



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Jennifer
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Wortz
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:
Branch County Fair
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
262 S. Sprague St. Coldwater, MI 49036
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:
Jennifer Wortz
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 purpose of this request is to erect a four-stall shower/bath house with two of the stalls built to ADA specs to provide more convenience and accessibility for all 4H exhibitors, campers and guests. On average during fair week, they receive 60,000 visitors. The fairgrounds also host a Mother's Day weekend community car show, several 4H events, a community barbecue competition weekend, a Halloween weekend with community trunk or treat and a couple large camping events. They have a large outreach program with the community and continue to create more events to engage and bring the community

together. Facilities on site can also be rented for private events and meetings. They currently have one restroom facility that has two accessible shower stalls near the campsites on the North end of the fairgrounds. This facility, if funded, would be located near their campsites and their 4H cabin on the South end that is used for several 4H events and private events held by community members. This will make it much easier for those community members with and without mobility restrictions. It would be utilized by thousands of community members a year and a much-needed addition to give easier access for those with mobility restrictions.

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.**

194810

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:**

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.'**

Alan McClellan, Mike Russell, Chad Hook, Robert Cline, Randy Houtz, Carol Poradzisz, Bryan Shirk, Thomas Waltke, Adam Blonde, David Bates, Brock Stout, Ben Vainner

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:

4/1/2026 through 9/31/2026

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

Yes