

# Jon Tester

## United States Senator for Montana

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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 2011 are listed below.

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### Adult Education and Workforce Readiness Enhancements

Chippewa Cree Tribe  
Box Elder, MT  
\$65,000

Funds will be used to enhance the existing Adult Education and Workforce Readiness services provided to residents through the WIA program with GED testing materials, computers and various other work-related items for clients.

### American Indian Academic Achievement Initiative

Billings Public Schools  
Billings, MT  
\$500,000

Funds for the Student Mathematics Achievement through Teacher Professional Development will be used to underwrite a professional development program to focus on development training, technology integration, math immersion, coaching and collaborative learning.

### At Risk Youth Substance Abuse and Behavioral Continuum of Care Cutting-Edge Treatment Initiative

Youth Dynamics, Inc.  
Billings, MT  
\$350,000

This project will hire staff to create a substance abuse treatment and recovery program that holistically serves the needs of persons as individuals, thereby avoiding the silo approach of treating one issue separately from the other.

### Blackfeet Care Center Construction Project

Blackfeet Tribal Council  
Browning, MT  
\$8,000,000

Funds will be spent on construction of a new facility as much of the current building is structurally not sound and is in need of replacement.

### Boiler Replacement

Roundup Memorial Healthcare

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#### Roundup, MT

\$359,386

Funds will be used for the new boiler, installation, building to house the boiler, electrical costs and contingency costs, as the hospital will be shut down if the 55-year-old coal-fired boiler is not replaced.

#### **Building High Tech Careers in Northwestern Montana**

Flathead Valley Community College

Kalispell, MT

\$443,000

This project will strengthen the high tech industry in northwestern Montana by better preparing FVCC's local engineering, physics and computer science students to contribute within this promising sector.

#### **Campus Outreach Offices and Support**

Student Assistance Foundation

Helena, MT

\$720,000

Funds will provide staffing to provide the following services: Assist students and families to navigate the process of paying for college; provide outreach services to students, parents, counselors, and other educators in middle school and high school to increase early awareness of the steps to get to college; and help students understand student loan repayment, benefit programs, and options upon leaving postsecondary education.

#### **CARD Information Technology Update and Expansion**

Center for Asbestos Related Disease

Libby, MT

\$294,097

Funding will be used to update and expand CARD's Information Technology equipment in order to be compliant with the upcoming federal mandate in 2014 requiring all medical records to be electronic. In addition, funds will allow for an IT specialist on-staff (wages and benefits), and expanded IT equipment to assist with outreach, clinic, and research needs.

#### **Cardiac Care Project**

St. Peter's Hospital

Helena, MT

\$253,836

Funds will be used to purchase of a Cardiac PACS (Picture Archived Communication System) that will fully integrate with the electronic medical record system that is in the process of being implemented at St. Peter's.

#### **Center for Health Education & Chronic Care**

St. James Healthcare Foundation

Butte, MT

\$5,000,000

Funds would be used to acquire and improve property to establish a physical location, expand and enhance the current diabetes care network, develop space for clinical training and staff and purchase new equipment to treat chronic conditions.

#### **Center for Healthcare Education and Simulated Hospital Training**

Montana State University: Great Falls College of Technology

Great Falls, MT

\$750,000

Funds will be used to acquire basic equipment to get the simulated training hospital in operation to meet the needs of dedicated nursing teams.

#### **Civil Engineering Phase II**

Carroll College

Helena, MT

\$750,000

Funds will be spent on lab expansion, improved handicapped access, new equipment and upgrades to the computing and information access infrastructure of the building.

#### **College Outreach for the 21st Century**

Student Assistance Foundation

Helena, MT

\$100,000

Funds will provide equipment and services to enhance and expand existing college access initiatives through the use of technology to reach more Montana students, especially in rural areas.

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

University of Notre Dame

Notre Dame, IN

\$987,000

Funds will go toward staff and student support to increase the program from 8 to 16 students who will take part in an environmental education program that infuses Native American environmental knowledge and ethics with modern scientific and technical knowledge to better address pressing environmental problems.

**Education and Technical Training Center**

Crow Tribe of Indians

Crow Agency, MT

\$1,800,000

Funds will be used for equipment and salaries for staff who will educate and train constituents in skilled trades, science, technology and engineering fields so they are prepared to build and operate the Many Stars CTL project and related clean energy projects.

**Emergency Services**

Pioneer Medical Center

Big Timber, MT

\$973,542

This project will add diagnostic imaging and emergency response capabilities by expanding the current facility to include a CT scanner and build a replacement ambulance barn.

**Enterprise Health Record Implementation**

North Valley Hospital Foundation

Whitefish, MT

\$3,500,000

Funds will initially be focused on improving the core facility computer hardware and network as well as the clinical and bedside personal computing systems to support a secure EHR implementation by allowing purchase and implementation of upgraded EHR modules for areas where some automation has already been applied and then implementation of additional EHR modules for areas of the facility where no automation has been attempted to date.

**Environmental Studies Lab and Program Improvements**

Carroll College

Helena, MT

\$650,000

Funds will be spent on lab expansion, improved handicapped access, new equipment and upgrades to the computing and information access infrastructure of the building.

