



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Jamie
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Thompson
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 Rockwood, MI
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
33653 Swallow Drive, Rockwood MI 48173
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
33653 Swallow Drive, Rockwood MI 48173
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Representative Jamie Thompson, 28th 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.
In 2022 the City of Rockwood initiated a comprehensive capital improvement plan for its Waste Water Treatment Plant, originally constructed in the 1930s. This facility is solely responsible for processing sewage from Rockwood residents and is currently operating with equipment that has exceeded its useful life.

Project Scope: The improvement plan includes replacement and modernization of the following critical components:

- MCC panel
- Six (6) large filter pumps
- Standby Generator/transfer switch
- Clarifier equipment
- Four (4) sludge valves
- Two (2) mixers
- Pump wet well
- Magmeter gravity line and transmitter
- Effluent flow meter
- Chart recorder
- Automatic bar screen

These updates are vital to ensure that the plant operates safely, reliably, and in compliance with current environmental standards. Without these improvements, the risk of system failure is significant potentially resulting in sewage backups in homes or harmful discharges flowing into the Huron River.

Justification:

- The equipment is outdated and no longer meets modern performance or safety expectations.
- Rockwood is independently responsible for its wastewater management; there is no opportunity to tie into a regional sewage system.
- Failure of the current system would pose serious public health and environmental risks.

Funding Use: In addition to construction and equipment costs, the requested funds will also cover engineering fees, which can represent over 15% of the total project cost. These fees are essential for proper design, permitting, and oversight of the project.

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.

1500000

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:

Oct 1, 2025 – Sept 30, 2026 (FY 2026)

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

Yes

April 23th, 2025

Marcie Grzywacz
20125 Candace
Rockwood, MI 48173

To Whom it may concern:

I currently reside in Rockwood, MI and also have the privilege to serve on City Council in the quaint town of Rockwood. I am writing to discuss the Rockwood water Treatment plant and its desperate need for updates and upgrades.

As government entities we are the duty bearers to provide sufficient, safe, acceptable water for our residents. It is a top priority that the City of Rockwood receive aid to facilitate upgrades to the aged and outdated water treatment infrastructure.

Unlike other cities in Wayne County, Rockwood does not have the ability or advantage to join into the "super sewer" system due to the system being at maximum capacity. Another option that Rockwood could have is to demolish the water treatment plant and build from the ground up a new, updated plant. The city of Rockwood cannot afford such an endeavor, deeming the latter option impractical and unreasonable.

Our aged and outdated equipment threatens hardships and tragedies such as toilet backups, flooded basements, and leaked sewage into nearby bodies of water. Rockwood wishes to avoid the hardships, tragedies, and environmental hazards that are involved with an inefficient water plant such as ours.

As an elected official, I fully endorse this project as it will provide the essential support needed for our aged and outdated infrastructure.

Respectfully,



Marcie Grzywacz
Rockwood City Councilwoman

April 21st 2025

Robert Boron

32409 Fort Rd

Rockwood, Mi 48173

To whom this may concern:

As the DPW Director and overseer of Rockwood, I am writing this letter to discuss the Rockwood Water Treatment Plant and its need for its desperate Updates and Upgrades.

We as a City in Wayne County, Rockwood does not have the ability to join the Super Sewer system due to it being at full capacity, updates and upgrades are in desperate need.

The other option would be to demolish the water treatment plant and build from the ground up a new updated plant. The city cannot afford such an endeavor.

Our outdated equipment threatens hardships and tragedies such as flooded basements, toilet backups and leaked sewage in water.

As a DPW director and overseer I am asking in the support of new upgrades and updates.

Thank you

Robert Boron, DPW Director.

April 22, 2025

Amy Hutchison

23554 West Ditner

Rockwood, Mi 48173

To Whom it may concern:

I currently reside in Rockwood, Mi. I'm writing this letter to discuss the Rockwood Water Treatment Plant and its need for updates and upgrades.

Rockwood does not have the ability to join into the super sewer system due to the system being at the maximum capacity. The City of Rockwood cannot afford the upgrades and updates.

Our outdated equipment threatens hardships and tragedies such as flooded basements, toilet backups and sewage leaks, Rockwood would like to avoid these tragedies.

As a Rockwood resident I support this as we need these upgrades.

Thank You

Amy Hutchison

April 22th, 2025

Troy Cox
20077 Herzog Drive
Rockwood, MI 48173

To Whom this may concern:

I currently reside in Rockwood, MI and also have had the pleasure of being the newly elected Mayor. I have lived in this community for over 25 yrs. I am writing to express my support for upgrades to our Waste Water Treatment Plant.

The Plant was built in the 1930's and has since provided our small city with the waste treatment needs. Ultimately, the city should have abandoned the plant 20 years ago and tried to get into the county "Super Sewer" conglomerate with other neighboring communities, but they did not. Now we can't get into the "Super Sewer" system because they have no room for us, not to mention it will cost millions of dollars. Hence, our city is stuck with this aging building/infrastructure.

The plant needs several upgrades, as some of the equipment has either reached its life or soon will. We are a small city and don't have a lot of tax base income that comes into the city. Our budget is small, and especially after COVID we have been struggling. We as city leaders have an obligation to provide these services to our residents. Soon our aged and outdated equipment may not be able to keep up with current industry standards.

We do have a plan that was created several years ago as to what equipment should be replaced first, second, and so on. To give an idea of cost reference, one pump that was replaced over a year ago was approx. \$30,000. That is a lot of money for a small city like ours, especially when you're not expecting that cost. Obtaining these funds would certainly off-set any money that is being used from our

budget to supplement the operation of this plant. This is our city's top priority at this time. We have been putting "band aids" on this plant for far too long. The City of Rockwood is in desperate need of these funds. The upgrades would also keep the plant in line with current environmental standards and help keep it operating in a safe and healthy manner.

Our outdated equipment, if it were to fail would cause several hardships to our residents including flooded basements, toilet backups, and possible leakage into the nearby Huron River. These are the last things we want for our residents.

As an elected official and a resident of Rockwood, I fully endorse/support this project that will provide much needed support for our Treatment Plant. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy Cox". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Troy" and last name "Cox" clearly distinguishable.

Troy Cox

Mayor of Rockwood