



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Brenda
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Carter
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:  
American Legion Cook-Nelson Post 20
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
206 Auburn Ave, Pontiac, MI 48342
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  
206 Auburn Ave, Pontiac, MI 48342
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:  
Rep. Brenda Carter (53rd 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.  
Purpose of the Legislatively Directed Spending Item:

The requested funding is aimed at repairing and restoring the historic building of American Legion Cook-Nelson Post 20. This building has served as the home of the veteran organization for over a century and is an important historical and community landmark. The requested funds will be used to address critical repairs to the building's exterior, interior, and infrastructure. Specific repairs include restoring historical windows,

replacing damaged roofing and gutters, improving porch railings and steps, updating electrical wiring, and making other necessary repairs to ensure the building remains safe, functional, and accessible for future generations.

**Public Benefit:**

The restoration of this historic building will provide substantial public benefit. As the home of the American Legion Post, it serves as a hub for veteran services, community events, and various social programs that support veterans and their families. The Post is not only a place of gathering for local veterans but also contributes to the vibrancy and culture of the surrounding Pontiac community. Ensuring the building is safe and well-maintained will allow it to continue to serve the community and provide these important services for years to come. Additionally, the preservation of this historic structure helps protect local history and maintains a significant landmark within the region.

**Appropriateness of Taxpayer Funding:**

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding as it directly benefits the public by preserving a historically significant building while ensuring the continued operation of a local veterans' organization. The repairs and upgrades requested are necessary to maintain the building's safety and functionality, which benefits the veterans who use the facility and the local community that participates in various events held at the Post. The investment in maintaining this public facility will have long-lasting positive impacts on the local economy and community cohesion.

**Compliance with Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution:**

The requested funding does not violate Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution, which prohibits the allocation of taxpayer funds for private purposes. The American Legion Cook-Nelson Post 20 is a nonprofit organization that serves a clear public purpose—providing services, support, and a gathering space for veterans and the surrounding community. The repairs and restorations to the building will ensure its continued use as a public service facility, in line with the constitutional provision that restricts the use of public funds for private benefit.

**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.**

300000

**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.'

Pending

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:

Oct 2025-Oct 2026

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

Yes