



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Karl
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Bohnak
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.
Rep. Greg Markkanen
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Dickinson County Road Commission
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
1107 South Milwaukee Avenue, Iron Mountain, MI 49801
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
Leeman Road - Dickinson County
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Felch Township Rep. Karl Bohnak - 109th House District, Sagola Township Rep. Greg Markkanen - 110th 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 purpose would be for reconstruction of 5.2 miles of the Leeman Road in Sagola and Felch Townships in Dickinson County. The Leeman Road is a primary road and major collector that runs across the north-central part of Dickinson County from M-95 in Sagola to County Road 581 just North of the popular Norway Lake Park. Countless loads of timber are hauled across this road to get to M-95 from eastern and northern parts of Dickinson County. Many tourists and recreation seekers use this road to get to the many

camp, lakes, and streams in the north-eastern part of Dickinson County. Leeman Road is paved all the way from M-95 to County Road 581. The west ¾ mile was reconstructed in 2015. In 2010 the eastern 7 miles were reconstructed. The funding request is for rebuilding the remaining 5.2 miles between the two prior projects. The pavement is completely failed, and it is an unceasing, monumental task to patch. In the latest study available, the Dickinson County Road Commission expended approximately \$135,000 for patching repairs on the Leeman Road between 2019 and 2022. In addition to the costs for patching, productive labor would be better utilized on other projects on the County Road system. Leeman Road is an important commercial route heavily used by the timber industry in the northern and east portion of the County, including those in southern Marquette County, to access M-95. The timber industry is an essential industry to Dickinson County and the Upper Peninsula as a whole. If the road were to become impassable and require closure, the required detour would be over an hour for these large loads and limit access for other commerce including residences.

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.

3000000

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

["State","Federal","Local","Private"]

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 2025

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

Yes