**Expansion Project**

Missouri River Medical Center

Fort Benton, MT

\$710,500

Funds will all go toward constructing a new 7 bed critical access hospital, a 45 bed nursing home and a clinic for four providers. Initial funds will be used to purchase the land, complete the survey and geotechnical work and finalize the concept plan development work.

**Facilities and Equipment**

Bozeman Deaconess Foundation

Bozeman, MT

\$2,750,000

These funds will be used to purchase vital technological additions: a Linear

Accelerator, Computerized Physician Order Entry and Emergency Department Electronic Health Records that will be available to serve the more than 100,000 residents of Southwest Montana.

#### **Facilities and Equipment**

Marias Medical Center

Shelby, MT

\$522,500

Funds will be used to purchase diagnostic equipment: a radiographic/flouro X-ray unit, ultrasound equipment and a computerized radiographic (CR) reader that will transition images into a format ready for transition to electronic medical records to help meet healthcare needs of elderly and low income citizens of north central Montana.

#### **Facility Upgrades**

Roosevelt Medical Center

Culbertson, MT

\$520,000

This project will replace facility air handling systems, replace individual room heating/air conditioning units, replace windows in patient rooms and replace flooring.

#### **Great Falls Easter Seals-Goodwill building consolidation project**

Easter Seals-Goodwill Northern Rocky Mountain

Great Falls, MT

\$915,000

Funds will be used to consolidate five separate service sites into one in Great Falls, Montana for the purpose of providing better services for people with a wide variety of disabilities and other disadvantaging conditions.

#### **Health Care Informatics Certification for rural health professionals**

Montana Tech of the University of Montana

Butte, MT

\$1,250,000

Funds will be used for scholarships and expanding online programs to meet the growing demand for new high-tech health care information management professionals.

#### **Hospital Generator Upgrade Project**

Big Horn Hospital Association

Hardin, MT

\$696,368

Funds will be used to purchase duplex generator equipment that will improve electrical capacity 100%, increase work space for maintenance staff, expand medical responses and deliver consistent HVAC.

#### **Hot Springs Medical Clinic**

Sanders County Community Development Corporation

Thompson Falls, MT

\$745,122

The requested funds will be spent on reconstruction of the clinic building. A new building will add more exam rooms, labs, facilities and waiting rooms.

#### **Institute for Leadership and Public Service**

University of Montana - Mike & Maureen Mansfield Center

Missoula, MT

\$1,000,000

This program will fulfill the intention of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center to promote greater understanding of public policy issues and public service.

#### **ITBC Tribal Health Initiative**

Inter Tribal Bison Cooperative

Rapid City, SD

\$980,000

This project will support a health program that provides education, research, and other clinical initiatives while including the role of bison in diabetic diets and health regimens.

#### **Little Rockies Academic Health and Wellness Center**

Hays Community Economic Development Corporation

Hays, MT

\$150,000

Funds will be used for pre-construction and construction of a facility that will serve many purposes in the community from health to education to wellness.

#### **MAPS: Media Arts in the Public Schools**

Florence Prever Rosten Foundation

Darby, MT

\$215,424

Funds will be used for an after school program to inspire, educate, train and create quality jobs in the media arts for high school youth in Ravalli County, Montana

#### **Metabolism and Endocrinology Center**

Billings Clinic

Billings, MT

\$750,000

The Metabolism and Endocrinology Center will further develop Billings Clinic's multi-specialty approach to caring for patients with metabolic disorders. The program will include prevention programs to educate patients about the dangers of heightened metabolic risk factors and will allow Billings Clinic to bring endocrinologists and bariatric and metabolic surgeons together to provide better outcomes for our patients.

#### **Montana Children and Nature Network**

Montana Natural History Center

Missoula, MT

\$465,000

Funds will provide personnel costs, operating costs and equipment for a comprehensive program to enhance nature education in Montana.

#### **Montana Energy Training Center**

Montana State University: Northern

Havre, MT

\$1,000,000

Funds will be used for training equipment at three Montana State University campuses to train and retrain skilled workers who can fill high-priority jobs, as defined by industry and labor partners in various energy sectors.

#### **Montana Graduate Medical Education Initiative**

Montana Health Research and Education Foundation

Helena, MT

\$409,200

Funds will be used for staff who will establish a dedicated organization to provide planning and implementation of Graduate Medical Education for Montana.

#### **Montana Pediatric Project--Building Frontier Medicine for Children One Specialist at a Time**

St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation

Billings, MT

\$950,000

Funds will support program initiation, education and outreach for pediatric neurology, emergency care, surgery, neurosurgery and oncology.

#### **Montana Remote STEM Curriculum Development**

Montana Digital Academy

Missoula, MT

\$1,381,000

Funds will be used to staff, equipment and operations to develop a system for Montana students statewide that will provide them with academic skills through participation in an online learning environment. Students working with this system will learn through an interactive virtual environment that has been adapted through cooperation with teachers and software designers to provide a standards-based learning framework.

