

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. This project is part of a larger plan to replace all lead water service lines within the City of Kalamazoo. The City's Public Services Department has had an annual lead replacement program in effect since 1992, however budgetary constraints limited the number of replacements that could occur each year. Until 2016, less than 100 replacements were completed annually, resulting in an estimated timeframe of approximately 100 years for complete removal. More recently, the city has made significant progress in replacing these service lines, replacing over 500 lines per year

since 2018 and galvanizing both financial and community support for this urgent work.

Prioritizing lead service line replacement – through your support of this project – will ensure that this timeframe is radically shortened and that all lead water services are replaced in the City of Kalamazoo's water system, providing assurance to Kalamazoo customers that no lead can enter drinking water. The city is committed to providing safe and reliable drinking water to Kalamazoo and its surrounding communities, and this funding will accelerate the progress the city has made in recent years.

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. 1918400
- 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.'

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 city anticipates starting this work in 2026, but the project timeline can be adjusted based on when funding is available.

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



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- 3. The cosponsoring representatives' names. All cosponsors must be listed. If none, please type 'n/a.' N/A
- 4. Name of the spending item's recipient: City of Kalamazoo
- 5. Physical address of the recipient: 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:

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- **12.** Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item: **Local Unit of Government**
- 13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months? **N/A**
- 14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months? **N/A**
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- 19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate." Yes, all information provided in this request is true and accurate.

Name of Requesting Organization: City of Kalamazoo

Project Name: Lead Service Line Replacement - Vine Neighborhood

County: Kalamazoo

Project Purpose: Lead service line replacements in Kalamazoo's Vine neighborhood.

Amount of Funding Requested: \$1,918,400

Project Detail:

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), "an estimated 9.2 million lead service lines (LSLs) serve water to properties in communities across the United States." Replacement of lead service lines is imperative to the American population because lead, when consumed over time in drinking water, bioaccumulates in the body, causing significant and irreversible health effects. Lead exposure can cause damage to the brain and kidneys, interfering with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen throughout the body. The EPA, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and countless experts agree that there is no known safe level of lead exposure. Yet, according to the Biden-Harris Administration, "Children, toddlers and teenagers in 400,000 schools and childcare facilities are at risk of exposure to lead in their water". Kalamazoo's youngest and most vulnerable residents - infants and young children - are especially vulnerable to lead because the effects of lead occur at lower exposure rates in children and at a critical time in their development, creating life-long impacts. This funding is imperative to the health of children and youth throughout the City of Kalamazoo, but also to all Kalamazoo residents. As part of the City of Kalamazoo's comprehensive plan to replace every single lead service line, this funding will serve to eliminate the danger of lead exposure by identifying and replacing lead water service lines within the Vine neighborhood.

This project is part of a larger plan to replace all lead water service lines within the City of Kalamazoo. The City's Public Services Department has had an annual lead replacement program in effect since 1992, however budgetary constraints limited the number of replacements that could occur each year. Until 2016, less than 100 replacements were completed annually, resulting in an estimated timeframe of approximately 100 years for complete removal. More recently, the city has made significant progress in replacing these service lines, replacing over 500 lines per year since 2018 and galvanizing both financial and community support for this urgent work. Prioritizing lead service line replacement – through your support of this project – will ensure that this timeframe is radically shortened and that all lead water services are replaced in the City of Kalamazoo's water system, providing assurance to Kalamazoo customers that no lead can enter drinking water. The city is committed to providing safe and reliable drinking water to Kalamazoo and its surrounding communities, and this funding will accelerate the progress the city has made in recent years.

This grant of \$1,918,400 will combine with \$479,600 of funding from the City's Water Capital Improvement Budget. This funding will allow replacement of an estimated 250 additional lead service lines within the Vine neighborhood, which is approximately 16% of the total residential parcels in the neighborhood. In recent years, material costs have fluctuated significantly, as such we have estimated conservatively at an average \$9,592 per line to ensure that the City is able to complete at least 250 lines; we may be able to use this funding to complete more. The City of Kalamazoo seeks to have 100% of lead water service lines replaced by 2041. This project moves the City closer to achieving that goal.