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Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

These projects relate to the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. These Montana projects will provide workforce training for unemployed workers, invest in students at every level and support hospital improvements to keep Montanans healthy.

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 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee for Fiscal Year 2010 are listed below.

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At-Risk Transition Preparation to Productive Adulthood

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Amount: \$700,000

Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (Billings, MT)

This project will help children with fractured family backgrounds, multiple foster-care placements, and otherwise unstable histories enter the adult world early and with tools for success.

Barrett Hospital Equipment

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Amount: \$1,635,662

Barrett Hospital and Health Care (Dillon, MT)

Funds will allow the hospital to secure new medical equipment. Planned purchases include a GE 64 Slice Ultra Speed CT Scanner, a Hologic Selena Digital Mammography System, a Philips iU22 Ultrasound, and an Endoscopy Tower and Gastro Scope System.

Beartooth Hospital Digital Mamography

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Amount: \$350,000

Beartooth Hospital and Health Center (Red Lodge, MT)

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Breast cancer is the number one cancer killer of women ages 15-54. In order to save lives through early detection and to provide a higher level of quality care, this project will allow Beartooth Hospital to enhance its radiology department with the addition of digital mammography.

Behavioral Health Jobs Development Initiative



Amount: \$100,000

Youth Dynamics, Inc. (Billings, MT)

This program will develop an intense in-house training program tailored to meet workforce, licensure, and accreditation standards. Emphasis will be on recruiting individuals who have roots in Montana communities and providing them with the intense training, education, orientation, mentoring, and supervision needed to perform job expectations.

Belgrade Senior Center



Amount: \$750,000

Friendship Club of Belgrade Montana (Belgrade, MT)

The Belgrade Senior Center provides nutritional, recreational, educational, health and fitness, and information and support services to individuals over the age of 50 living on very limited incomes in outlying communities. This project will help them expand since they have outgrown the current space.

Benefis Mobile Cancer Screening Unit



Amount: \$500,000

Benefis Health System (Great Falls, MT)

This project will provide a mobile cancer screening service to currently underserved populations in Northcentral Montana by supporting the purchase of capital equipment including digital mammography technology and a vehicle to provide on-site screening in a broad rural corridor, including four Indian Reservations.

Big Sandy Branch Library Renovation



Amount: \$75,000

Chouteau County Library Foundation (Big Sandy, MT)

This project will help the citizens of Big Sandy by replacing their small library. In addition, having the Kaste building renovated into a library would benefit elderly patrons.

Billings Career Center Construction Technology Career Training



Amount: \$100,000

Billings Public Schools (Billings, MT)

This program will enhance and build upon an existing construction trades curriculum at the Career Center, linking a high school academic program with specific skilled construction trade and craft trade training programs.

Billings Clinic Facilities and Equipment



Amount: \$250,000

Billings Clinic (Billings, MT)

This program will allow Billings Clinic to expand their clinical information system enhancement, diabetes center, clinical translation research, and residency programs.

Bioenergy Education Action for Eastern Montana (BEAM)



Amount: \$100,000

Miles Community College (Miles City, MT)

This project will provide qualified technicians to meet green energy workforce demands of the future, expand opportunities for oilseed and ethanol production, increase awareness of green energy in our region, and serve as a catalyst for economic development in eastern Montana.

Biomass Smoke Health Effects Research



Amount: \$500,000

University of Montana (Missoula, MT)

This program will allow the Center for Environmental Health Sciences to address the growing concern that smoke from biomass burning (e.g. forest fires or wood stoves) can have adverse health effects similar to urban particulate matter.

Bozeman Deaconess Hospital Technology



Amount: \$3,250,000

Bozeman Deaconess Foundation (Bozeman, MT)

This project will support vital technological additions including a Linear Accelerator, Computerized Physician Order Entry, and Emergency Department Electronic Health Record, that will be used to serve the more than 100,000 residents of Southwest Montana.

