



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:
Rogers
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.
Representative Matt Longjohn
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
City of Kalamazoo
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
241 W South Street. Kalamazoo, MI 49007
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:
Representative Julie Rogers-District 41
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.
In 2024, the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety (KDPS) responded to 13,093 fire and EMS calls for service, with 384 incidents coded as NFIRS 100 Series incidents (fire), which means that some personnel are using their turnout gear more than once per day. With over 1,000 fire departments across the State of Michigan, the City of Kalamazoo ranks as the 11th busiest, based on annual calls for service (2023).

Additionally, KDPS personnel participate in a significant amount of on-going training to include National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1403 compliant live-fire evolutions, search and rescue, Rapid Intervention, and Firefighter Survival. Ensuring that KDPS

personnel have reliable and compliant Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when exposed to Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health (IDLH) conditions is paramount to the health and safety of our staff. KDPS is requesting 174 NFPA 1971 compliant turnout gear pants, coats, and pairs of boots.

None of the 174 full-time firefighters assigned to suppression have a second set of turnout gear, which has certainly led to personnel being exposed to cancer causing carcinogens. There have been several KDPS personnel that have contracted cancer while on the job who have been recognized by the Christopher R. Slezak Fund. If full-time suppression personnel are provided a second set of turnout gear, personnel can launder their PPE immediately after being exposed to carcinogens, allowing them to place clean PPE in-service.

The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity had issued a grant in 2024 to provide a second set of turnout gear to full-time suppression staff. Although KDPS applied for the grant funding, KDPS was denied due to being a “public safety” department.

There are no violations of Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution relative to this request.

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.
612500

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:

Start: October 1, 2025 End: March 31, 2026

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

Yes