



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
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
32409 Fort Road, Rockwood, MI 48173
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
32409 Fort Road, 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.
Justification for request:
 - Age and Condition: At 33 years old, the fire engine no longer meets modern firefighting standards. Replacement parts are increasingly difficult to obtain, and the risk of mechanical failure during emergency responses is rising.
 - Public Safety: A dependable fire engine is essential to protect Rockwood residents, property, and businesses. In the event of a fire or emergency, every second counts. An

outdated or unreliable vehicle compromises our ability to respond quickly and effectively.

- Compliance and Insurance Ratings: Modern fire equipment is a key factor in maintaining our community's ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating. A lower rating can impact insurance premiums for local homeowners and businesses.

- Cost-Effectiveness: Continuing to maintain this aging engine is no longer financially practical. A new unit will reduce long-term maintenance costs and improve operational efficiency.

Funding Request:

I am seeking state appropriation to fund the purchase of a new fire engine, estimated at \$1,000,000.

This investment will ensure that the fire department in the City of Rockwood is adequately equipped to serve and protect the community for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration and support of public safety in the City of Rockwood.

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.

1000000

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."

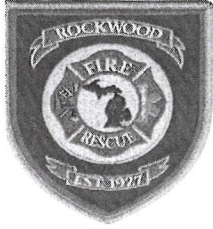
Yes, this is correct

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



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April 23, 2025

Marla Braun
Legislative Director
Office of State Representative
Jamie Thompson, 28th District
Michigan House of Representatives

RE: Fire Engine Request

I am writing to support the request of the City of Rockwood for funds to purchase a new fire engine. Our current frontline engine is a 1992 Grumman. As you can imagine, a vehicle that is 33 years old has many challenges to keep it operating. When you add in all components of a fire engine the need of continuous repairs expands. We are continuously working to keep the engine operating. The number of leaks that need to be fixed, keeping the motor running and finding the parts to make these repairs is very challenging. When seconds count in a fire response not knowing if the engine will be available is very stressful. We had a call a couple weeks ago, when the airline was removed from the engine air was blowing back out of the valve. Since the engine uses air brakes this delayed our response having to change to a different vehicle.

Thank you for your consideration,

Daniel M Mercure