



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Dave
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Prestin
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:
Upper Peninsula State Fair Authority
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
2401 12th Ave N, Escanaba, MI 49829
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:
Dave Prestin 108
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 UP State Fair is the longest continually operating state fair in Michigan. Their core mission is to educate youths and the public about animal husbandry, agriculture, and timber harvesting. The livestock facilities, originally built by the State of Michigan, were donated to the fair authority in disrepair and are not structurally sound. Repairs and shoring the facility has consumed an increasingly large amount of annual operating expenses of this quasi-governmental organizations budget, which comes almost exclusively from ticket sales.

The UP State Fair is the largest event in the Upper Peninsula, and has beaten their previous records for attendance a few years in a row. Last year, the fair had 104,000 attendees. \$7,000,000 would allow the fair to fix the animal barns and auctioneering center. The UP State Fair Authority is committed to offering the exhibits and educational opportunities the citizens of the State of Michigan have come to expect in a safe manner. This location has also been used during declared emergencies as a staging area and emergency operations center.

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.

7000000

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:

Quasi-governmental. Fair Authority

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:

2025-2027

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

Yes