within 4-10-mile rides of large work force and Environmental Justice communities in New Bedford and Wareham and smaller ones in Fairhaven and Marion.</p> <p>The requested Congressionally Directed Funding is sought to fund those elements of the project plan that are shovel-ready and otherwise capable of being utilized during FY2023.</p>	Mattapoisett MA	\$1,895

Town of Montague, MA	The Avenue A Streetscape Improvement Project will restore an ADA compliant, pedestrian-oriented streetscape in the Turners Falls village center. Located within an Environmental Justice Area, Avenue A is Montague's retail, dining, and entertainment center, and a state-designated Cultural District. This bid ready project would complete the north end of the Avenue A Streetscape, replacing aged and heaving brick sidewalks with a new brick and cement concourse designed to enhance longevity and accessibility. New traffic signals and pedestrian-scale lighting will enhance safety, accessibility, visual appeal and walkability, consistent with the Town's Livability, COVID "Rapid Recovery" and ADA Transition plans.	Montague MA	\$975
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Community Economic Development Center of SE MA (CE)	The Capitol Theater built in 1911 covers a full block of the Acushnet Ave, Commercial Corridor. The historic restoration and redevelopment will transform this blighted and largely vacant mixed-use property. CEDC working with WHALE will address community needs for affordable housing in the North End and offer opportunities for incubating small businesses with a seasonal market, commercial shared-use kitchen and space for ESOL, job and vocational training. At the Capitol Theater, CEDC will manage mixed-use spaces and comprehensive programming that will engage the community, provide connectivity, and close the gap on economic, health, and social outcomes for the neighborhood.	New Bedford MA	\$1,800
WHALE - Waterfront Area Historic League	Restoration of a blighted historic 1892 Civil Defense building to create eight (8) affordable housing apartments in New Bedford, a gateway city that is currently experiencing a severe housing crisis. The restoration will use green building standards and will achieve Energy Star Plus status. The site will incorporate a rain garden storm water management system. The neighborhood is highly supportive of the project and over 50 people attended a Community Outreach Meeting.	New Bedford MA	\$1,000
Bristol Community College	Bristol Community College's National Offshore Wind Institute (NOWI) and its Industry Innovation & Solutions project will provide offshore wind training and development solutions that respond to high priority industry and workforce needs, requiring a customized facility and equipment that simulate environments similar to an offshore wind farm. Bristol requests \$2,000,000 to support the NOWI's renovation to become a specialized industry center for practical, theory and virtual training. Bristol with its partner Maersk Training is strategically developing the facility to provide the highest quality offerings as well as ensuring access to required training infrastructure for Massachusetts and the U.S.	New Bedford MA	\$2,000
DOVE, Inc.	DOVE seeks to secure (purchase, rehab, or build) a new building for an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence. Founded in 1978, DOVE has owned and occupied its current 6-bedroom shelter since 1981. While we have made repairs along the way, the building is outdated and not fully ADA accessible. DOVE is the only DV organization (and emergency shelter) in Norfolk County. With a County population of 10% of MA, DOVE only has 6% of the DV shelter room capacity of 200+ in MA. We need a newer, more modern building with expanded capacity (to house ~10+ families).	Norfolk County MA	\$2,000

