



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Cam
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Cavitt
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:
Allband Communications
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
7251 Cemetery Rd. Curran, MI 48728
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
Allband Communications
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Cam Cavitt, 106th 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. This funding would assist with the local matching requirements for the Rural Utility Service ReConnect Program, RDRUS-RC-2022-2023 (USDA-RUS Reconnect). This broadband network will directly benefit 1,241 dwellings, 891 individuals, 55 businesses, and 60 farms across Alcona, Iosco, Montmorency, and Oscoda Counties who currently don't have broadband access. Allband applied to the Make It in Michigan Competitiveness Fund (MIIMCF) and has been approved for the fund to cover half of the 25% matching requirement. We still need \$2,118,908 to cover the 25% match in its

entirety. The prospective state appropriation to match federal funds enables the deployment of the high-speed broadband network in underserved areas with a total investment of \$16,951,268. Allband is shovel ready and is ready to break ground in the summer of 2025., having already accomplished significant milestones, including design, environmental, engineering studies, customer surveys, and other essential planning.

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.

2118908

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

["Federal","State"]

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.'

James Gilbert: President, Sandra Elser: Vice President, Michael Wade: Treasurer, Michelle Styma: Secretary, Clay VanWagoner: Director

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:

Expected to break ground in the summer of 2025 and should be done in 3 years. The application was approved for 4 years, but they think it will take 3 years of construction,

even with the seasonal weather of our region, which is a critical factor that is sometimes overlooked with these projects. Meaning, a Florida company can install in ½ the time due to not having the winter to contend with.

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

Yes