



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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.
Representative Julie Rogers, District 41
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 redirect stormwater runoff from US-131 to mitigate chronic flooding in the City of Portage, where repeated watershed overflow has caused significant damage to both public infrastructure and private property. Implementing this mitigation strategy is a necessary step to protect hundreds of millions of dollars in existing public and private investment, including homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure.

By reducing the risk of flooding, this project will safeguard community assets, improve

public safety, and create a more resilient environment for future development. It also lays the groundwork for continued economic growth by making the sub-watershed area more viable for new investments and redevelopment.

This infrastructure investment serves as a clear public benefit and is a sound use of taxpayer dollars. It addresses a long-standing environmental and public safety concern through a durable solution that protects public resources and private livelihoods. As a public-led infrastructure initiative, the project complies with Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution, and represents a responsible, forward-looking commitment to the health, safety, and prosperity of the community.

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.

2000000

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