



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Matt
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Longjohn
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:  
City of Portage
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
7900 S Westnedge Ave., Portage, MI 49002
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 Matt Longjohn, District 40
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 will reconstruct Brown Avenue, the street immediately adjacent to the Portage Zhang Senior Center, to support the rapid growth of this vital public hub and accommodate the development of the new Portage Farmers Market. Together with previous legislative appropriations, this major investment in the heart of Portage will strengthen the City Center and expand access to essential community services.

The Portage Senior Center is more than a gathering place for older adults—it is a regional

resource serving residents from across Portage and the greater Kalamazoo area. It hosts public events, community celebrations, educational programming, and intergenerational activities that benefit people of all ages. Upgrading the surrounding infrastructure will not only alleviate long-standing issues with traffic flow and road quality but will also increase access to the Center and enhance its role as a welcoming, inclusive community space and encourage business development nearby.

This supports public infrastructure, improves access to public services, and promotes economic vitality through thoughtful, place-based development. Because it involves publicly owned infrastructure and serves the public, it complies with Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution.

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.

1250000

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:

March 1, 2026 - October 31, 2027

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

Yes