



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Matthew
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Bierlein
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:  
Denmark Township
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
9386 W Saginaw Rd, Richville, MI 48758
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:  
Matthew Bierlein, 97th House 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. Denmark Township is requesting \$1.5 million in funding to repair critical deficiencies in its wastewater treatment lagoons, where erosion has exposed liners to UV damage, risking system failure. If not addressed, liner failure could result in significant environmental harm and public health risks due to improper wastewater treatment. The project serves a clear public

benefit by  
protecting water quality and ensuring safe, reliable wastewater infrastructure for  
residents.

Because current sewer rates already exceed affordability thresholds, this work cannot be  
completed without full funding assistance. This request complies with Article IV, Section  
30 of  
the Michigan Constitution, as the funds would support a public infrastructure project  
managed by  
a local government, not a private entity.

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.

1500000

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:

Design to be completed in July -September 2025 Construction to be October 2025-May 2026

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

Yes