



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Brian
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
BeGole
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.  
Rep. Matthew Bierlein: District 97  
  
Rep. Tim Kelly: District 93  
  
Rep. Mike Mueller: District 72  
  
Rep. Penelope Tsernoglou: District 75  
  
Rep. Jasper Martus: District 69  
  
Rep. Nancy Jenkins-Arno: District 34
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
Memorial Healthcare
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
826 W. King Street, Owosso, MI 48867
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:  
Rep. Brian BeGole, District 71

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. Legislatively directed funds totaling \$5.4 million would be used for critical infrastructure needs at Memorial Healthcare, a nonprofit independent community hospital founded in 1921 located in Owosso, Michigan. Beyond its status as the sole hospital in rural Shiawassee County, Memorial also serves numerous communities across greater mid-Michigan providing of family medicine and specialty outpatient services across six counties.

Proposed funding is targeted toward the most urgent needs at the main hospital facility, including the replacement of the central boiler system, modernization of HVAC across three hospital wings, and upgrading of sanitation and domestic plumbing.

This funding will significantly assist with the sustainability of Memorial's ongoing efforts to provide services at its main campus as well as surrounding communities during a time of increasing cost pressures. Facilities improvements will preserve critical patient access to healthcare in numerous rural and underserved areas across mid-Michigan. Memorial Healthcare's positive impact as an independent community hospital touches the entire state, with residents of every county in Michigan represented as patients over the past two years.

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.

5400000

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.'

Gregory Bontrager, Chairman, Tony Young, Vice-Chairman, Wilfred Ferrell, Treasurer, Jerry Walden, Secretary. Trustees Mike Ash, Barbara BakerOmerod, Thomas Campbell, Shana Espinoza, Margaret Frey, DO, Thomas Kurtz, Brian L. Long, Bryan Marks, Anthony Patsy, DO, Hazem Tabb, DD, MS, Joseph E. Testa, DO, MBA, FACS, FACOS, David Wakeland and Bruce Wenzlick.

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:

October 2025-September 2026

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

Yes



**PROPOSED: One-time funds totaling \$5.4 million for critical infrastructure upgrades**

Memorial Healthcare is a 104-year-old rural independent hospital located in Owosso in Rural Shiawassee County with nearly 40 additional ambulatory outpatient locations throughout Shiawassee, Bay, Clinton, Ingham, Livingston and Saginaw Counties. Memorial Healthcare has been recognized nationally and at the state level by industry leaders for excellence in meeting or exceeding patient care standards as well as for its use of technology to address patient care, patient safety and service quality.

As Memorial Healthcare continues to address numerous facilities needs in a challenging fiscal environment, infrastructure investment support is essential in our ability to provide uninterrupted healthcare services to the patients we serve.

The following are critical needs:

**Boiler system modernization: \$2.4 million**

Replacement of main hospital boiler, condensate receiver and deaerator system to restore consistent function, create greater efficiency and eliminate patient care disruptions.

**HVAC modernization: \$1.5 million**

Upgrade of 3 wings of hospital HVAC system, heat exchangers and hydronic piping to ensure smooth temperature management and further air and water particulate infection control.

**Sanitation and domestic plumbing upgrades: \$1.5 million**

Line and/or replace century-old cast iron drain and sanitation lines and remaining galvanized water lines restoring consistent pressure and efficient function while eliminating the potential for soil contamination.

Support for these infrastructure investments on our campus will ensure continued patient access while directly contributing to Memorial's long-term sustainability within a sector increasingly defined by consolidation and loss of other rural-serving hospitals.

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