



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Jim
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
DeSana
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 Taylor
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
12111 Pardee Rd Taylor MI 48180
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:
Jim DeSana, 29th 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. The requested funding supports critical upgrades to the baseball stadium at Heritage Park in Taylor, Michigan—home to the Junior League Baseball World Series since 1980. This facility hosts one of the premier international tournaments for 13- and 14-year-old athletes, drawing top teams from across the United States and around the world.

This investment provides clear public benefit by:

Promoting youth development and sportsmanship: The Junior League World Series is more than a sporting event; it fosters teamwork, discipline, and international camaraderie

among young athletes.

Stimulating local economic activity: The event brings in thousands of visitors, including players, families, and fans from various states and countries. These attendees support local hotels, restaurants, and small businesses, creating a ripple effect of economic growth within the community.

Enhancing community pride and visibility: As the only site in the world to host this international event, Taylor's Heritage Park serves as a symbol of local excellence and hospitality on a global stage.

Improving public recreational infrastructure: Facility improvements will benefit not only World Series participants but also the broader community, including local little league teams, recreational leagues, and park visitors throughout the year.

This request is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding as it invests in public recreational assets that are accessible and beneficial to the public at large. Importantly, it does not violate Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution, which prohibits the appropriation of public money to private entities unless the appropriation serves a public purpose. In this case, the stadium is located in a public park and used for public benefit, including economic development, community engagement, and youth programming. The improvements funded by this request will remain under public ownership and serve public purposes, consistent with constitutional guidelines and legislative precedent.

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.

1750000

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:

Fall of 2026 and finishing the summer of 2027

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

Yes