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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
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Senate Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable John Kennedy
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Dear Chairman Feinstein and Ranking Member Kennedy,

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 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill is consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sincerely,



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Gillibrand, Kirsten(D-NY) Agriculture Congressionally Directed Spending Requests

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
New York Farm Viability Institute	<p>Three improvement areas for the current platform:</p> <p>Application Flexibility. Changes will provide flexibility and allow customizing the application for existing and new targeted programs as needs arise and resources become available. An immediate opportunity is co-funding projects with corporate and other private funding sources. The current system creates challenges when multiple funding sources support a single project.</p> <p>Farmer Review Panels. Farmer input to identify the most important projects is critical to funding the most important work. Building capability to collect farmer profiles online will allow for better matching proposals to reviewers. Modifications will facilitate recruiting and enrolling farmers through various outreach and social media efforts, resulting in more farmers, and more diverse farmers, being involved in the review process. While our review panels have strong gender diversity, the review process would benefit from more diverse perspectives, which these upgrades will facilitate.</p> <p>Knowledge Sharing. Moving the knowledge generated by projects into a useful format and importantly into the hands of farmers, is challenging. Database upgrades will allow knowledge created by projects to be searched and shared on the NYFVI website. We will also explore integrating knowledge gained through our projects into peer driven knowledge sharing platforms, such as Ag Solidarity Network.</p> <p>After 15 years of successful operation, upgrading the grant management platform will help NYFVI better serve NY agriculture. The changes will allow NYFVI to improve its project management practices, include more, and more diverse, farmers in the review process, and better connect the knowledge generated to the agricultural community.</p>	All NY Counties NY	\$389
Rural Housing Coalition of New York	<p>There are currently 58 Rural Preservation Companies (RPCs) serving rural communities throughout the state. The Rural Preservation Companies are local non-profits with volunteer boards of directors, funded mainly by state and federal grants (HCR, HUD, USDA, CDBG, etc.) to provide housing repair and rehab services to low-moderate income homeowners, housing counseling to eligible first-time homebuyers, and the management and construction of affordable rental housing to low-moderate income households.</p> <p>The Rural Housing Coalition of New York or RHC, is a statewide membership organization that represents the rural preservation companies and community/housing developers and provides them with technical assistance and training.</p> <p>The Rural Housing Coalition seeks \$50,000 to increase the leadership capacity of both the paid staff and volunteer boards as well as their technology capacity, specifically website updates and enhancements, to allow for online applications for services. The lack of leadership training for these small non-profits has inhibited their ability to maximize their potential to serve their rural communities. RPC Executive Directors come to the position with little or no supervisory, budget development and board relations experience. Volunteer board members recruited from the rural communities the RPCs serve, come to their roles with little or no previous non-profit board experience and understanding of the various state and federal housing and community development programs administered by their organizations.</p> <p>In addition, several of the RPCs do not have websites and many lack the capacity to accept applications for assistance online, which was exposed as a major impediment during the height of the pandemic.</p>	All NY Counties will benefit NY	\$50
YMCA of Olean	<p>The YMCA Outdoor Center will be located on the Olean YMCA property, creating new green space and facilities that encourage people to be active, engaged, and social. Through community focus groups, needs arising from the pandemic, and the Ys capacity to deliver, the YMCA has carefully and strategically planned an Outdoor Center that will bring exciting opportunities to enhance people's lives through healthy living, sport, and play. There are five major components of the Outdoor Center including Welcome Center/Bathhouse, Airnasium (outdoor covered gymnasium that will house youth sports, senior group exercise classes,</p>	Cattaraugus County NY	\$1,000

pickleball, youth and family programs, and group gatherings including outdoor theater productions), a Splash Park that transforms into a Winter Play Park (ice skating and winter activities), gathering fire pits and a playground. These capital spaces are the means to the end creating programs and services that keep people active and engaged through all four seasons. Located in Western New York, the weather ranges from subzero to temperatures in the 90s. Planning of the Outdoor Center has focused on celebrating the changing seasons and making the space accessible and usable regardless of the weather.

