

Jon Tester United States Senator for Montana

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Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

These Montana projects will invest in proven public safety measures for Montana's communities. These programs will help our first responders and make our cities and towns better places to live and work.

Information about each project was provided by the requesting entity. Amounts requested are not guaranteed; funds secured are likely to differ from the requested amount. Senator Tester's appropriation requests to the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee for Fiscal Year 2011 are listed below.

[United States Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies](#)

Academic & Workforce Development Program at the Montana Women's Prison

Montana State University-Billings
Billings, MT
\$500,000

Funds will be used for personnel, supplies and equipment to further develop a pilot project for an academic development program targeted teach inmates basic job skills.

Armored Response/Rescue Vehicle

Helena Police Department
Helena, MT
\$520,000

Funds will be used to purchase a vehicle that would be capable of deploying bomb, HAZMAT, and special weapons personnel. The vehicle will also be equipped to detect chemical, biological, and radiological materials as well as explosive gases. The vehicle's armor properties will protect personnel from explosions and hits from multiple projectiles.

Big Sky 11 Consortium Public Safety Interoperable Radio System Expansion

Interoperability Montana
Helena, MT
\$1,000,000

Funds will go toward building and upgrading five critical public safety communication sites, providing safe, secure and reliable infrastructure for the next generation of communication equipment.

Broadus Non-Profit Radio Station

Broadus Radio Inc.
Broadus, MT
\$375,000

Funds will be used for a transmitter, to rent space, to purchase broadcast equipment, train management and broadcasters, and establish an Emergency Broadcasting System that currently is not in place in the region as there are currently no towers available in southeast Montana.

Community Crisis Center Operations

Riverstone Health
Billings, MT

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\$500,000

Funding will enable the CCC to continue providing psychosocial evaluations, chemical dependency evaluations, case management, short-term stabilization (not longer than 24 hours), evidence-based recovery groups, Wellness Recovery Action Planning (WRAP) training, Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for law enforcement, client advocacy and services to the local Mental Health Court, Access to Recovery (ACT) services for Native American clients, and crisis call response and referral services.

Dispatch Center Emergency Generator Upgrade

City of Great Falls

Great Falls, MT

\$150,000

The current emergency generator can only operate for a few seconds at full capacity, and a new generator will be purchased that will allow the Dispatch Center to operate at full capacity during emergencies.

Jumpstart of Life-Skills Programs for At-Risk Transitional Age Youth

Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch

Billings, MT

\$700,000

Funds will be used for equipment and technology to partner with Montana State University and social service organizations that target Native Americans to provide mentoring, education, vocational training, life skills training, and living assistance to young adults as they age out of child and adolescent programs and mature into adulthood.

Law Enforcement Equipment

Dawson County Sheriff's Office

Glendive, MT

\$72,000

Funds will be used to purchase secured encrypted radios (2 base station, 2 vehicle units), specialty law enforcement equipment (2 ballistic shields, 6 traffic spike systems, 10 acoustic hearing protectors, 4 amperage jump starters, 8 pistol tazers, 8 pistol laser sights), and alternative indoor weapons training system.

Law Enforcement Training Facility

Butte-Silver Bow Government

Butte, MT

\$1,750,000

Funds would be used for engineering to eventually construct an indoor, 10-lane indoor firearms range, to be utilized primarily by law enforcement personnel.

Missoula YWCA Battered Women and Children's Shelter

Missoula YWCA

Missoula, MT

\$1,000,000

Funds will be used for a new building and renovation costs in order to provide shelter and transitional housing to domestic violence victims, expand racial justice social marketing campaign and increase a women leadership program in schools.

Montana Drug Courts

Montana Supreme Court, Office of Court Administrator

Helena, MT

\$990,074

Funds will be used to sustain, enhance, and expand 15 Montana drug courts -- 8 adult courts, 3 family courts, 3 youth courts, and 1 mental health court -- that are serving 22 counties throughout the state by providing for drug and alcohol testing and treatment services, surveillance costs, auxiliary services and other activities for rehabilitation.

Montana Offender Notification and Tracking System (MONTSS)

Montana Technology Enterprise Center (MonTEC)

Missoula, MT

\$1,347,000

This project will allow many categories of criminal offenders to be closely monitored by purchasing state of the art GPS tracking equipment and alcohol monitoring

systems. If geographic based probation or parole violations occur while being electronically monitored, immediate voice notification will be sent to law enforcement personnel.

Technical Correction

Montana Safe School Center: Trauma-Informed Communities

University of Montana

Missoula, MT

\$850,000

Funds will be used for staffing to support trauma informed trainings for teachers, school administrators, social workers, counselors and juvenile justice personnel that will provide technical information regarding assessment, accommodation and treatment of childhood post-traumatic stress disorder.

Montana Spatial Data Modernization Program

Montana Department of Transportation

Helena, MT

\$1,155,000

Funds will establish a Geodetic Reference Center, a centralized location for data distribution, education, project guidance, and continued maintenance and advancement of spatial data collection.

Montana Trade Enhancement Initiative

Montana World Trade Center

Missoula, MT

\$775,000

Funds will be spent on staff and related costs to provide counseling and financial services for Montana businesses and to host programs, seminars and consortiums designed to increase competitiveness and provide export assistance to Montana companies and small businesses.

Police Department Equipment

City of Billings

Billings, MT

\$283,750

Funds will be used to purchase radar and supporting equipment to enforce traffic laws and enhance public safety as well as gas masks, allowing officers to operate in toxic environments such as meth labs.

Public Safety Radio System Replacement

City of Billings

Billings, MT

\$2,000,000

This project will fund the necessary equipment associated with radio system components including radio tower development, radio system hardware, mobile and portable radios, and related infrastructure to transition to a statewide interoperability radio system.

Regional Justice and Detention Center

Park County

Livingston, MT

\$476,750

Funds will be used for architectural and engineering plans for a new Justice and Detention Center that will incarcerate criminal offenders and provide courtroom and support facilities for city and county courts.

Simulation and Visualization Upgrades

Rocky Mountain Supercomputing Centers, Inc. (RMSC)

Butte, MT

\$6,250,000

Funds will be used for staffing, hardware and software to create and sustain a flexible and accessible "READI Montana" Intelligent Framework by incorporating "Virtual Montana" and industry standards with existing cloud-based, on-demand supercomputing services, delivering higher fidelity, real-time simulations, visualizations, scenario training, planning and information sharing that goes beyond GIS and standard analytics for the Montana Disaster & Emergency Services (DES)

and the Montana National Guard.

STEM Education Physics Lab

University of Montana

Missoula, MT

\$1,000,000

Funds will support technology infrastructure upgrades to introductory physics and astronomy laboratories that will additionally serve as research support facilities in support of STEM education.

Upgrade Inter-agency Firearms Range and Tactical Training Facility

Park County

Livingston, MT

\$26,968

Funds will purchase high velocity target and stand kits, targets, batteries, and other items necessary for law enforcement firearms training.

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