### **Montana Technology Innovation Partnership (MTIP)**

Montana Department of Commerce

Helena, MT

\$1,000,000

Funding will be used over four years to sponsor and promote appropriate workshops and training, and the services of skilled local consultants for SBIR and commercialization planning.

### **Native American and Rural Health Initiative**

University of Montana

Missoula, MT

\$1,000,000

Funds will support staff that work with Montana tribal college instructors and their students, tribal health entities and rural health programs to develop and implement educational activities for people interested in Native American and rural health professions.

### **New Hospital Construction**

Livingston Health Care

Livingston, MT

\$500,000

Funds will be used to construct a new hospital that will provide a scope and level of healthcare services that are substantially the same as those provided now, but contained within a single location that is up to current standards. The new location will include the hospital, medical office space and ancillary services such as radiology, laboratory, physical therapy and other services.

### **New Hospital Construction & Equipment**

St. John's Lutheran Hospital

Libby, MT

\$500,000

Funds will be used to purchase equipment for the inpatient wing of the new hospital as they replace the 58-year old building that does not meet code or allow critical equipment to run on emergency power.

### **Northern Rockies Rural Family Medicine Residency Program**

Mineral Community Hospital

Superior, MT

\$1,500,000

The funding for this program will allow for the development of a model residency program in a community based teaching health center and critical access hospital.

### **Northwestern Montana Rural Health Care Careers Center**

Flathead Valley Community College

Kalispell, MT

\$1,393,500

Funds will be used for equipment and personnel to strengthen the high tech industry in northwestern Montana by better preparing FVCC's local engineering, physics and computer science students to contribute within this promising sector.

### **Outpatient Mental Health Network**

Saint Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Center

Missoula, MT

\$800,000

Funds will be used to purchase and install telemedicine equipment and cover the start-up costs for salaries and supplies that will establish a new Outpatient Mental Health Network in western Montana that will assist regional hospitals in managing behavioral health patients seeking treatment.

### **Registered Nursing and Dental Assisting Education**

Salish Kootenai College

Pablo, MT

\$396,162

Funds will replace obsolete computers and software, adding three portable dental field operatories to train students for rural areas.

### **Rescue Package for At-Risk Youth**

Jobs for Montana's Graduates Foundation

Helena, MT

\$589,240

Funds will be used to hire staff that will expand the dropout prevention program 30% by serving an additional 300 at-risk students in grades seven through twelve.

### **Simulation, Training and Research Center for Rural Health Providers**

National Center for Health Care Informatics

Butte, MT

\$5,633,100

Funds will be used for first responder / technical staff and resources necessary to design/create simulation-based training, development of specific rural-based training scenarios, integration with the simulation products being developed for the Air Force Pararescuemen as a result of the NCHCI's FY10 DOD appropriation, and integration with training for rural healthcare practitioners.

### **Southcentral Montana Workforce Incubation and Retention Center**

Montana State University-Billings

Billings, MT

\$500,000

Funds will be used to continue a pilot project to develop the infrastructure, services and partnerships necessary to train today's and tomorrow's workforce for existing and new businesses and industries.

### **South Billings Education, Training and Skills Development Support Center**

Montana State University-Billings

Billings, MT

\$750,000

Funds will be used for equipment and personnel to develop a three-year pilot program to establish a comprehensive Education, Training and Skills Development Support Center on Billings' South Side.

### **Suicide Intervention Access and Outreach Program**

The Help Center – 211

Bozeman, MT

\$259,000

This project will create a cohesive, statewide regional response to services for suicide intervention by enhancing the existing 211 infrastructures and adding six staff members who will coordinate resource and crisis service delivery throughout the state.

### **Tribal Dialysis Unit**

Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation

Poplar, MT

\$1,000,000

Funds will be used to expand Fort Peck Tribal Dialysis Unit from 10 stations to 18 stations and provide the necessary equipment to meet the growing dialysis population on the Fort Peck Reservation and all of Northeast Montana.

### **Tribal Wellness Center Youth Program**

Chippewa Cree Tribe

Box Elder, MT

\$275,000

Funding will support staff and equipment to implement various physical fitness activities, intensive substance abuse prevention, suicide prevention and intervention, and healthy alternatives to juvenile delinquency.

### **Western Montana Homeless Facility**

Poverello Center, Inc.

Missoula, MT

\$1,000,000

This project will convert an adjacent building to the current shelter into an appropriate and handicap accessible public facility that will provide emergency shelter, medical care, supportive services, and food to 7,000 Montanans each year.

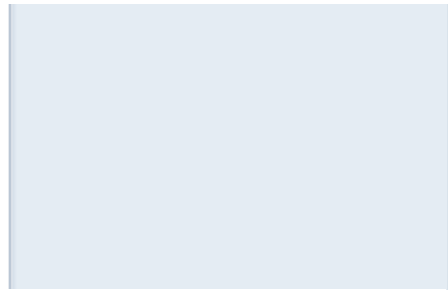
### **White Clay Language Immersion School Bus Request**

Fort Belknap College

Harlem, MT

\$78,000

The project will support the White Clay Language Immersion School's efforts to revitalize the Gros Ventre (White Clay or A'aniinin) language by training young tribal members to become fluent speakers by purchasing a bus to transport students.



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