



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 Erin Byrnes, District 15
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
City of Dearborn
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
16901 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, MI 48126
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:
State Representative Alabas A. Farhat, 3rd House District
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 City of Dearborn intends to utilize the legislatively directed spending item to achieve two critical goals that provide a direct public benefit and promote long-term community well-being.
 1. Addressing Deferred Maintenance Across City Government:
A portion of the funds will be used to address long-standing underinvestment in city-owned buildings. Many of these facilities have not seen significant updates in decades,

resulting in a backlog of deferred maintenance. By investing in long overdue improvements, we're not only preserving critical infrastructure, but also reducing long term liabilities and creating safer, more functional spaces for both team members and the community.

2. Investing in Public Safety Infrastructure:

The remaining funds will support critical capital improvements to Dearborn's police headquarters, originally constructed in 1961. The aging facility no longer meets the demands of a modern police department. Renovating and modernizing the space will improve officer safety, enhance day-to-day operations, and ensure that our law enforcement personnel can continue to serve residents effectively and professionally.

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.

15000000

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:

Local unit government

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

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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.'

N/A

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:

January 2026 – December 2027

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

Yes



April 23, 2025

The Honorable Alabas A. Farhat
State Representative, 3rd House District
Michigan House of Representatives
Anderson House Office Building
Lansing, MI 48933

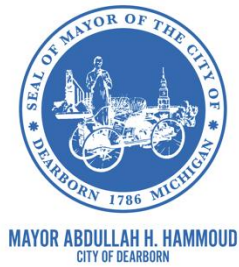
Dear Representative Farhat,

I am writing in strong support of our request for \$15 million in legislatively directed spending to support two critical priorities for our community, capital improvements to our aging police headquarters and deferred maintenance.

As Mayor, it is my mission to ensure that every resident, commuter, and visitor feels safe, valued, and supported in our city. Over the past several years, we've matched these words with tangible action. Crime rates in key categories have dropped by double digits since 2023. We've cracked down on reckless driving, implemented neighborhood police officer programs, and built strong relationships between law enforcement and the community. At the same time, we've introduced targeted technological solutions and smart policing strategies that have improved safety without compromising trust.

But while our approach to public safety has evolved, the physical infrastructure supporting it has not. Our police headquarters, built more than 64 years ago, is no longer equipped to meet today's operational needs. It lacks adequate space, has outdated systems, and limits our ability to grow and modernize the department. Capital improvements in this facility are not just about bricks and mortar, it's about improving how we serve and protect our community for decades to come.

Equally important is our ongoing effort to strengthen Dearborn's financial health. A portion of this appropriation will be dedicated to deferred maintenance, helping us stabilize the city's finances and freeing up resources for essential services. Under my administration, we have delivered four consecutive structurally balanced budgets, something our city hasn't achieved in more than 20 years. We've been resourceful and responsible in how we bring in revenue and how we allocate every dollar. This funding would allow us to continue that work to create greater flexibility and resilience in our city's future.



With your support, we can ensure that Dearborn continues to move forward into a future rooted in a deep commitment to public safety and fiscal responsibility. By investing in both the functionality of our public facilities and the stability of our finances, this appropriation lays the foundation for enduring public good. The benefits will extend beyond our city limits, enhancing the well-being and vitality across the region and reinforcing Dearborn's role as a leader in smart, community-focused governance.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of the City of Dearborn.

Sincerely,

Abdullah H. Hammoud
Mayor, City of Dearborn

Wayne County Commission

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The Honorable Alabas A. Farhat
State Representative, 3rd House District
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Dear Representative Farhat,

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Dearborn's request for a \$15 million appropriation through legislatively directed spending. As the Wayne County Commissioner representing Dearborn, I have seen firsthand how strategic investments in our communities can yield long-term, transformative benefits and this proposal is no exception.

The City intends to utilize these funds to achieve two essential objectives, both of which provide significant public benefit and promote the long-term well-being of Dearborn residents.

First, a portion of the funds will be allocated toward deferred maintenance. This step will help stabilize the City's financial position, create greater flexibility in future budgeting, and ensure more public dollars can be directed toward essential services and community priorities.

Second, this appropriation will support long-overdue capital improvements to Dearborn's police headquarters, which is over 64 years old. The current facility is burdened by outdated infrastructure, insufficient space, and an inability to meet current needs of the team. Investing in capital improvements would address these issues while also offering advantages in cost-effectiveness, accessibility, and the capacity to accommodate a growing department. Updated facilities enable improved operational efficiency, support modern law enforcement practices, and enhance overall service delivery to the community.

Investing in public safety infrastructure such as police stations is one of the most direct ways to promote community well-being. It reduces crime, improves emergency response times, and fosters greater trust between residents and law enforcement. A strong, well-resourced police presence helps deter criminal activity, allows for quicker investigations, and provides a reassuring sense of safety for the public.

I strongly urge your support for this critical investment in Dearborn's future. Thank you for your ongoing leadership on behalf of our shared constituents and for your dedication to strengthening communities across Michigan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sam Baydoun". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sam Baydoun

Vice-Chair Pro Tempore

Wayne County Commission, District 13