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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
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The Honorable Richard Shelby
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Vice Chairman Shelby:

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 2022 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sincerely,



ROBERT MENENDEZ
United States Senator

Congressionally Directed Spending Requests Submitted to Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

MEMBER	INTENDED RECIPIENT (listed in alphabetical order)	INTENDED LOCATION	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT PURPOSE	AMOUNT REQUESTED (in thousands, \$000)
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Borough of Leonia	Borough of Leonia	Strengthening Public Safety Communication Project	This project will enable the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Emergency Medial Services (EMS), the Leonia Police Department, and Leonia Fire Department to operate on the same band of frequency. In addition to this, the Strengthening Public Safety Communications Project will further advance Borough goals of interoperability by allowing direct communication between public safety professionals and the Bergen County Communications Center. This will increase the health and safety of community members.	\$251
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	City of Union City	City of Union City	CCTV for a Safer Union City	Funding is requested to procure a new closed-circuit television (CCTV) system to be installed in New York Street Park and 33rd Street Water Park, as well as general upgrades to the City's existing CCTV. There is currently no CCTV at New York Street Park and 33rd Street Water Park, which are popular open spaces in Union City. It is critical that CCTV is available, active, and well-functioning across the City, and even more so in areas where children and minors are likely to frequent, such as around parks and schools. These cameras will provide a safer, more secure environment for all who live, work, and visit Union City.	\$1,100
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Georgian Court University	Lakewood	Georgian Court University Technology & Communications Upgrade	Funding is requested to purchase a smart lock ID Card Management System for students, faculty, staff, and visitor access; replace Blue Light Emergency Phones on campus; and upgrade the campus phone system. This project will ensure reliable and secure communications on the GCU campus to provide a safer and more secure environment for 2,700 students, faculty, and staff, and more than 27,000 visitors each year.	\$388
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Law Enforcement Against Drugs and Violence (LEAD)	Statewide	Addressing the Youth Drug and Violence Prevention Gap	The requested funding will help establish a procedure to expand, monitor, evaluate, and assess the L.E.A.D.- Law Enforcement Against Drugs and Violence-evidence based, tested and proven effective, K-12, drug and violence prevention program. This educational intervention will assure consistency with established evidence based drug and violence prevention standards. Funding will also be used for a statewide training of new L.E.A.D. instructors (police officers and educators) and a recertification training of instructors to be held at the annual L.E.A.D. training conference.	\$394
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Monmouth University	Monmouth County	Understanding and Predicting Future Harmful Algal Blooms in New Jersey	Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) have expanded in recent decades due to nutrient pollution and anthropogenic climate change. This project aims to identify the environmental factors leading to HABs in NJ, and to use those factors to construct predictive models. This compliments the NJDEP HAB monitoring program that has a different primary objective in protecting human health through HAB detection. The ability to forecast HABs will increase the state's resilience to and ability to manage this phenomenon.	\$266
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Montclair State University	Essex County	Traveling Harmful Algal Bloom Lab	The Traveling HAB Lab will improve public awareness of water quality issues, including harmful algal blooms. The proposed Traveling HAB Lab will bring an interactive educational experience about water quality and water resource issues to students and communities. By taking water science education directly into schools and communities, this project is designed to increase awareness of the serious health risks caused by acute exposure to HAB events and the damage they cause to ecosystems. The Traveling HAB Lab will also recruit participants to become active environmental stewards in their communities and assist the state in monitoring and mitigating HAB.	\$4,000
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	New Jersey State Library	Newark, Trenton, Atlantic City, Bridgeton, Camden	Women Returning from Incarceration	Funding is requested to provide social workers, equipment and supplies to offer reentry services at public libraries to formerly incarcerated women in New Jersey. This will help women with reentry and with social emotional and practical support in parenting and recovery. In turn, the hope is to improve the experience of women and reduce recidivism. This program will support women with histories of incarceration, physical/sexual abuse, and/or addiction as they return from incarceration. They will receive holistic support and opportunities to participate in Peer Recovery training and receive certification.	\$408
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Newark Community Street Team	Newark	Newark Community Street Team High Risk Intervention Expansion	Funding is requested to expand Newark Community Street Team High Risk Intervention's multi-pronged public safety strategy that reduces violence in Newark. It will be used to support staffing for the High Risk Intervention Team's Community Outreach Team. The High Risk Intervention (HRI) team intervenes in conflicts, prevents retaliation, responds to requests for assistance and provides victim services to survivors of violence. Outreach Workers provide mentoring through a case management model to those at greatest risk of becoming a victim or perpetrator of violence. NCST provides intervention services to meet the emergency needs of people connected to violence.	\$358
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Stockton University	Galloway	Stockton University New Jersey Coastal Resiliency Education Support Fund	The requested funding would be used to purchase scientific instruments for remote sensing of Southern New Jersey's coastal environment and mapping of the coastal islands to provide high-level student training in coastal resilience. This project will support training and education in coastal resilience that will inform municipal planning and community outreach along New Jersey's coasts that are threatened by global climate change and rising sea levels. The project would also provide authentic STEM field experiences for middle- and high-school students in Atlantic City and surrounding underserved communities.	\$500
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	The ARC of NJ	New Brunswick	Project Empower: Preventing Sexual Violence Against People with IDD	Funding is requested to provide for research, design, and implement community interventions aimed at preventing sexual violence against people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). The program will work to increase healthy sex education for individuals with IDD, work with schools and community groups to deliver education, and increase public understanding of the issue. Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) are 7 times more likely to be a victim of sexual violence than those without IDD. This project will address this public health crisis by focusing on the prevention of sexual violence against this population, thereby investing in a safe and healthy future for individuals with IDD.	\$113
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Township of South Hackensack	South Hackensack	South Hackensack Municipal Security Project	The South Hackensack Municipal Building houses the police department, municipal court, and administration, and is adjoined to the Township's senior center. The Township recognizes the need to improve the security of this building, as currently anyone can enter the building and walk directly to the administrative offices and other branches of the facility. This funding will be used to implement various technology-based security systems, including a key card access system on doorways and entrances and a new, secure phone system. This will greatly improve safety and security within the municipal building for staff and visitors.	\$180
Menendez, Robert(D-NJ)	Union County	Union County	Union County, New Jersey, Law Enforcement Interoperable Communications Expansion and Upgrades	Funding is requested to increase coverage on the NJ Interoperability Communications System used by 84% of law enforcement agencies in the county. The additional radio site will improve interoperability not only across police agencies, but among the public safety disciplines that serve Union County. It is critical to the safe operation of police services that officers from various jurisdictions be able to communicate in real time to promote officer awareness and safety. Upgrades to the existing 3 radio sites will also enhance performance in communities across the entire network.	\$1,270