



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Peter
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Herzberg
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:
Police Department, City of Wayne
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Wayne Police Department, 33701 E. Michigan Avenue, Wayne, MI 48184
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:
Peter Herzberg MI-HD-25
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 request is critical, given the statewide mandate requiring all police agencies to transition to encrypted communications by 2026. This is not just an operational upgrade; it is a necessity to ensure that our officers can continue to perform their duties safely and legally.
Encrypted radios are essential for accessing LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) data, which is crucial for nearly every law enforcement operation. Without encrypted communications, the Wayne Police Department risks losing access to this vital information, making it harder to protect our community.
The City of Wayne, like many others, faces significant fiscal constraints. Our police

department is already grappling with an aging vehicle fleet and facility issues, and there simply aren't the local funds available to cover the \$350,000 cost for these radios. Despite these financial challenges, the need for this equipment is immediate and urgent. This funding will directly support the safety of our officers, the effectiveness of our law enforcement operations, and the coordination between local and regional agencies during emergencies. I fully support the Wayne Police Department's request for encrypted radios and encourage the committee to prioritize this investment in public safety.

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.

350000

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:

Purchased Immediately

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

Yes

Project: Encrypted Radios for the Wayne Police Department

Submitter: City of Wayne

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Project Location: Wayne Police Department, 33701 E. Michigan Avenue, Wayne, MI 48184

Project Description:

Like any other police department, the Wayne Police Department used radios to communicate with each other and dispatch. Officers carry radios on their duty belts, and police cars are equipped with radios. Police departments will be required to use encrypted radios beginning in 2026. If police agencies do not have encrypted radios in 2026, they will not pass their LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) audits. However, there will reportedly be a grace period of a year or two if agencies provide a concrete plan for obtaining encrypted radios. The use of LEIN is vital for law enforcement operations (i.e. determine if a vehicle is stolen, if a person has warrants for their arrest). Failing LEIN audits will lead to loss of LEIN access.

In addition to the requirement to have encrypted radios in order to pass LEIN audits, agencies that do not have encrypted radios will soon not be able to use shared radio channels with agencies that have encrypted radios. Particularly in southeast Michigan, police agencies regularly need to communicate with each other. Crimes and other emergencies often transcend geographic borders. In other words, police agencies need to be able to communicate with each other during emergencies.

To put it bluntly, the Wayne Police Department will need encrypted radios to continue our operations. We cannot keep the community safe without functioning radios. The City of Wayne is a fiscally distressed community. We simply do not have funds in our budgets to purchase new encrypted radios. We have multiple vehicles in our fleet with over 100,000 miles and are dealing with significant building issues. The federal government's assistance in this matter would allow us to continue our operations and our mission to protect the community.

The key components of the project include:

16 in car radios (Motorola APX6500) and 28 portable radios (Motorola APX6000) and associated programming and encryption.

Funding Request:

The estimated cost of the project is \$350,000. The City of Wayne is requesting 100% funding for the project. As noted, the City of Wayne is a fiscally distressed City. The Wayne Police Department is dealing with numerous other fiscal challenges, such as an aging vehicle fleet and building.

Project Impact:

The completion of this project would allow officers to safely communicate with each other, dispatch, and nearby departments. Encrypted radios would allow us to maintain our LEIN access. Encrypted radios are critical for police department operations.