

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Chris Van Hollen  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Financial Services and  
General Government  
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington D.C. 20510

The Honorable Bill Hagerty  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Financial Services and  
General Government  
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations  
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Dear 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 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.

Thank you again for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,



Peter Welch  
United States Senator

**Welch, Peter(D-VT) Financial Services and General Government  
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

<b>Recipient Name</b>	<b>Project Purpose</b>	<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Amount Requested (\$000)</b>
Food Connects, Inc.	To invest in the Food Connects Food Hub's distribution expanding their capacity to store and distribute food to a number of regional co-ops, grocery stores, and other food-focused small businesses.	Brattleboro VT	\$750
Intervale Center	Provide business technical assistance to 100 new farm businesses including business planning, market development, farm transfer, land succession, and production agriculture.	Statewide VT	\$500
Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund	To provide technical assistance to accelerate regional food business development and viability	Statewide VT	\$956
Vermont Small Business Development	The Vermont Small Business Development Center (VtSBDC) will create and implement a 3-year statewide entrepreneurship education program for students in their Career and Technical (CTEs) high schools.	Statewide VT	\$487
Lake Champlain Opportunity Fund	The new accelerator program tentatively titled "GaNoratorVT," will help startups in Vermont's newly designated EDA-designated Tech Hub secure significant funding, creating outstanding investment opportunities for their growing investment network.	Statewide VT	\$250
Center on Rural Innovation	This initiative will create a body of research on rural economies in the age of innovation, automation, and artificial intelligence. The work will build on the Center on Rural Innovation's (CORI) existing economic research and data analytics capacity.	Statewide VT	\$3,000
Vermont Historical Society	Provide a single online tool for accessing historical records from across Vermont, including the state's nearly 200 local historical societies, museums, libraries, and archives. The website will give the public free access to primary source materials, educational resources, and digital exhibitions.	Statewide VT	\$225