Village of Westfield	The new garage will be approximately 1,600 square feet and will house vehicles, an assembly area, ADA restroom and general storage. The building will consist of metal wall and roof panels, fiberglass doors/windows, and partial height reinforced masonry exterior walls. The new construction will allow the water department to store all materials in case of water main breaks or when a hydrant needs repair.	Chautauqua County NY	\$1,000
City of Hornell	The City of Hornell intends to consolidate the deteriorating Public Works Garage and leased Hornell Area Transit facilities into a modern, safe, and efficient single facility. All of the HAT buses are serviced and repaired at the DPW garage, as well as most of the police and fire department vehicles including ambulances. No jobs will be eliminated or reduced as a result of this proposed consolidation.	City of Hornell NY	\$3,000
Cortland County Mental Health Department	<p>This project will renovate a vacant downtown City of Cortland building purchased by Cortland County to relocate their Mental Health department and treatment services. Cortland County Mental Health Department (CCMHD) is a rural behavioral healthcare provider with three New York Office of Mental Health (OMH) licensed outpatient clinical treatment/services for over 1000 clients each year.</p> <p>This renovation project enables CCMHD to provide expanded treatment/services in an inclusive, accessible, and therapeutic environment available to and at significant benefit for all county taxpayers. Benefiting taxpayers through improved behavioral health treatment/services and through long term fiscal sustainability of county building ownership and renovation of local government's physical assets. Renovation of this county asset is a better use of taxpayer investment than the current annual leased building expenses for the CCMHD's rural healthcare treatment and services. As a rural behavioral healthcare provider, CCMHD offering three NY OMH licensed outpatient clinical treatment/services for over 20 years to over 1,000 clients each year. The COVID-19 pandemic heightened the necessity of obtaining an improved and larger location for these services, as high-priority behavioral health needs and demand for CCMHD treatment/services increased. Federal and state data show the increased demand for mental healthcare is forecasted for years to come. Failure to address the CCMHD physical space needs will have long term negative service and fiscal consequences to taxpayers and limit treatment/service availability to those in need.</p>	Cortland County NY	\$2,995
Center for the Arts of Homer, Inc.	<p>The Little White Church formerly the Calvary Episcopal Church of Homer, was constructed in 1832 on the Homer Village Green. It is in the Old Homer Village Historic District and the Historic American Building Survey (HABS) of 1966. It is the oldest church in Cortland County. The building also served as the Homer Village and Town Hall until 1890. The Village of Homer purchased the church, which had fallen into disrepair after having been closed a number of years prior, in order to save it from demolition for construction of a parking lot. The plan was to restore the original exterior of the building and repurpose it as a community center and artistic performance venue in partnership with the Center for the Arts of Homer. However, the Village found that the repairs needed (when performed under the prevailing wage rules of NYS municipalities) would be far too expensive to undertake. The COVID pandemic exacerbated this problem further.</p> <p>Recently, discussions between the Village mayor and the executive director of the Center for the Arts led to a solution: the Village would sell the Church to the Center for \$1.00 so the Center could pay market labor rates to its trusted local contractor partners and thus restore the building and refit its interior to serve its several planned new uses.</p> <p>The Village, the Center, and Homer's Landmark Society are partners in this venture. Each will contribute to the costs of restoring, repurposing, and administering the new Little White Church Community Center.</p>	Cortland County NY	\$334

Dansville YMCA	The Dansville YMCA, a branch of the Hornell Area Family YMCA, requests federal funds toward construction of a new facility in Dansville, NY. The approximately 40,000 square foot facility will include a multi-purpose gymnasium, pool, fitness center, aerobics studios, arts studios, childcare center, community gathering space, locker rooms, and other necessary offices and spaces. When complete, the Y will provide childcare; social opportunities for youth, teens, adults, families, and seniors; enrichment for community members of all ages; and our wide range of fitness and wellness programs that improve health outcomes across all demographics. Federal funds will be used toward facility construction costs. If fully-funded, these taxpayer funds will comprise 25% of the project.	Dansville NY	\$300
