



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Mike
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Mueller
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 Linden
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
132 E. Broad Street. Linden MI 48451
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  
Linden
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:  
Rep. Mueller - 72
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.  
The City of Linden is requesting legislatively directed spending to support the final phase of a transformative infrastructure project that shifts our community's drinking water supply from an aging municipal groundwater system to a modern, county-managed surface water source drawn from Lake Huron. This initiative, now in its final stage with operational startup scheduled for the week of April 28, 2025, represents the culmination of more than two years of planning, testing,

and construction.

This investment directly benefits the public by delivering a more reliable, higher-quality drinking water supply, aligned with current best practices and regulatory standards.

Through

our partnership with the Genesee County Drain Commissioner's Office – Division of Water and

Waste Services (GCDC-WWS), Linden residents will gain access to water that undergoes comprehensive testing both at GCDC's state-of-the-art treatment facility and through independent, certified laboratories. The City of Linden will continue its own regulatory compliance testing at various points in the distribution system, ensuring multiple layers of

oversight and quality control.

While this project provides long-term improvements in safety, reliability, and water quality, it

has also come with unavoidable financial impacts for the city's utility customers. For nearly two

decades, water rates in Linden were frozen or increased minimally, even as the city's aging

infrastructure required substantial investment. As part of this transition, the City engaged Baker

Tilly Municipal Advisors to conduct a professional rate study, which confirmed the need for rate

adjustments to support the capital improvements and future system sustainability. Acting on

this guidance, City Council implemented increases to ensure that Linden could continue to

provide safe and adequate water service—decisions that, while necessary, have added a financial burden to residents.

**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.**

4170010

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

["Local"]

**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:

Jan. 1, 2026-Sept. 30, 2026

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

Yes