Cooperative Development Institute	<p>Wheel Estates is a 199-unit manufactured housing community in North Adams MA, which is run and operated as a not-for-profit resident owned (ROC) housing cooperative. A major health and safety challenge facing the 230+ residents of Wheel Estates is the poor condition of the steep access road that leads into the community.</p> <p>On behalf of the residents of Wheel Estates, the Cooperative Development Institute (CDI) seeks funding for an entry road repair project to benefit the health, safety, and sustainability of their community.</p>	North Adams MA	\$300
Town of North Andover	<p>The Town of North Andover through its Affordable Housing Trust and Community Preservation Committee, and the North Andover Housing Authority are partnering to bring 12 additional low income housing units to Fountain Drive, a state elderly/disabled development located off of Route 125 in North Andover, Massachusetts. The new units will be the same style as what is currently at Fountain Drive- one bedroom single floor units with a front and back entrance. There will be 2 new buildings with 6 units in each building.</p>	North Andover MA	\$750
Town of North Andover	<p>The Pedestrian Safety Enhancements for Affordable Housing and Economic Development along Route 114 ("the project") will further expand upon the economic development efforts along Route 114 in North Andover, and will better integrate and enhance North Andover economic development zones of opportunity. In addition, the project funding will advance a variety of community goals identified in the North Andover Master Plan related to affordable housing, community services, economic development and mobility.</p>	North Andover MA	\$4,500
City of Northampton	<p>This research-based project will focus services for our most vulnerable residents and emergency relief under one roof and create a Hub where members of our community can turn to in times of stress or during emergency events and disasters. Consolidating services and resources will allow for better outreach to those in need and create stronger relationships between providers and their clients. The Hub will also be equipped to efficiently transition to providing emergency services to those in need and a distribution center during emergency events. This is especially important considering recent weather events and the ongoing economic impacts of COVID-19.</p>	Northampton MA	\$4,000
Massachusetts Military Support Foundation	<p>Massachusetts Military Support Foundation would utilize this funding for the acquisition and rehabilitation of the Tweave Mill property in Norton to serve as its new Food bank distribution Center and Headquarters to supply its regional empowerment centers. This will allow MMSF to continue to meet the needs of veterans, active-duty military, and their families – many with low- and moderate-incomes as well as local Norton and Bristol County senior citizens and other at-risk populations. The new property will have the necessary space to safely receive, store, and distribute an increased volume of non-perishable food, fresh produce, pre-made meals and other goods throughout Massachusetts.</p> <p>COVID-19 greatly impacted the veteran community in unprecedented ways. According to a December 2020 CNAS Report on Massachusetts Needs Assessment During the Pandemic and Beyond, "impacts of the pandemic on Massachusetts veterans tracked largely with those of veterans nationally, with fallout particularly around mental health, isolation, and financial security due to unemployment, homelessness, food insecurity, and mental health –concluding that these issues increased for veterans who were not facing these challenges prior to the pandemic."</p> <p>The two MMSF Empowerment Centers each serve 3,000+ families per month, impacting an estimated 18,000 individuals. MMSF's food programs provide budget relief and lift emotional burdens that often accompany food insecurity. MMSF's Food4Vets program distributed 53,500 food boxes since the start of the pandemic in 2020, and an additional 25,000 food boxes were distributed each month during that time through the USDA Farmers to Families program (USDA distribution partners are not compensated).</p>	Norton MA	\$1,925

	<p>MMSF is prepared to build on the strength of its capabilities and proven outcomes to serve multiple regions with enhanced capacity, which this facility will provide.</p> <p>The Massachusetts Military Support Foundation Food Bank Distribution Center and Headquarters is an ideal project for the community development fund for economic development initiatives as it addresses providing community services through the acquisition of real property which will result in a complete blight removal and remediation through the rehabilitation and improvement of the facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposed MMSF project directly addresses two out of three of the National Objectives of the broader CBDBG program - The project will benefit low- and moderate-income persons when supporting and feeding veterans and their families. - The project will eliminate the blight at the Tweave Mill property by taking it back from vandalism and rehabbing it to be an operating food bank and distribution center to respond to the needs of the Veteran Community. 		
Berkshire Family YMCA	<p>The BFYMCA is undertaking a \$12 million renovation of its historic downtown Pittsfield building. Construction began in October 2021 to meet educational, health, wellness and fitness needs. The project will renovate and expand the Y's childcare and fitness facilities and will be an important economic driver for downtown Pittsfield and Berkshire County. Completion will enhance the Y's long-term sustainability, programmatically and financially, increase energy efficiency and bring the space into ADA compliance. The result: a 73,000SF facility with 35% more licensed, affordable, childcare slots, expanded resources for adults and seniors and a rejuvenated anchor for a Massachusetts Gateway City.</p>	Pittsfield MA	\$1,000
South Shore YMCA	<p>The South Shore YMCA requests support to expand its Germantown Neighborhood Center Food Pantry through the construction of 400 square feet of new space on the existing Germantown Neighborhood Center in Quincy. The expansion and relocation of the food pantry into the new section of the existing building will create more space for other programs, including a new early education/preschool program and expanded after school space which will allow working parents more flexibility to remain strong members of the workforce and offer educational opportunities to 120 children living in low-to-moderate income families.</p>	Quincy MA	\$1,000
Southfield Redevelopment Authority	<p>The Eastside Parkway Expansion improvements allow for Smart Growth development in the southeastern region of the state, including revitalization of the former South Weymouth Naval Air Station (SWNAS), bringing much needed economic development and housing opportunities. The expansion project will link the South Weymouth MBTA Commuter Rail station and Route 18 thru the Base property to the existing Park & Ride facility at the Route 228/Route 3 interchange on the Norwell/Rockland line.</p>	Rockland MA	\$1,500
City of Salem	<p>This request is for an expansion of the Salem Skipper, an on-demand mobility service, that would provide service beyond the City of Salem to the City of Peabody, the Town of Danvers, and key workforce centers on the North Shore of Massachusetts include Essex Tech, North Shore Community College, and Cherry Hill Industrial Park. These key workforce centers currently lack any access via public transportation. By creating affordable transportation access to these workforce locations, we expect to create more equitable economic opportunities across the North Shore.</p>	Salem, Peabody, Danvers MA	\$2,300
Town of Saugus, MA	<p>The Town of Saugus is interested in revitalizing a longstanding commercial district in the center of Saugus – historically known as Cliftdale. The area has been an important commercial and retail business district in Saugus for generations but in the past 30 years has gone through documented decline and disinvestment. Cliftdale Square has become an area that the town has invested significant time and money into economic analyses and studies, which</p>	Saugus MA	\$2,300