Dorothy & Lewis B. Cullman Child Development Cente	We will use the allocated funds to develop a therapy room at the Center as well as hire a consultant to develop an Early Intervention program that focuses on infants and toddlers with special needs. We will also work with other community partners to further programming around equity and inclusion. It is of the utmost importance to incorporate standards of early intervention that also include an understanding of the intersectionality and various social factors that impact childhood outcomes. We will offer a critical service for a number of historically under-resourced rural communities. Currently, families in our county and surrounding counties often need to travel more than one hour to find early intervention services.	Delaware County NY	\$147
Delaware County Industrial Development Agency	The Delaware County IDA is expanding its Andes-based food hub to include a 2,700 sq ft carbon neutral geothermal and solar-powered greenhouse. This demonstration project will increase local food access, help fight climate change and showcase a cost-efficient and sustainable advanced agriculture model for future farmers and developers. Based on its revolutionary design, the greenhouse will operate 12 months of the year at net-zero performance, which reduces cost and increases profits and environmental sustainability. The reduced expenses will enable the greenhouse operator to make 25% of the produce available to SNAP recipients at a reduced price. This greenhouse will be made as replicable as possible, in order to inspire similar projects. It will also create year-round advance agriculture jobs and training programs for advanced agricultural jobs. The project is almost fully funded, but rising material prices has increased the budget, even after scaling the greenhouse back. The Delaware County IDA needs \$150,000 to complete the project and will be ready to start as soon as those funds are awarded.	Delaware County NY	\$150
Pine Plains Memorial Hall - The Stissing Center	Building a rear addition to: -house the main HVAC and electrical systems -provide rear access to the parking lot/loading area -create required egress from the third floor of the main building -house an elevator serving stage, lower and upper levels and provide additional accessible access for patrons -provide dressing rooms with restrooms/showers Renovating the lower level to: -create The Cellar at the Center (second performance, meeting, community space) -build a catering kitchen for organizational, public, private events -Installing remaining HVAC, serving lower/upper levels, rear addition -Replacing century-old windows -Renovating top floor and mezzanine to create incubator, educational, workshop space, a gallery, and offices -Installing parking lot lighting	Dutchess County NY	\$1,100
African Heritage Economic Initiative Inc.	Blegacy Farms is an exciting new initiative to increase diversity in farming through BIPOC farmland ownership, education, training and cooperative access to equipment and facilities. They are fortunate to have received grant support for their training programs, but they need resources to purchase farming equipment and build facilities that will help new farmers operate and succeed. They believe that their model of helping new, BIPOC Farmers produce and sell fresh food at reasonable prices will not only help our farmers but will also expand access to nutritious foods in neighborhoods that have been undeserved for years.	Erie County NY	\$500
Essex County	We are requesting \$900,000 to provide our broadband vendors the opportunity to provide internet access to those who cannot currently reach it. We support households accessing broadband to occupy their homes year round, spending earned income in our communities, providing necessary tax base, sales tax revenue, and business development.	Essex County NY	\$900

Adirondack Medical Center	Outcomes of the renovation will augment resiliency in the health system's response to future infectious disease outbreaks. The project will also increase the region's capacity to host global sporting events in nearby Lake Placid, as well as other large-scale tourism events across the North Country. The project will provide the rural communities and visitors of the Adirondack Park with access to a substantially improved medical facility. The updated facility will reduce the number of individuals and families traveling outside the region for healthcare services. Adirondack Health is also the largest private employer in the Adirondack Park and this project will add to that total with six new nursing and technician jobs and 16 construction jobs, while retaining and recruiting skilled positions with the help of a modern facility.	Franklin County NY	\$3,000
