



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
John
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Roth
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:  
Kalkaska Road Commission
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
1049 Island Lake Road, Kalkaska MI 49646
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:  
John Roth 104, Ken Borton 105
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.

We are seeking funding to rehabilitate deteriorating rural roads throughout the county. These roads serve as critical lifelines for both residents and visitors, providing essential access for daily travel, emergency services, and commerce.

Our county is among the fastest-growing areas in Michigan, driven in part by the rising cost of housing in neighboring Grand Traverse County. As a result, more people are

relocating here, putting significant pressure on an already underfunded road infrastructure system. Our current funding is insufficient to maintain existing roads—let alone build new ones to accommodate the influx of residents.

The majority of our roads are currently rated at a grade C, indicating they are in fair but declining condition and urgently need repair. When such a large portion of the network is in this state, it becomes nearly impossible to keep up. We also have a funding hole because we have a lot of state land that doesn't contribute to our tax base.

Additionally, we are seeing more people moving full-time onto properties located on seasonal roads—roads that were never intended for year-round use. These roads are not maintained during the winter, which creates serious accessibility issues. Residents are often unable to reach their homes during heavy snow, and emergency responders and medical providers face dangerous delays that could cost lives.

This funding is vital to ensure that our infrastructure can meet the needs of a growing population while keeping our residents safe and connected.

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.

5000000

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

["State"]

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:

October 2025-September 2026

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

Yes