

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

- 1. The sponsoring representative's first name: Mai
- 2. The sponsoring representative's last name: Xiong
- 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 Alicia St. Germaine, House District 62 Representative Kimberly Edwards, House District 12

- 4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for: City of St. Clair Shores
- 5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for: 27600 Jefferson Ave, St Clair Shores, MI 48081
- 6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity: St. Clair Shores Public Library, 22500 E. 11 Mile Rd, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081
- Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located: Mai Xiong, House District 13
- 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 legislatively directed spending item will provide significant public benefit by supporting the renovation of the St. Clair Shores Public Library, located at 22500 E. 11 Mile Rd, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081. The library is a cornerstone of the community—serving as an educational hub for children, a resource center for families, and a space for lifelong learning and civic engagement. The planned renovations include updates such as a new children's area, a makerspace, enhanced accessibility, and a dedicated genealogy

room. These improvements will ensure the facility meets the evolving needs of the public and remains a vibrant space for all. This appropriation is an appropriate and fiscally responsible use of taxpayer funds.

While the City of St. Clair Shores has secured over \$1.6 million in federal and private funding, however a significant budget shortfall remains. This funding request will help close that gap and allow the project to move forward without placing undue strain on the city's budget or delaying critical improvements.

Importantly, this request complies with Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution, as it does not provide a direct appropriation to a private entity or individual, nor does it constitute a local or private purpose. The St. Clair Shores Public Library is a municipally owned and operated facility, and the funds will be directed toward capital improvements that serve a public purpose. The renovations will enhance public access to information, educational programming, and community resources, aligning squarely with the public interest. Given the library's role as a heavily used and valued community resource, particularly for young readers and families, this investment is not only appropriate but essential to ensuring access to learning and engagement opportunities.

- 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. 500000
- 11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.

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

- 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: September 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026
- 19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate." Yes