Historic Saranac Lake	Historic Saranac Lake (HSL) seeks Congressionally Directed Spending to support our capital project to restore the historic Trudeau Building for expansion of our museum. This is a high-impact project in rural upstate New York that will reach completion with assistance from the federal government. The federal award of \$500,000 will fill the funding gap in order to meet the total budget for acquisition, construction, design, and site improvements of \$4,216,150.	Franklin County NY	\$500
Upper Saranac FOundation	The Bartlett Carry Dam is located at the South end of the 8-mile-long Upper Saranac Lake. Reportedly constructed in the 1850's, the dam, over years, has been repaired several times. The Dam is classified as a Class "B" intermediate hazard dam by NYSDEC. Most recently, in 2018, emergency repairs had to be made to the dam because a dangerous sink hole had formed along the dam threatening to breach the structure. Breaching of the dam would have been disastrous. The dam is above the Village of Saranac Lake and if breached waters from the dam would have, at a minimum, caused flooding and property damage. In addition, a breach of the dam would have dropped the level of the Upper Saranac Lake by 6 to 10 feet dramatically altering the beautiful lake shoreline and leaving two State campgrounds, hundreds of privately-owned docks unusable. In addition, two public boat launches would be rendered inoperable. The owner of the dam, the Upper Saranac Foundation, a 501C non-profit organization, is seeking funding to make a series of necessary repairs and safety improvements to the dam to comply with state and federal dam safety regulations. The owner of the dam, the Upper Saranac Foundation, is seeking funding to make a series of deferred necessary repairs to the dam. The current estimated cost of these repairs is \$1.8 million.	Franklin County NY	\$1,500
Town of Franklin	The proposed project will accelerate broadband buildout in the Town of Franklin by three years over NY State ConnectAll, expanding the fiber-optic network to homes and businesses that urgently need access now. Broadband provider Spectrum has developed plans for the buildout and is engaged and supportive of this project, committing \$500,000 in matching funds.	Franklin County NY	\$1,100
Fulton County Center for Regional Growth, Inc	The major economic base of Fulton County, up until the 1960's was the leather industry. Since that time, the industry has gone into serious decline. This decline was due to a combination of overseas competition, as well as serious environmental issues associated with the leather industry. For the last several decades, Fulton County has sought to diversify its economic base, and replace the lost jobs. This has led to highly successful industrial parks, primarily in Johnstown and Gloversville. Those industrial parks are now full, and the Fulton County Center for Regional Growth is seeking to create additional shovel ready industrial park space that will attract new businesses or assist existing businesses in their expansion efforts. The Center for Regional Growth has identified a prime location for a future industrial park, located along a major arterial in the Towns of Johnstown and Mohawk. This site offers excellent vehicle access and a full complement of high capacity utilities nearby. The Center for Regional Growth has obtained an option to purchase the site. The next step is to purchase the site and develop it as a shovel ready industrial development site.	Fulton County NY	\$500
County of Fulton	In 2020, the Fulton County Board of Supervisors included a \$75,000 appropriation to develop a NY 30/30A Sewer Preliminary Feasibility Study as part of the County's SmartWaters initiative that considers a Regional approach to consolidating existing municipal wastewater infrastructure. The Environmental Design Partnership, LLP has been the contracting engineer for the County's SmartWaters infrastructure plan completed the study in the first quarter of FY21. Project synopsis:	Fulton County NY	\$10,000

1. The consolidation of (2) existing municipal and one (1) private wastewater treatment plant that are in need of significant investment (T. Northampton, V. Mayfield, Sunset Bay RV Park) to a Regional Sewer System.
2. Connection of existing NYS DEC Northampton Beach State Campground to a Regional Sewer System.
3. Providing the Northville Central School District facility with municipal sewer through a Regional Sewer System.
4. Utilization of existing Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant's significant excess capacity as the recipient of the Regional Sewer System.
5. Provide increased water quality to the Great Sacandaga Lake by the elimination of deteriorating onsite septic systems.

