

**Senator Angus King, Jr.**  
**Fiscal Year 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**  
**Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies**

**Recipient:** Town of Houlton Maine Police Department

**Proposal Name:** TruNarc Drug Identification Device

**Project Purpose:** To purchase a TruNarc identification device to establish "immediate presumptive drug testing" for criminal prosecution.

**Project Location:** Aroostook County

**Amount Requested:** \$57,000

**Recipient:** Presque Isle International Airport

**Proposal Name:** UAS Flight Test Range

**Project Purpose:** To support the development of unmanned aerial systems airspace and operations for critical aerospace research, as well as regional research, training and educational organizations.

**Project Location:** Aroostook County

**Amount Requested:** \$1,104,000

**Recipient:** Presque Isle International Airport

**Proposal Name:** Aerospace Research Park Communications System

**Project Purpose:** To fund a secure data and communications system for the Presque Isle International Aerospace Park with private connectivity to the rocket launch site and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle flight test range in the Northern Maine Woods.

**Project Location:** Aroostook County

**Amount Requested:** \$7,920,000

**Recipient:** Gulf of Maine Research Institute

**Proposal Name:** Maine Fisheries Institute

**Project Purpose:** To initiate the Maine Fisheries Institute which will expedite and operationalize climate-forward fisheries assessment, regulatory advice, and management in the State of Maine.

**Project Location:** Cumberland County

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500,000

**Recipient:** Board of Harbor Commissioners for the Harbor of Portland

**Proposal Name:** Patrol Boat Replacement

**Project Purpose:** To replace one of the aging patrol boats in order to enhance community policing, security, and response capacity on the waters of Portland Harbor.

**Project Location:** Cumberland County

**Amount Requested:** \$317,000

**Recipient:** Maine Coast Fishermen's Association

**Proposal Name:** Fishermen Feeding Mainers

**Project Purpose:** To support a program that purchases fish directly from Maine fishermen at market price, contracts with local working waterfront businesses to process the fish, and donates it to schools, food banks and community groups statewide.

**Project Location:** Cumberland County

**Amount Requested:** \$750,000

**Recipient:** Saint Joseph's College

**Proposal Name:** Developing the Workforce for Land Based Aquaculture

**Project Purpose:** To fund a recirculating aquaculture system at Saint Joseph's College to help train 35 new workers a year in the land-based aquaculture industry.

**Project Location:** Cumberland County

**Amount Requested:** \$535,000

**Recipient:** City of Portland

**Proposal Name:** Great Diamond Island (GDI) Seawall

**Project Purpose:** To construct a seawall on Great Diamond Island to help combat erosion and sea level rise while simultaneously providing a wider and safer access lane to the Casco Bay Lines ferry.

**Project Location:** Cumberland County

**Amount Requested:** \$756,000

**Recipient:** Roux Institute at Northeastern University

**Proposal Name:** East Deering Waterfront Improvements

**Project Purpose:** To support the preservation of and improvements to the East Deering waterfront, adjacent to the new campus for the Roux Institute at Northeastern University.

**Project Location:** Cumberland County

**Amount Requested:** \$4,000,000

**Recipient:** Maine Department of Marine Resources

**Proposal Name:** Gulf of Maine Hydrographic and Habitat Mapping

**Project Purpose:** To support DMR's ability to conduct sea floor mapping to address information needs to reduce the impacts of Offshore Wind Development in the Gulf of Maine on commercial and recreational fisheries.

**Project Location:** Kennebec County

**Amount Requested:** \$5,200,000

**Recipient:** Maine Space Grant Consortium

**Proposal Name:** Coastal Blue Carbon Data Analytics

**Project Purpose:** To support data analytics capacity of the Maine Space Complex to provide AI/machine learning resources to process blue carbon data collected in a survey of coastal environments like salt marshes, seaweeds, and seagrass beds.

**Project Location:** Kennebec County

**Amount Requested:** \$1,410,000

**Recipient:** L.E.A.D., Inc. - Law Enforcement Against Drugs & Violence

**Proposal Name:** L.E.A.D.'s Program Enhancement Initiative

**Project Purpose:** To support law enforcement and school personnel to purchase equipment, training materials, and the curricula for Advance Certification Training.

