



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.
N/A
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union (MPFFU)
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
1651 Kingsway Ct # E, Trenton, MI
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:
This initiative will benefit members of the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union (MPFFU) across the state of Michigan.
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. The Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union seeks funding to organize a functional training seminar dedicated to advancing the skills and knowledge of career firefighters across the state. This initiative aims to equip firefighters with the latest tactics and modern strategies essential for effective emergency response and mitigation. With the pause at the national Fire Academy, this will also help to fill the gap in training.

Objectives:

1. Training Excellence: Provide comprehensive training sessions led by experts in modern firefighting techniques.
2. Statewide Collaboration: Foster collaboration among firefighters from various departments to share experiences and best practices.
3. Skill Advancement: Enhance the skills of career firefighters to improve overall safety and effectiveness in emergency situations. Hands on training from national leaders in the fire service on topics such as forcible entry, ventilation, thermal imaging, command operations and more.

Funding Allocation:

The requested budget will be allocated to support the following logistics:

- Venue rental for the symposium
- Travel and accommodation for presenters and participants
- Training materials and resources
- Marketing and outreach to ensure maximum participation

Conclusion:

Investing in the training of our career firefighters will not only improve their individual capabilities but also enhance the safety and well-being of the communities they serve across Michigan. This funding will help ensure that our firefighters are well-prepared to tackle the challenges of modern firefighting and emergency response.

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.

1675000

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

["None"]

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.'

Matthew Sahr, President Terrence Chesney, Secretary/Treasurer Greg Weisbarth, 1st/3rd District Vice President Rich Clark, 2nd District Vice President Steve Heim, 4th District Vice President Monty Nye, 5th District Vice President Scott Bala, 6th District Vice President Micky Wiewiura, Eastern Trustee Justin Fox, Northern Trustee Kenneth Barnes, Western Trustee

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:

July 2026

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

Yes