Upstate Ice Plex	The Ice Plex will provide recreational sport and community involvement for children, families, and athletes to exercise. The Ice Plex would promote local business drawing in residents from out of the area and be utilized year-round.	Gloversville NY	\$6,000
Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency	The Herkimer County IDA is assisting with the construction of a 500,000-gallon elevated water tank at the Manheim Business Park to address water sustainability issues and expand capacity for future development in the Mohawk Valley Region, particularly in the Village of Dolgeville. As a sustainable, fiscally prudent endeavor, the proposed project will result in a reliable and clean drinking water solution.	Herkimer County NY	\$500
Jefferson County SPCA	JCSPCA is the only nonprofit provider in the community with surgical capabilities that provides low-come vaccinations and spay and neuter services to the disadvantaged populace in Northern New York. Many people in the community rely on JCSPCA for animal care, and as the only nonprofit veterinary provider in the area with surgical capabilities, many partner organizations also rely on the organization. Built approximately in 1974, the current kennel area at JCSPCA has 24 single-compartment dog runs in two rows of 12 facing each other. The kennels are in desperate need of refurbishment to continue to serve and meet the demands of the far-reaching Northern New York region while maintaining the Association of Shelter Veterinarians' Capacity for Care guidelines.	Jefferson County NY	\$415
Delphi Falls County Park	Madison County acquired 62 acre Delphi Falls County Park in 2018 which features nearly 1 mile of access to Limestone Creek and is highlighted by two amazing waterfalls: the 54 foot Upper Falls and the 62 foot Lower Falls. Interest in the park by the public has been overwhelming (despite the fact that it remains largely undeveloped) and attendance has only been heightened by the COVID-19 Pandemic as people searched for healthy, active, and outdoor places to visit. If selected, this request would be used to fund the construction and development of a visitors center/conference center at the Park. Though Madison County has other parks, the unique beauty of this site has galvanized the desires of those involved to create a remarkable place for current and future generations, by allowing public use of the site without detracting from the natural beauty. Work is underway now to design this first class visitor center/conference center that will be one of a kind in Madison County. Funds from this Congressionally Directed Spending Request will be used specifically for the construction of the visitors center/conference center.	Madison County NY	\$3,000
Niagara County Department of Public Works	A Natural Park would be installed at Burmaster Park in Lewiston, NY. The southern border of the is on the Tuscarora Reservation. This location is near the NY Border with Canada and is popular with both Niagara County residents and tourists alike for its beauty and attractions such as Art Park. By installing a playground that offers accessibility to all children, including those with autism, this will be a welcoming place for kids and family to enjoy. Amenities proposed include a climbing area with a Boulder Course, spiderweb cargo net and various steps and stairs. Several slides of varying sizes and lengths to challenge and delight children of all ages. Learning activities including a sundial, recessed labyrinth, magnifying station and a gadget board. Explore Spaces such as a hollow log tunnel, wooden cave and recessed fort to spark imaginations. And a wide variety of musical pieces including a musical fence, pedestal pipes, listening tubes, a xylophone, pebble harp and bass and thunder drums. Also including will be trees and landscaping to stay consistent with the surrounding park and parent seating with shade. Total costs include survey and design as well as landscape architecture and earthwork including a vegetation barrier, sand, stone, playground wood chips and edging strips and lumber all to ensure the safety of children and families	Niagara County NY	\$128

	who visit the park.		
Rural & Migrant Ministry Inc.	To purchase a building for a rural education center in the Catskills. The building houses the Youth Economic Group and their cooperative: Bags For Justice, a screen printing business and educational program. This program is affiliated with NYSUT. Funds will also enable us to purchase five vans to provide transportation for rural youth to access our services at our four educational centers in rural New York. These centers are located in the North Fork of Long Island, the Catskills, Hudson Valley and the Finger Lakes.	Orange County, Wayne County, Suffolk County, Sullivan County NY	\$510
