



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Denise
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Mentzer
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 Sterling Heights
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
40555 Utica Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48313
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  
Sterling Heights Fire Department
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:  
Denise Mentzer HD61, Representative Tom Kuhn HD57, Senator Stephanie Chang, Senator Michael Webber, Senator Paul Wojno
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 will help replace the 22 year old fire ladder truck. It is crucial to enhance public safety and reduce insurance costs. This will help ensure compliance with Insurance Service Office (ISO) standards and help keep insurance premiums low for residents and businesses by maintaining a high Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating. Immigration Policy letter attached.

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.

2100000

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:

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:

November 2025 through June 2026

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

Yes

# Ladder Truck

Upgrading the 22-year-old Sutphen fire ladder truck in Sterling Heights is crucial to enhance public safety and reduce insurance costs. A new truck will ensure compliance with Insurance Services Office (ISO) standards, keeping insurance premiums low for residents and businesses by maintaining a high Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating.

The existing truck is reaching the end of its useful life of 20 years. While the Sterling Heights Fire Department prides itself on maintaining high standards of equipment maintenance and upkeep, the outdated truck struggles with operational, equipment, and reliability issues due to its age. By replacing it, the Fire Department can provide more efficient and reliable emergency services. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends replacing a fire apparatus every 20 years to meet current performance and safety requirements, ensuring firefighter and community safety.

Sutphen's proven Aerial Ladder Truck mid-mount design provides superior weight distribution on chassis, extraordinary maneuverability, and easy access to the pumper-like hose bed, as there are no hose chutes or turntable in the way. The extruded-aluminum ladder is highly resistant to corrosion and has extraordinary strength and torsional rigidity, resulting in a 3:1 safety factor.

A recent Community Risk Assessment (CRA) highlights the need for a modern ladder truck to cater to Sterling Heights' growing population and evolving infrastructure. With enhanced capabilities for high-rise rescues and firefighting operations, a newer truck offers better maneuverability and storage, ultimately improving service delivery for the entire community—visitors, businesses, and residents alike.

## Funding Request

\$2,100,000



Sutphen Ladder Truck

# Sterling Heights Ladder Truck Acquisition

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**5. Physical address of the recipient:**

40555 Utica Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48313

**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:**

Senator Paul Wojno, 10<sup>th</sup> District  
Senator Mike Webber, 9<sup>th</sup> District  
Senator Stephanie Change, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Representative Tom Kuhn, 57<sup>th</sup> District  
Representative Ron Robinson, 58<sup>th</sup> District  
Representative Denise Mentzer, 61<sup>st</sup> 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, § 30 of the Michigan Constitution:**

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9. Attach PDF documents (Max 10) here if needed:

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

☐ Federal

☐ State

☐ Local

☐ Private

☒ None

**12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:**

☐ For-profit organization

☐ Non-profit organization

☒ Local unit government

☐ University/College ☐ Other

**13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ Not Applicable

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