**Project Location:** Kennebec County

**Amount Requested:** \$500,000

**Recipient:** University of Maine System

**Proposal Name:** The Atlantic Whale Assessment, Research, and Exploration Project (Project AWARE)

**Project Purpose:** To partner with the Maine lobster fishery and State of Maine officials to develop a strategic North Atlantic Right Whale Habitat Characterization Strategic Plan.

**Project Location:** Lincoln County

**Amount Requested:** \$440,000

**Recipient:** University of Maine System

**Proposal Name:** Maine Environmental Analytical Laboratory Modernization and Expansion

**Project Purpose:** To modernize and expand the University of Maine Analytical Laboratory and Soil Testing Service, constructed in 1981, to increase capacity to provide in-demand testing for thousands of annual users.

**Project Location:** Penobscot County

**Amount Requested:** \$5,000,000

**Recipient:** University of Maine System

**Proposal Name:** Forest Biomaterials Innovation Center, Sustainable Packaging Institute

**Project Purpose:** Consistent with the opportunities identified by FOR/Maine, this project would build and equip the Forest Biomaterials Innovation Center, a 10,000 square foot extension on the existing University of Maine Process Development Center.

**Project Location:** Penobscot County

**Amount Requested:** \$10,000,000

**Recipient:** Challenger Learning Center of Maine

**Proposal Name:** From Maine to the Moon: Enriching STEM aspirations of Maine students

**Project Purpose:** To upgrade simulation equipment for new NASA-themed space missions in support of STEM programming for K-12 students across the entire state of Maine.

**Project Location:** Penobscot County

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500,000

**Recipient:** University of Maine System

**Proposal Name:** Sustainable Aquaculture Workforce Innovation Center (SAWIC)

**Project Purpose:** To build a new 15,000 square foot demonstration, training and research facility that will support Maine's aquaculture workforce.

**Project Location:** Penobscot County

**Amount Requested:** \$7,000,000

**Recipient:** University of Maine System

**Proposal Name:** Maine Mesonet: A Weather Station Network for Maine Farmers

**Project Purpose:** To develop a network of up to 26 automated weather stations across Maine to greatly enhance weather prediction and climate monitoring capability in the state.

**Project Location:** Penobscot County

**Amount Requested:** \$3,548,000

**Recipient:** Public Safety Radio Project

**Proposal Name:** Piscataquis County Emergency Management Agency

**Project Purpose:** To strengthen emergency management by replacing the failing life-safety radio

infrastructure which dates back to Civil Defense era equipment and is far past end-of-life, end-of-service.

**Project Location:** Piscataquis County

**Amount Requested:** \$4,175,000

**Recipient:** Marine Mammals of Maine

**Proposal Name:** Marine Mammal Data Collection Program

**Project Purpose:** To enhance the collection, processing and storage of marine mammal samples and data related to marine mammal strandings.

**Project Location:** Sagadahoc County

**Amount Requested:** \$236,000

**Recipient:** City of Belfast

**Proposal Name:** Police Equipment

**Project Purpose:** To support the acquisition of training, analysis, and emergency operations center equipment for the City of Belfast Police Department

**Project Location:** Waldo County

**Amount Requested:** \$1,297,000

**Recipient:** York County Fire/EMS Office

**Proposal Name:** Training Simulators

**Project Purpose:** To purchase training simulators, training equipment, and training props for first responders.

**Project Location:** York County

**Amount Requested:** \$1,800,000

**Recipient:** Wells Police Department

**Proposal Name:** Police Department Social Worker/Clinician

**Project Purpose:** To fund a social worker/clinician to work alongside officers of the Wells Police Department to divert and assist mental health and addiction type calls.

**Project Location:** York County

**Amount Requested:** \$300,000

**Recipient:** University of New England

**Proposal Name:** Enhancement of Marine Sciences at UNE

**Project Purpose:** To expand UNE's marine science and aquaculture program with the addition of a recirculating aquaculture system.

**Project Location:** York County

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

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April 5, 2023


The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen  
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The Honorable Jerry Moran  
Ranking Member  
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Dear Chair Shaheen and Ranking Member Moran,

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 2024 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies appropriations legislation, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sincerely,



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