Capital Roots	<p>Capital Roots will build a net-zero energy greenhouse array using a hydroponic growing system for the production of specialty leafy greens, used as the basis for a job readiness program for chronically un-or-underemployed adults. The program has evolved from the Produce Project, developed by Capital Roots, which has served hundreds of high school youth since its beginning in 2009. The greenhouses will be sited within Capital Roots' Urban Grow Center Campus in North Central Troy, a distressed neighborhood with high-unemployment rates.</p> <p>The Grow Center Campus includes kitchens, retail and teaching spaces that will add to the breadth of the work experiences available to trainees. The Center's regional food hubs will play a role both in training program participants and distributing the food they grow, ensuring the greenhouses' product can reach not only this food desert neighborhood, but the rest of our four-county service area as well.</p> <p>People living in poverty and unemployment face barriers of transportation and education, health, family and legal problems, and even a basic unfamiliarity with the requirements and expectations of the workplace that keep them from being an employer's ideal candidate. To help folks find and keep jobs, what is needed is a holistic approach combining job-readiness training, with a suite of tools and supports for the individual and a direct connection with work opportunities. The Grow Center and its greenhouses will be a conduit for healthy food, personal and community growth that ensures equitable development of the City and the disbursement of its resources.</p>	Rensselaer County NY	\$1,500
Greenbush Youth Soccer Club	<p>A storm water plan (SWPPP) would help mitigate flooding, be better for the surrounding environment, and allow for better use of existing fields. Access to the town sewer line would also allow us to expand the facilities for better year round use. Enhancing public utilities to the complex would allow us to provide more robust services and ancillary benefits to the families who attend practices, games, and tournaments.</p> <p>The installation of modern artificial turf will give the club a safe, tournament quality field which will attract visitors from around the region and neighboring states. Installing outdoor lights would allow the club to host night games, night practices, and attract new tournaments. A fieldhouse would allow for year round access to student athletes.</p>	Rensselaer County NY	\$50
Akwasasne Boys & Girls Club	<p>The Akwasasne Boys & Girls Club, has been at the forefront of youth development in the Akwasasne Mohawk Community for 20 years, providing afterschool, summer, athletic, and meal programs. Our main Clubhouse, an old cigarette warehouse that was renovated 20 years ago to house the Club and is way passed its life cycle, we are asking for the Senator's help with topping up funds to build a new home for our Mohawk youth.</p> <p>The proposed new building is intended to provide the following program spaces and designed to provide convenient access by community members:</p> <p>Increase average daily attendance (ADA) from 98 youth to 250 youth.</p> <p>Expand our teen space from 300 square feet to 1,600 square feet, doubling average daily attendance of teens and increasing capacity.</p> <p>Add a much needed gym/multi-purpose space adding 3,250 square feet of youth space.</p> <p>Add 3 additional classrooms to increase our academic programs increasing our educational space from 859 square feet to 1,770 square feet.</p> <p>Add a much needed multi-media art studio to improve our arts programs increase of 768 square feet.</p> <p>Add a much needed learning kitchen to host our little chef competitions going from 600 square feet to 1,229 square feet.</p> <p>Add much needed administrative space going from 1,000 square feet to 1,770 square feet.</p>	St. Regis Mohawk Tribe NY	\$1,000

	Add a much needed safe place for Akwesasne youth to learn and grow!		
The Center for Discovery, Inc.	<p>The Center for Discovery seeks funding toward site development and equipment for its new Wellness Complex. This request is part of a larger project that includes the complete transformation of the former Frontier Insurance Building in Rock Hill, NY into a new statewide Children's Specialty Hospital, an outpatient Article 28 health clinic, and an expansion of The Center's current special education and daycare programs. The Wellness Complex will be a good use of taxpayer funds because it will advance the treatment of children with complex disabilities admitted into the short-term assessment hospital by providing innovative clinical facilities for occupational therapy, physical therapy, and adapted physical education; as well as outdoor recreation opportunities, including a half-mile fully accessible trail and track system. In addition, the Wellness Complex will provide much-needed access and services to the youth community in rural Sullivan County, which consistently ranks amongst the lowest counties in New Year State in terms of health outcomes.</p> <p>Building on The Center for Discovery's longstanding and successful history, the Wellness Complex will undoubtedly strengthen the standard of care and create new, unique opportunities for highly complex and vulnerable populations. It will become a model for advancing whole-person, whole-community health across New York State and the nation.</p>	Sullivan County NY	\$1,095
Racker	The Neighborhood Depot is a new construction project that will host 4 Tioga County based nonprofits to share services to reduce administrative costs, expand programs, create jobs and provide a central location in a community that lacks public transportation. Located in the Village of Owego and above the 500-year flood plain, this 16,000 sq. ft. facility will serve the community as a disaster recovery center in the instances of flooding, like the catastrophic flooding in 2006 and 2011.	Tioga County NY	\$750
