



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Natalie
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Price
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 Berkley
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
3338 Coolidge Hwy, Berkley, MI 48072
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  
Entire City of Berkley
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:  
Natalie Price, 6th 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.  
Berkley's water system was built approximately 100 years ago, and many lines were created using lead. In recent decades, we have learned not to use lead in our water service lines, but we must replace the existing lead service lines. We want families, businesses, and community members to enjoy their water without lead threatening their safety.

While the water leaving the treatment plants that serve Berkley and surrounding communities in Michigan does not contain lead, lead can be released into drinking water

from corrosion in lead service lines, causing unsafe drinking water. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health and developmental problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. This project will help alleviate unsafe drinking water concerns by replacing approximately 250 lead water service lines.

The City of Berkley has been struggling to meet the requirement from EGLE to replace all lead service lines by 2040 and the EPA's requirement of 2034. We can replace around 250 lead water service lines (5%) per year with extensive work by our Department of Public Works team leads. In 2018, our community passed a Capital Improvement Millage to allocate resources to invest in other infrastructure, but we have had to divert all funding from 2018 to lead service line replacements instead of additional important infrastructure requirements we have to meet. This has placed a substantial burden on Berkley to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents and community members.

To complete this project for the fiscal year 2026, we need \$1,200,000 to complete 120 existing lead water services in our system. The City of Berkley will allocate \$200,000 for administration, outreach, and resident education, and \$100,000 for the replacement and restoration. This project will benefit both individuals who currently have lead water service lines by removing and replacing the potential hazard and the residents of Berkley as a whole by alleviating some of the financial burden placed on them through higher water rates. Funding for this project will allow the City of Berkley to allocate resources to invest in other infrastructure initiatives that were originally planned under the community's 2018 Capital Improvement Millage, like streets, sidewalks, and facilities.

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.**

1200000

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

["State"]

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:

May 2026 - December 2026/early 2027

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

Yes