



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Luke
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Meerman
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:
Muskegon County Road Commission
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
7700 Apple Ave, Muskegon, MI 49442
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
The project site is located in Ravenna Township in Muskegon County
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Luke Meerman, District 89
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 funding request will allow Ravenna Township to repair a main roadway in the community, Blackmer Road. This road is heavily relied on by residents of the community and local agricultural producers. This road project would provide for the reconstruction of the road, which runs 5.5 miles, North to South, beginning at the corner of Mortimer St in the Village of Ravenna and terminating at the corner of Wilson St.

Blackmer Road is in a serious state of disrepair and requires a complete reconstruction beginning at its foundation. The road is paved however, when it was built in the 1990s, the road was not installed with a sand and gravel base layer, which is standard protocol

for road construction. Consequently, the road deteriorated at a rapid rate and without the necessary sand and gravel base layer, the road cannot be re-paved. To improve the road, local leaders must decide to either reconstruct the road, beginning at the foundation, or to grind the road down into a gravel road.

Ravenna Township has a population of 2,987, per the 2020 census and lacks the taxbase to levy the funds to repair the road. Blackmer Road is not considered a primary road and as such, the county road commission is unable to schedule the road for maintenance. The county road commission is in the position of having to grind down the road into gravel if funds for reconstruction cannot be identified. Reconstructing this road will benefit the residents of Ravenna Township, the outlying community, and local agricultural producers and manufacturers. This request does not violate Article IV S 30 of the Michigan Constitution as funds will be directed toward a public purpose.

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.

3300000

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:

County Road Agency

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:

Road project would begin in Spring 2026 and conclude by year's end.

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

Yes