Town of Bergen	The Town of Bergen's Robbins Brook Park has playing fields for youth programs but has no amenities for senior citizens. Opportunities for senior-gear outdoor recreational activities are non-existent in the Town. Bergen proposes to install bocce courts and handicapped accessible restrooms to encourage seniors to use the town park and accommodate their needs while doing so. The restrooms will be used by other park-goers, however their proximity to the bocce courts will make the use of the park conducive to seniors. The pandemic revealed the need for seniors to have sporting/recreational facilities close to home for free, safe exercise and socialization.	Town of Bergen NY	\$695
Town of Brunswick	The Town is seeking funds for the rehabilitation of the Van Derheyden Dam. The project will address the deficiencies of the existing structure and eliminate the potential hazards caused should there be a dam failure or breach. The dam is currently classified as a Class B Intermediate Hazard Dam by New York State and assigned a condition rating of unsound deficiencies found. A Dam failure or breach would result in flooding and damage to County Route 44 Bridge and to North Lake Road and 2 culvert crossings. Route 44 is classified by NYSDOT as an urban collector (main highway). Hazards also include potential personal injury and or harm, damage to isolated properties and potential to a natural gas line, interruption of gas services, and/or otherwise pose the threat the community backup water supply, the loss of the Town Beach and impacts to lake front properties. Rehabilitation will bring the dam into compliance with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Guidelines for Design of Dams by providing an appropriately sized spillway and raising the crest to provide 1.1 feet of freeboard. The spillway will be expanded from 14 wide to 27 feet wide with a new concrete weir culvert under the roadway, a new downstream apron will be constructed and the spillway will be confined by new 18 reinforced concrete wings and training walls. Plans for the low level outlet repurpose the existing intake structure and existing case iron pipe as the new low level outlet. The attached Final Design Report provides project specifics.	Town of Brunswick NY	\$2,000
Town of Pomfret	The proposal would fund the purchase and renovation of an existing vacant building, into a new Town Hall facility. The project would allow the Town of Pomfret to gain a facility with adequate space for all of its programs and functions - the current Town Hall does not have space for the Town's Zoning Enforcement Office, or for the Cemetery Sexton who coordinates the work in the Town's seven (7) cemeteries. It also lacks adequate storage spaces for the Town's archival and inactive records. The Town's court operates in rental space on the third floor of a nearby building, and the Town's two senior citizens' groups also occupy rented space in other facilities.	Town of Pomfret NY	\$800

Town of Richford	<p>Richford needs a new town hall. Prior to its current use, the existing 1,928 sf town hall was the town highway barn. It was repurposed as the town hall in 1973, but is not appropriate for the purpose. The building houses an assembly room; the Town Clerk's very small office; an inadequately-sized locked file room; and the town courtroom. There are no offices for key municipal staff, including the Town Supervisor. The restrooms are not ADA-compliant. Unless heat lamps are left on pipes all winter, the plumbing freezes. Several electrical outlets do not work, which indicates a potentially dangerous electrical problem. The water must be boiled to be potable. It would be impractical and expensive to remedy the many problems with the existing town hall. It is more reasonable to build a new facility.</p> <p>Based on these factors and community feedback, the town began saving for a new town hall in 2014. Plans include: sufficient office space for officials and staff; a secure, appropriately-scaled, fire-proof file room; two ADA-compliant restrooms; a conference room; a courtroom; and a multi-purpose assembly room. The building will have 46 solar panels. There will be a ground-source heat pump.</p> <p>Richford is the poorest town in Tioga County, with a poverty rate of 20.4% and a childhood poverty rate of 46.1% according to CFSCNY. 39.15% of Richford's acreage is state land, which limits the tax base. In nine years, the town has saved only \$361,803 of the estimated \$749,105 needed to construct the new town hall.</p>	Town of Richford NY	\$382
Village of Herkimer	<p>The Village of Herkimer Fire and Emergency Medical Department is experiencing a drastic rise in call volume due to the pandemic, methamphetamine crisis, New York State's development of low-income-senior housing complexes, and further development of the Historic Village. The Fire Department is in need of replacing its 30-year-old Engine apparatus in order to service the Village of Herkimer and Herkimer County.</p> <p>The Village will replace the existing engine with a Rescue-Engine, that will not only serve for fire suppression but support the Village Fire Departments Swift Water Team and serve first due on all medical calls.</p>	Village of Herkimer NY	\$653
