



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Julie
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Brixie
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.
Penelope Tsernoglou
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Meridian Township
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
Meridian Township Public Safety Building
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Julie Brixie, 73rd 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 construction of this 205 kilowatt grid-connected solar array is estimated to produce over 100% of the annual consumption of the Public Safety Building, helping the Township move towards its goal of 50% renewable energy sources by 2025 and 100% by 2035 for Township operations. The current police car solar panels at the public safety building have generated 64,216 kWh of lifetime energy as well as offset 5,670 gallons of gasoline and avoided emitting 32 tons of CO2, keeping our air and environment clean and improving health outcomes across the district.

Most importantly, a strong solar grid allows for greater power security during a storm and power outages. The public would have guaranteed access to public safety assistance, especially during emergencies where they need it. Our local families deserve the peace of mind of knowing that they can always rely on guaranteed public safety efforts from their local government.

Finally, the solar array will reduce utility costs and allow the Township to provide additional services for the community.

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:

The project is nearly fully designed. If Meridian received funding by October 1, they could bid in late 2025 or early 2026 with construction being completed in late 2026 or early 2027. Grass restoration might not be able to be completed until May of 2027 due to the winter and spring seasons in Michigan. June 1, 2027 would be a conservative end date for construction

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

Yes