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The Honorable Patty Murray
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The Honorable Susan Collins
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The Honorable Chris Van Hollen
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The Honorable Bill Hagerty
Ranking Member
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Dear Chair Murray, Vice Chair Collins, Chair Van Hollen and Ranking Member Hagerty:

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 2025 Financial Services and General Government appropriations bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. None of the entities for which I have requested congressionally directed spending are for-profit entities.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Markey

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

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Black Economic Council of Massachusetts	This innovative project will scale our programming to partner with public and private buyers and prime contractors, and small, disadvantaged businesses to improve inclusive procurement outcomes. We identify, assess, counsel and support the achievement of procurement and supplier diversity goals.	Boston MA	\$1,500
English for New Bostonians, Inc	The English and Business Training for Immigrant Childcare Owners Initiative will expand customized English classes to build the capacity of immigrant, home-based childcare providers to run successful businesses, while helping address Boston's childcare crisis.	Boston MA	\$255
The Latina Circle, Inc. (DBA Amplify Latinx)	Empowering Latinx small businesses, microbusinesses, and entrepreneurs in Massachusetts through strategic planning, education, technical assistance, and mentorship. Our goal is to serve 400 businesses statewide in 2025 with an emphasis and bigger focus on the expansion of childcare.	Boston MA	\$1,500
Eastie Farm	This project seeks to increase the access of fresh and affordable produce to an environmental justice and food desert community through the establishment of a Community Supported Agriculture program, strengthening the reach and sustainability of small, local farms through collective operations.	Boston MA	\$1,410
Grassroots Developer Education, Inc. dba MedVR	Funding for a translational medicine lab in the Longwood medical area of Boston accelerating research and development in immersive technology used in healthcare to match the global standing of Boston's medical cluster and research institutions.	Boston MA	\$3,200
City of Boston	The Business as Beautiful campaign will augment Boston's Storefront Improvement Program (ReStore) allowing the program to support entrepreneurs and neighborhoods precluded by legacy funding sources and high costs of capital.	Boston MA	\$1,000
MassChallenge, Inc	To help Massachusetts and the US lead the world in innovative and ethical AI through startup acceleration and early commercialization programs, MassChallenge's Advancing Applied Artificial Intelligence (AI) Entrepreneurship for U.S Competitiveness project will grow 100+ startups deploying AI.	Boston MA	\$1,000
Cambridge Local First	The Cambridge Business Boost Incubator provides minority and women-owned microbusinesses temporary storefront space along with the counseling and resources to leverage the space successfully and connect with local businesses and anchor institutions.	Cambridge MA	\$300
University of Massachusetts Lowell	This will focus on accelerating Massachusetts leadership in the innovation space by working with small businesses and entrepreneurs to accelerate innovation to market capacity. This builds on an already successful innovation model at UML, to accelerate innovation.	Lowell MA	\$1,500
GSA	Funding to repair the Hastings Keith Federal Building in New Bedford	New Bedford MA	\$12,538
Global Smile Foundation	MyHealthPal transforms postoperative patient care through remote monitoring and communication. Using AI, the app will identify surgical site infection risks and alert physicians. This proactive approach will enhance recovery outcomes, lower infection rates, and prevent chronic wounds.	Norwood MA	\$641

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission	Berkshire Funding Focus, an initiative hosted by the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, will conduct training and one-on-one counseling to prepare rural small businesses to apply for and manage grants.	Pittsfield MA	\$88
Metro North Regional Employment Board, Inc., d/b/a MassHire Metro North Workforce Board	Expansion of the NewBiz Entrepreneurship Program's training classes and mentorship opportunities. Offered in multiple languages, NewBiz will provide skills and resources to low-income immigrants in the Cities of Revere and Somerville who want to start a business.	Somerville MA	\$738
WMLBS.Inc dba Living Local	Living Local 413 Venture Studio will service Western MA with a resource intense program to launch new business, pre-seed stage entrepreneurs and their teams.	Springfield MA	\$300
Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame	The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame will transfer institutional records about the permanent collection to a digital format for safekeeping. Using upgraded and enhanced hardware and software, along with additional labor, the Hall of Fame intends to digitize a wealth of information.	Springfield MA	\$625
Black Empowerment Chamber of Commerce	The expansion of the Black Empowerment Chamber of Commerce in Massachusetts aims to provide a supportive ecosystem for Black-owned businesses, fostering their growth and success. Building its headquarters in Springfield solidifies its commitment to empowering the local Black community.	Springfield MA	\$5,000
Revitalize Community Development Corporation	Funding to support construction of a warehouse and distribution center to meet growing demand for the free housing repair and health and wellness programs that serve over 2,500 western Massachusetts residents (including low income families with children, older adults, and veterans).	Springfield MA	\$250
Cooperative Development Institute	Our project aims to address the dual economic crises facing Massachusetts- the "Silver Tsunami" of retiring business owners and the racial wealth gap- by facilitating the transition of business ownership to workers through worker cooperatives.	Statewide MA	\$983
Massachusetts Women of Color Coalition	This project seeks to reduce wealth disparities among Women of Color in Massachusetts. Through a statewide partnership, this multifaceted initiative combines Small Business Development and Trauma-Informed Financial Literacy to address systemic economic inequities	Worcester MA	\$1,005