have resulted in a 2022 Final report by the Clifftondale Revitalization Committee and 2022 Master Plan detailing economic development initiatives and plans to revitalize this commercial district.

Groundwork Somerville	Groundwork Somerville seeks funding to support our Green Team youth employment program, supporting more youth jobs and youth training in environmental work. The Green Team is a unique learning opportunity for youth to have input into their educational structure and to make decisions for themselves about plans for their community, working together to decide upon the environmental projects that will make the biggest impact on their community. Green Team youth are on the cutting edge of climate resiliency projects and building more green spaces within the city.	Somerville MA	\$60
City of Somerville	The City of Somerville is redeveloping the 216-unit, 1940s-era Clarendon Hill Public Housing Complex into a 570-unit mixed-income neighborhood. The project design includes physical traffic calming treatments to improve safety outcomes for all road users, with emphasis on people walking, biking, and using mobility assistance devices. It will improve residents' physical access to the surrounding community--creating an equitable neighborhood out of an isolated housing development--while allowing safe access to the large, green, open space at the Mystic River Reservation across the street.	Somerville MA	\$2,400
Way Finders, Inc.	Library Commons 2 (LC2) and Holyoke Resident Services will build on Way Finders' comprehensive community development initiative in Holyoke's blighted and low-income Downtown neighborhood. LC2 will add 41 units of affordable housing with coordinated resident services, following HUD's recommended guidelines, which are critical for housing stability and family well-being. Eighteen of the 41 units will be reserved for families with incomes at or below 30% AMI and 23 are for families with incomes at or below 60% AMI. Coordinated resident services provide case management services for tenants along with community building and engagement programs and activities for the local neighborhood.	Springfield MA	\$1,500
Cooperative Development Institute	The Cooperative Development Institute seeks \$1.5 million in federal funding to assist residents at Royal Crest Mobile Home Park finance the purchase of their own park in order to become a resident owned community. Becoming resident owned would preserve 145 units of affordable senior housing. On average, across the country, rents go up less than 1% annually in resident owned communities, compared with the average 3.9% increase in investor-owned communities. Many resident households at Royal Crest have lived there for decades; they are on fixed incomes, and want to stay in place: in their homes.	West Wareham MA	\$1,500
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Westfield, Inc.	The Club's indoor swimming pool is one of only two public pools in Westfield. The Club monitors the health of the pool through consultations with our Board of Director's Facility Maintenance Committee, Westfield City officials, and pool maintenance professionals. It was recently determined that the pool's dehumidification system will need to be replaced. The new system will be purchased from Seresco, whose unique environmentally-friendly technology delivers the ideal pool environment, uses 85% less refrigerant and has the lowest operating costs. The system will be installed by a company who has provided us with quality service for many years.	Westfield MA	\$400
Cooperative Development Institute	Heritage Residents Association is a 70-unit manufactured housing community, which is run and operated as a not for profit resident owned (ROC) manufactured housing cooperative in Westfield, MA. Due to the neglect of the prior for-profit owner, the infrastructure of the park is in need of extensive repair and replacement. Needed improvements include the replacement of the water distribution system, which was estimated in 2019 to cost between \$220,000-\$280,000, \$27,000 to \$36,000 of improvements to the site drainage, and an additional \$300,000 of work including creating drainage	Westfield MA	\$600

swales and several catch basins. Repaving the community will be necessary following.