Building the Biomedical Pipeline: A Partnership for Research and Education in Montana Public Schools



Amount: \$500,000

Montana Tech (Butte, MT)

This project will support undergraduate researchers from Montana Tech reaching out to public schools where the students participate in 'Phagedigging'. In two 40 minute class periods, teachers and Montana Tech students introduce the concept, bring the equipment and supplies, and demonstrate and teach the students, who then undertake screening environmental soil and water samples (that they themselves collected), examine the results, and confirm any newly discovered viruses.

Career Opportunities through Retraining and Education



Amount: \$100,000

Flathead Valley Community College (Kalispell, MT)

This project will provide dislocated workers in a region with 11.3 percent unemployment with immediate opportunities to retrain and learn new skills to put them back to work on economic stimulus projects moving forward in Montana. Through this project, FVCC will target those career fields by increasing capacity and expanding curriculum in Heavy Equipment Operations, Commercial Drivers License, and Welding/Fabrication programs and by adding a Diesel Mechanics program.

Carroll College Civil Engineering Facilities: Phase II



Amount: \$500,000

Carroll College (Helena, MT)

This program will support Carroll College's expansion and improvement of its environmental engineering and science laboratory facilities to allow for increased enrollment and a more diverse teaching and research experience for students and faculty.

Center for Asbestos Related Disease Research Infrastructure Development



Amount: \$550,000

Center for Asbestos Related Disease (CARD) (Libby, MT)

This project will assist with the comprehensive CARD database that is owned, housed and managed by CARD and will be made available to researchers and research institutions. The database will drive epidemiology studies and research by storing health and exposure data.

Columbia Falls Branch Library at Glacier Discovery Square



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Amount: \$600,000

Flathead County Library System (Columbia Falls, MT)

This project not only seeks to correct the problem of under-serving a rural and socio-economically challenged demographic of Northwest Montana but will serve as a change agent by partnering with other cultural arts, community service, and retail organizations.

Community Hospital Campus Expansion



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Amount: \$15,500,000

Community Hospital of Anaconda (Anaconda, MT)

This project will expand the existing hospital building to accommodate service expansions that are currently on hold due to space limitations and lack of capital.

Community Medical Center Facility and Equipment Modernization



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Amount: \$500,000

Community Medical Center (Missoula, MT)

This program will provide for essential equipment upgrades for Community Medical Center's Women and Infant Care Center, including the acquisition of state-of-the-art infant warmers, the replacement of NICU/adult patient ventilators, the replacement of NICU/adult patient IV pumps and the installation of an infant and child security system to ensure Community Medical Center patient safety.

Cross-Cultural Environmental Education: Science and Native American Environmental Ethics



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Amount: \$987,000

University of Notre Dame and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of Montana (Pablo, MT)

This project will allow the existing program to double the size to 16 students: eight Native Americans and eight non-Native Americans in each cohort. The program is open to students from any four-year college majoring in environmentally-related studies; however, preferences are given to Notre Dame, Salish/Kootenai, and Montana students.

Energy Workforce Training Center



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Amount: \$650,000

Montana State University, Billings (Billings, MT)

This initiative will develop a reliable pool of trained workers to immediately increase productivity for Montana companies, provide a structured environment for skill development and workforce training, and provide a clear path to high-paying skilled trades and craft careers. Programs and coursework will focus on areas of light industrial equipment operation, safety training, mining certifications, permitting, environmental issues, and the challenges of substance abuse in the workplace.

Expanding Community Health Opportunities (ECHO)



Amount: \$900,000

Flathead Valley Community College (Kalispell, MT)

The ECHO project will fund the development of curriculum using the State of Montana Nursing curricular model, provide additional nursing faculty and administrative staff, and fund lab equipment including a simulated patient care mannequin.

Fort Belknap and Hays Staff Quarters



Amount: \$1,416,119

Fort Belknap Indian Community Council (Harlem, MT)

The Indian Health Service (IHS) was awarded \$8.2 million to construct 25 housing units at Fort Belknap in Fiscal Years 2005 & 2006. Due to IHS delays in starting the project, construction costs have escalated to the point that only 16 of the originally planned 25 units can now be built.

Fort Belknap Chemical Dependency Treatment Center



Amount: \$182,000

Fort Belknap Indian Community Council (Harlem, MT)

This project will create an inpatient chemical dependency treatment center that will provide inpatient chemical dependency treatment to referred clientele from the Fort Belknap Chemical Dependency Program.

