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The Honorable John Hoeven  
Chair  
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural  
Development, Food and Drug  
Administration, and Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen  
Ranking Member  
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations  
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Dear Chair Hoeven and Ranking Member Shaheen,

I respectfully request the Subcommittee's consideration of the following requests as the Subcommittee considers the Fiscal Year 2027 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies appropriations bill. 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 2027 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. Further, none of the entities for which I have requested congressionally directed spending are for-profit entities.

Sincerely,



Mazie K. Hirono  
United States Senator

**Hirono, Mazie(D-HI) Agriculture  
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

<b>Recipient Name</b>	<b>Project Purpose</b>	<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Amount Requested (\$000)</b>
Boy Scouts of America Aloha Council	To build 5 rustic cabins with 25 beds each at Camp Pupukea to serve youth needs and community needs during disasters.	City and County of Honolulu HI	\$2,100
Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife	To cover the remaining costs of modular units, shipping costs, and one year of support for up to 3 biocontrol technicians.	Hawaii County HI	\$2,100
Agribusiness Development Corporation	To bolster food security, increase affordability, and support local producers looking to ship their products.	Hilo HI	\$1,500
Honolulu Fire Department	To purchase a new Tender apparatus to respond to and refuel Fire or Police Department helicopters at remote locations and provide an extra air-conditioned cab for pilots to rest during extended periods.	Honolulu HI	\$1,125
Honolulu Fire Department	To support a second twin engine helicopter to ensure the HFD's capabilities to maintain 24/7 enhanced aerial wildland, rescue, and medical transport response.	Honolulu HI	\$12,500
Hawaii Fire Department	To support the purchase of a Helicopter Hoist Training Simulator for the new twin engine helicopter.	Honolulu HI	\$2,000
University of Hawaii	To operationalize wildlife disease detection for public health, military health, and food security.	Honolulu HI	\$999
Honolulu Fire Department	To purchase 95 SCBA air packs for firefighters to wear when responding to emergencies.	Honolulu HI	\$1,520
Malama Kauai	To develop a community agricultural park expanding affordable land access for farmers.	Kapaa HI	\$1,888
Hawaii Department of Transportation	To better protect Hawaii's people, land, and economy from the threats of invasive species.	Kona HI	\$1,700
Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism	To purchase and install a modular meat processing facility that will allow on-island livestock and axis deer processing.	Molokai HI	\$563
Department of Hawaiian Homelands	To improve flood control in Kaunakakai by upgrading drainage infrastructure to protect homes, support the local economy, and reduce runoff impacting coastal reefs.	Molokai HI	\$1,500
Maui County	To equip MEMA to strengthen disaster response in rural parts of Maui County.	Pukalani HI	\$453
Maui County	To build a local food market to expand producer sales and food access.	Waikapu HI	\$750
University of Hawai'i, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience	To restore an agricultural research and community outreach center to provide research-based solutions and community outreach that supports local food security and traditional agricultural practices.	Wailua HI	\$1,125