



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Alabas
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Farhat
3. The cosponsoring representatives' names. All cosponsors must be listed. If none, please type 'n/a.' A signed letter from the sponsor approving the co-sponsorship and a signed letter from the member wishing to co-sponsor are required. Attach letters at question #9 below.
Representative Joe Tate, District 9
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Greektown Neighborhood Partnership
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
400 Monroe Street, Suite 340 Detroit, MI 482266
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
N/A
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Representative Joe Tate, District 9
8. Purpose of the legislatively directed spending item. Please include how it provides a public benefit and why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding. Please also demonstrate that the item does not violate Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution.
As part of the transformative Greektown Vision Framework developed by the State of Michigan, the Monroe Street Alleyway Improvements aim to enhance the pedestrian experience, support local businesses, and modernize critical infrastructure within Detroit's historic Greektown district. Transitioning the Monroe Street alley to accommodate daytime freight delivery is an important factor for the success of the pedestrian focused treatment on Monroe Street. Cities are increasingly understanding the value of the "in-between" spaces. These spaces, such as alleys, pedestrian passages, blank

facades, and undersized parcels are great sites for unique activation strategies that are scaled for pedestrians. These spaces offer opportunities for discovery and create delight for users.

EXISTING CONDITIONS & THE NEED FOR CHANGE The Monroe Street alleyways are currently underutilized, visually uninviting, and functionally outdated. Cracked pavement, poor drainage, aging utility lines, exposed grease runoff, poorly defined points of entry and inadequate lighting have contributed to an environment that feels neglected and unsafe. Trash bins and service operations are visible and unsightly, diminishing the visitor experience and affecting nearby business operations. There is minimal landscaping or public art, and pedestrian access is not prioritized.

BENEFITS OF IMPROVEMENT By addressing these issues, the Monroe Street Alleyway Improvements will:

- Create a cleaner, safer environment for visitors, employees, and residents
- Enhance business operations by consolidating trash and grease systems into a shared, functional solution
- Beautify the district with lighting, art, and landscaping that reflect Greektown's cultural identity
- Encourage foot traffic and business growth through placemaking and improved pedestrian connectivity
- Support public programming and special events with integrated lighting, sound, and infrastructure
- Aligning with Greektown's long-term vision of a vibrant, walkable urban destination

9. Attach documents here if needed:

Attachments added to the end of this file.

10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item.

9236890

11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.

["State","Private"]

12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:

Non-profit organization

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?

Yes

14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?

Yes

15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?

Yes

16. For a non-profit organization, list all the active members on the organization's board of directors and any other officers. If this question is not applicable, please type 'n/a.'

Athina Papas, Board Chair and President Atheneum Suite Hotel, Pegasus Taverna Tasso Teftsis, Board Vice President Astoria Pastry Shop, Red Smoke Barbeque Christos Moisides, Board Vice President Fishbones Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 400 Monroe Associates Octaveious Miles, Board secretary Hollywood Casino at Greektown Marvin Beatty, Board Treasurer Hollywood Casino at Greektown Eileen Sellaro, Board Member Bedrock Detroit

17. "I certify that neither the sponsoring representative nor the sponsoring representative's staff or immediate family has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending item."

Yes, this is correct

18. Anticipated start and end dates for the legislatively directed spending item:

June 2026

19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."

Yes