Village of Homer	<p>This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds and is a highly popular request, located near both the Village and the City of Cortland. This project is a keystone in implementing the Village's Comprehensive Plan and has broad public support. This multi-use project is a segment of the wide-ranging Tioughnioga Local Waterfront Revitalization Program uniting 12 Cortland County Municipalities. The Community Park will strengthen the connection between downtown Homer and the River. This would be the first park in Cortland County to host a dog park. Grant funds will be used to purchase the property and build a high-quality Dog Park. Other activities possible are multiple soccer and lacrosse fields, kayaking/canoeing, farmers markets, car shows, historical reenactments, outdoor concerts and many other options. The site is located on 88 acres along the Tioughnioga River which makes it suitable for park use due to its potential occasional spring flooding. The park would be located between the Village and the City of Cortland making it accessible to a significant portion of the county's population. Park would also be the terminus of the Village's proposed Tioughnioga River Trail. The village had a recent written agreement to purchase the property which would be renewed once funding is secured.</p> <p>The Community Park will become a transformational element in Homer's long-term plan for the Tioughnioga River. The Tioughnioga flows through south the Village of Homer, then into the Chenango River and into the Susquehanna River before emptying into Chesapeake Bay.</p>	Village of Homer NY	\$562
Village of Homer	<p>This project is a keystone in implementing the Village's Comprehensive Plan and has broad public support. This multi-use project is a segment of the wide-ranging Tioughnioga Local Waterfront Revitalization Program uniting 12 Cortland County Municipalities. The River Trail will strengthen the connection between downtown Homer and the River. The elevated walkway design alleviates concerns of potentially disturbing ecological sensitive flora along the river and to make the trail ADA accessible. By being constructed as an elevated boardwalk, the Tioughnioga River Trail will be in a natural setting, but will not interfere with nature. Multiple entrances and exits, emergency vehicle access, detailed signage, solar-powered LED lighting, and solar-powered, blue-light emergency phones are features of this plan.</p> <p>The elevated Tioughnioga River Trail will become a transformational element in Homer's long-term plan for the Tioughnioga River. The Tioughnioga flows through south the Village of Homer, then into the</p>	Village of Homer NY	\$5,286

Chenango River and into the Susquehanna River before emptying into Chesapeake Bay.

Village of Marathon	Requested funds will be used to make urgently needed repairs, updates and replacements to our aging waste water treatment system.	Village of Marathon NY	\$4,351
Village of Port Dickinson	The Village of Port Dickinson seeks funding to replace one of its main water mains along Rochelle Road. This water main serves residential areas of the Village and its main commercial district where many of the Village's largest businesses are located. The current main is approximately 120 years old and is in need of replacement. The main will be increased from a 4 inch to an 8 inch line to provide better distribution and better pressure during higher use periods. The current main is subject to breaks which is disruptive to residents and businesses in the community. Providing reliable and sustainable water supply will increase quality of life for residents, improve service to existing businesses, and assist in the Village's economic development efforts to help current businesses grow and to attract additional employers to the community.	Village of Port Dickinson NY	\$500
Village of Pulaski	<p>The Pulaski Sewer System has struggled with I&I issues since it was installed in the 1970's. I&I causes negative impacts at pump stations, hydraulic overloads, and handling large volumes of unnecessary water. Disinfection at the WWTP is currently accomplished with chemicals. Sodium bisulfite is effective at dechlorinating however over dosing can lead to sulfate formation, suppressed dissolved oxygen content and lower pH causing potential fish mortality. The WWTP is on the Salmon River, which drains into Lake Ontario. Based on the importance of the Salmon River, a world class fishing destination, to the economic wellbeing of the Village and surrounding area, the Village wants to convert their chemical disinfection to ultraviolet disinfection.</p> <p>Most of the sewer collection system and pump stations were constructed in the 1970's. The infrastructure is aging. The pump stations dry pits, constructed of painted steel have surpassed the typical service life.</p> <p>Anticipated economic growth will not materialize without the improved and increased capacity of the Village of Pulaski's Sewer and WWTP. It is crucial that the Village of Pulaski be able to obtain the funding to make the Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements.</p>	Village of Pulaski NY	\$6,000
Training DBA Silver Bay YMCA	Silver Bay YMCA has received \$120,000 in individual donations for the maintenance of its wellness facility, which currently resides in a restricted endowment and will be used to support this project. Additionally, \$140,000 will be budgeted for the fiscal year 2023 from Silver Bay YMCA's Board Designated Fund to support our project. Silver Bay YMCA is also in the process of developing a fundraising campaign to raise philanthropic support for our wellness center facility improvements, which will be launched during the third quarter of 2022 with a goal of raising \$500,000 for this project. Should we achieve this fundraising goal, Silver Bay YMCA will have \$760,000 in funding available to make these improvements a reality and to sustain future maintenance needs for this facility.	Warren County NY	\$1,000