



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Bill
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Schuette
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:
City of Midland
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
333 W. Ellsworth Street, Midland MI 48640
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 Schuette, District 95
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. Significant rains and floods have occurred in the Midland area in 1986, 1996, 2013, 2017, and 2020. In May 2020, the Edenville Dam and Sanford Dam were breached after days of heavy rains – causing catastrophic flooding in Sanford, Midland, and properties up and down the river system. Flash flood emergencies were issued, and approximately 11,000 Edenville, Sanford, and Midland residents were evacuated. More than 2,500 homes were damaged or destroyed – with some buildings swept off foundations and down the river. Damage to the 2,500 buildings was estimated at \$200 million. In July 2020, the president

approved a federal major disaster declaration (DR-4547-MI) for Midland County and the surrounding region. More than a year later, the rebuilding process continues.

Reducing the frequency and severity of flooding is essential for continued economic growth across the mid-Michigan region. Time and again, these floods have negatively impacted individuals, jobs, economic growth, property values, and tax revenues in Midland and throughout the Tittabawassee River Watershed, which covers all or portions of 13 counties. Homeowners, businesses, industry, and healthcare providers must have the assurance that their investment will not be flooded out each time it rains.

The purpose of our project is to reduce the frequency and severity of flooding and to improve resiliency in Midland and throughout mid-Michigan's Tittabawassee River Watershed. Special activities would include:

- Evaluation of potential infrastructure projects to reduce frequency and severity of flooding within the City of Midland limits
- Complete prep work to be done in advance of construction of selected infrastructure project(s)
- Commence actual construction of selected infrastructure project(s)
- Continue coordination and planning in partnership with the USACE for larger infrastructure projects which will ultimately also reduce frequency and severity of flooding within the City of Midland limits

Because the waters of the Chippewa, Pine and Tittabawassee converge in downtown Midland and then continue downstream via the Tittabawassee—into Saginaw and surrounding counties—this significant investment is necessary to reduce the frequency and severity of flooding for our entire region, and to support quality of life, safety, clean water, jobs, and economic growth in the years ahead.

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.

10000000

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

["State"]

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 2028

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

Yes



April 22, 2025

The Honorable Bill G. Schuette
Michigan State Capitol
Room H-426
100 N. Capitol Avenue
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Representative Schuette,

On behalf of the Midland Business Alliance, I am writing to commit our full support for the City of Midland's funding request for \$10,000,000 for Midland flood reduction infrastructure and planning.

This additional investment in flood reduction projects represents a significant step in our community's comprehensive effort to recover from the devastating flooding and dam failure in May 2020 (DR-4547-MI) and from legacy flooding events that regularly threaten public safety, homes, businesses, and manufacturing, healthcare, and educational facilities.

Recovery efforts from the 2020 flood have been ongoing for nearly five years. This emphasizes the need for greater flood reduction infrastructure and drives our continuing work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The City of Midland is putting current state grants to good work by executing a significant list of improvement projects to improve drainage and flows in the city. Additional funding will help expand these efforts and support planning, engineering, preparation, and construction of critical flood reduction infrastructure.

Since 2020's devastating flood that threatened our community, we have diligently pressed on with efforts to recover and build resiliency. To that end, we respectfully request your consideration and support of funding for flood reduction infrastructure in the City of Midland.

Thank you for your longstanding efforts and commitment to serving mid-Michigan.

Best regards,


Tony Stamas
President & CEO



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April 23, 2025

The Honorable Bill G. Schuette
Michigan State Capitol
Room H-426
100 N. Capitol Avenue
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Dear Representative Schuette,

On behalf of the County of Midland, I am expressing our full support for the City of Midland's legislatively directed spending request of \$10,000,000 for continued Midland flood reduction infrastructure and planning.

Dam-failure flooding in May 2020, as well as other recurring flood events dating back to 1986 have threatened public safety, homes, businesses, and key community services like manufacturing, healthcare, and education. In the nearly five years since the catastrophic 2020 event, we have remained steadfast in our recovery efforts as well as efforts to establish flood resiliency and reduction.

Efforts include long-term, large-scale infrastructure, for which the City of Midland, Midland County, and Midland Business Alliance are currently partnering with the US Army Corps of Engineers. Concurrently, efforts also include short-term, smaller scale projects in specific locations to build flood resiliency. For instance, as you know, the City of Midland is actively using state grant funding to pursue a wide range of projects designed to improve drainage and water flow throughout the city. However, there is so much more that needs to be done. Additional funding would allow the City to expand this work—supporting essential planning, engineering, and construction of flood protection measures.

We respectfully request your consideration and support for an investment of \$10,000,000 for the City of Midland to continue establishing flood reduction infrastructure.

Thank you for your longstanding efforts and commitment to serving the Midland community.

Sincerely,

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