



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Penelope
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Tsernoglou
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.  
Rep. Julie Brixie
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
Meridian Township
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  
Meridian Township Central Fire Station
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:  
Penelope Tsernoglou, 75th 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. The purpose of this project is to provide an expansion at the Township's Central Fire Station to provide separate and private dormitories for male and female employees. The township has been successfully recruiting and hiring more female firefighters/EMTs than ever before. As a result, they have outgrown the existing shared dorm room. Firefighters work 24-hour shifts, so they are often getting rest in-between emergency responses. Therefore, the sleep quarters the station provides are very important to day-to-day operations. This project will allow Meridian township first responders to be adequately rested, prepared, and able to perform their duties and will undoubtedly benefit the entire township.

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.

1000000

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:

The project is nearly fully designed. If awarded funding by October 1, the township would go to bid in late 2025 or early 2026 with construction being completed in late 2026 or early 2027. Grass restoration might not be able to be completed until May of 2027 due to the winter and spring seasons in Michigan, so June 1, 2027 would be a conservative end date for construction, but the new addition would likely be in use by the end of March 2027.

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

Yes