Fort Belknap Employment & Training, Summer Youth Program



Amount: \$100,000

Fort Belknap Indian Community (Harlem, MT)

This project will support workforce development and training programs for youth on the Fort Belknap Reservation including community collaboration through youth to elders, youth to youth, and youth to job site supervisor initiatives.

Global Education: Mandarin - JEM Project



Amount: \$500,000

Flathead Valley Community College (Kalispell, MT)

This project will provide funding for faculty and curriculum development for the first two years of college-level Mandarin Chinese.

Health Care Informatics Education and Workforce Development



Amount: \$100,000

Montana Tech (Butte, MT)

This program will help Montana Tech's Health Care Informatics Department continue and expand their mature Health Information Technology undergraduate degree program to help meet the demand for Health Information Technology professionals.

Health Care Pathways



Amount: \$350,000

Montana State University, Billings (Billings, MT)

This project fills the need of training health care providers at a time when the shortage of health care workers is a national trend driven by a growing demand for health services, an aging population, and a shrinking supply of workers.

Health Information Technology for Critical Access Hospitals



Amount: \$500,000

Benefis Health System and the Northcentral Montana Healthcare Alliance (Great Falls, MT)

Funds will provide clinic-based Electronic Health Records and hospital-based Health Information Technology hardware and software in rural facilities throughout Northcentral Montana, including Big Sandy, Lewistown, Shelby, Fort Benton, White Sulphur Springs, Malta, Choteau, and Chester.

Hi-Line Retirement Center Renovation and Expansion



Amount: \$500,000

Hi-Line Retirement Center, Inc. (Malta, MT)

This project will address structural deficiencies at the center. The HVAC system does not comply with current International Building Code standards or American Institute of Architects guidelines for health care design. The project will also increase the number of long-term care beds from 48 to 56, expand available assisted living units from eight to 12, and increase the number of independent, senior apartments from six to 10.

Hot Springs Medical Clinic

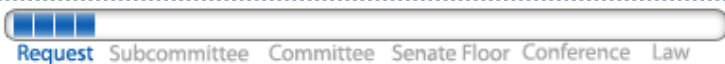


Amount: \$823,580

Sanders County Community Development Corporation (Thompson Falls, MT)

This clinic serves 300 people a month in a region with a poverty rate of 35.8 percent. This project will give much needed spaces for more examination rooms, medical labs, an enlarged physical therapy section, medical records, and waiting room. The current building's structural health is also failing, and floors of the building are sloping in various directions because of the rock foundation and wheel chairs with patients have to be locked to keep them from rolling.

Increasing Student Mathematics Achievement through Teacher Professional Development



Amount: \$500,000

Billings Public Schools (Billings, MT)

Billings Public Schools is the largest school district in Montana. This program will allow the district to focus on four interconnected outcomes: increasing mathematics content knowledge, increasing pedagogical knowledge, building a learning community, and developing leadership.

Kalispell Regional Medical Center Newborn Intensive Care Unit



Amount: \$700,000

Northwest Healthcare, Inc. (Kalispell, MT)

This program will allow Northwest Healthcare, Inc. to complete a permanent 10-bed newborn intensive care unit to allow infants, mothers, and family members to stay together during this critical phase of care.

Living Well with a Disability for Veterans



Amount: \$750,000

University of Montana (Missoula, MT)

This project will extend this proven, community-based health promotion program to veterans with disabilities through partnerships between veterans programs and local community-based programs.

Lewis and Clark County Health Department Building Capacity



Amount: \$100,000

Lewis and Clark County (Helena, MT)

The Lewis and Clark City-County Health Department has outgrown its current facility. This project will support plans to purchase, remodel, and move into an old grocery store in the center of Helena, Montana.

Lewis and Clark County Health Department Electronic Medical Records



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Amount: \$170,000

Lewis and Clark County (Helena, MT)

This project will allow the Lewis and Clark City-County Health Department and the Cooperative Health Center to convert their 20,000 active medical records to electronic ones to improve the ability for all in the health care team to coordinate care.