African Community Education Program, Inc	The African Community Education Program (ACE) proposes to renovate the recently-acquired 56,000-square-foot property at 51 Gage St., which will serve as the agency's new home and as a community center for Worcester's large, dynamic, and diverse African communities. ACE has served the city's African refugee and immigrant communities since 2006 through comprehensive youth and family educational programming, wraparound case management, and immigration services. Renovations will include creating STEM and innovation labs, updating 16 classrooms, rehabilitating the gymnasium, and much more. This project will allow for a drastic increase in ACE's programs, services, and people served annually.	Worcester MA	\$3,000
Centro Las Americas, Inc.	The Purpose of this project is to create the vehicle to eliminate systemic barriers and provide access, tools, training, education and strategies to Hispanics, communities of color, low income families and other historically economically disadvantaged individuals in Worcester and Central MA, to improve their economic condition, narrow the wealth and homeownership gap and help ensure they become economically self-sufficient.	Worcester MA	\$755
Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport)	This will be a comprehensive study of the electrical service for the Terminal and Field Electrical Vault at Worcester Regional Airport and the design and construction of other improvements. This program will address resiliency, the long-term growth of the airport and the electrification of ground service equipment. This electrification will in the long-term support all ground service equipment, personal vehicles, rental cars and ride app services. The first phase of this project will bring a much need new 13.8 KV service to the airport.	Worcester MA	\$900
Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport)	<p>The security checkpoint improvement project involves the renovation of shell space within the existing Terminal Building and the construction of a two-lane security checkpoint. Once the new checkpoint has been placed into service, the existing single lane checkpoint located in the passenger hold room will be decommissioned and removed. The space currently occupied by the single lane checkpoint will be converted to hold room space for passengers waiting to board aircraft.</p> <p>The proposed project will enhance security but more importantly allow the airport and TSA to consistently provide a high level of customer service to the airline passengers who choose Worcester Regional Airport. Project Objectives include:</p> <p>Efficiently screening passengers; Decreasing passenger wait times; Maintaining checkpoint throughput capacity when screening equipment has to be taken out of service for repair or calibration; Providing a clean, modern, and comfortable environment in which to conduct the screening process; Better detection technology means there will be less divestment requirements and human resources are better allocated to other areas of need. Discovery of threats and prohibited items will occur more often, and; The new CT equipment screens passenger carryon baggage and other items and has the potential to decrease the need for manual searches.</p> <p>The proposed improvements to the screening process will contribute to the continued growth and success of Worcester Regional Airport.</p> <p>The current single lane configuration of the Worcester Regional Airport checkpoint is not advantageous for several reasons. As the post pandemic passenger volumes recover, the peak passenger volumes now satisfy the TSA criteria for a second lane. While not busy all day, Worcester's departing flights tend to be concentrated during short periods. This results in significant peak volumes. A second lane will allow the TSA to staff the checkpoint in a manner which maintains desirable wait times during these peak periods.</p>	Worcester MA	\$1,800

From a customer service perspective, the most significant advantage of a second lane comes into play if screening equipment has to be taken out of service for any reason. In the current checkpoint set-up, baggage can still be screened manually if the screening equipment is unavailable or out of service. However, that process is slow and invasive, and the throughput of the checkpoint is significantly degraded. This results in a dramatic increase in wait times. A second lane allows the checkpoint to function efficiently with the other lane out of service.

One of the advantages of Worcester Regional Airport when compared to larger airports is the relative convenience that passengers experience. Passengers can park, get their tickets, check their bags and get through security in a fraction of the time that it takes at larger facilities. Enhancing the screening capacity by adding a second lane to the security checkpoint will ensure that the passengers consistently experience a desirable level of customer service.

Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport)	This program will address resiliency, the long-term growth of the airport and the electrification of ground service equipment. This electrification will in the long-term support all ground service equipment, personal vehicles, rental cars and ride app services. The first phase of this project will bring a much need new 13.8 KV service to the airport.	Worcester MA	\$900
Veterans Inc.	Renovation of the historic former Massachusetts National Guard Armory in Worcester to create a One-Stop Veterans Resource Center. The project is necessary to create a safe environment for homeless, at-risk, and in-need veterans and military services members and their respective family members where they can have all their various needs addressed. The priority is to make the front portion of the Armory a safe and pleasant work and meeting space for staff, veterans, and community members. The facility provides residential programs for homeless veterans as well as outreach and supportive services programs for members of the community.	Worcester MA	\$4,000
New Garden Park, Inc.	The Greendale Revitalization Initiative seeks to partner with community stakeholders on a comprehensive strategy to enhance sustainable economic development opportunities. Greendale is a neighborhood of northern Worcester with historic and modern industrial campuses, a small business corridor, residential and educational assets. The project will include planning activities related to land use, transportation, and energy infrastructure. This specific request focuses on the need to upgrade and improve New Bond Street which will be converted to a public road. These improvements would improve traffic for the neighborhood as well as electric, water and sewer infrastructure.	Worcester MA	\$1,500
Worcester Community Housing Resources, Inc.	The City of Worcester is experiencing a housing crisis; the number of units that low-income residents can afford at an all-time low. This contributes to the number of persons experiencing homelessness in the City rising to an all-time high. The pandemic has exacerbated the issue with an even greater tightening of the housing market. Creating more affordable housing units for those of the lowest incomes in our City along with providing wrap around services is the most effective solution to this problem. WCHR is requesting \$5 million to renovate a hotel, a problem property, into 77 studios for homeless individuals.	Worcester MA	\$5,000
Worcester Housing Authority	This request will support the construction of the Worcester Housing Authority's (WHA) Lakeside Administrative Building. Responsible for providing decent, safe, and affordable housing to 14,000 residents throughout the City of Worcester, the WHA strives to provide quality customer service to all who enter its doors. Through the development of this secondary headquarters, the WHA would increase access to staff and services for residents who live on the west side of Worcester and its accompanying neighborhoods. The WHA's self-sufficiency and apprentice programs will likewise be available to residents at this new site, giving them a chance	Worcester MA	\$2,000

	to achieve economic independence.		
Worcester Housing Authority	This funding would be used by the Worcester Housing Authority (WHA) to construct its Economic Opportunity Center (EOC). To be located in Worcester's Great Brook Valley community, the EOC will be the epicenter of self-sufficiency programming and other services for nearly 1,000 housing authority residents. At 39,000 square feet, the EOC will feature a state-of-the-art computer lab, a branch of the Worcester Public Library, and will be home to the WHA's Family and Resident Services Department. With the construction of the EOC, WHA residents will be able to take advantage of the services they need to achieve economic independence.	Worcester MA	\$2,000
Community Servings	<p>Community Servings has been operating in the Commonwealth for 32 years, and has made and delivered over 10 million medically tailored meals to date. As the link between food and health has become more evident, Community Servings has made it their mission to alleviate the immense barrier of acquiring diet specific ingredients and cooking nutritionally beneficial meals for chronically sick individuals, and to deliver food that can truly be considered medicine for their clients. They offer 15 medical diets that meet the medical and nutritional needs of clients with HIV/AIDS, cancer, kidney disease, diabetes, and other life-threatening illnesses. As just one example of this program's proven benefits, a research study published in JAMA-Internal Medicine in 2019 found that health care costs were reduced 16% and hospitalizations reduced 49% for high cost, high need patients receiving medically tailored meals. In addition to their MTM program, Community Servings has also integrated workforce development into their organization through the Teaching Kitchen, which is a free 12-week job training program for people interested in careers in the food service industry who face barriers to full-time employment. Community Servings is committed, in all programs and business practices, to prioritize racial and economic justice and health equity.</p> <p>Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, the demand for Community Servings' services has skyrocketed and the agency has responded by doubling the number of meals and clients served monthly. The agency is now providing nearly 900,000 medically tailored meals to 4,000 clients, their dependent children and caregivers annually. To meet this increased demand, Community Servings is looking to expand services to different parts of the state and deliver on their promise of putting every kind of equity at the center of their operations, including geographic. By increasing storage and delivery capacity to efficiently serve critically and chronically ill clients, Community Servings will reach a wider variety of communities across Massachusetts including Worcester, Leominster and other MA-District 2 communities, increase their ability to partner with local foods producers, improve sustainability through meal packaging, and expand their capacity to stockpile medically tailored meals for emergency use due to natural disaster or pandemic response. This expansion will support the preparation and delivery of 3.3M medically tailored meals over the next three years to an average of 4,000 clients annually who are experiencing critical and chronic illness and nutrition insecurity.</p>	https://www.servings.org MA	\$1,000