



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Regina
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Weiss
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.  
State Representative Jason Hoskins
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
Oak Park, MI
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
14000 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  
Oak Park, MI
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:  
Regina Weiss District 5, Jason Hoskins District 18
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 Oak Park currently has body worn cameras for their public safety officers. The equipment was initially secured with help from the federal government, but the contract now needs to be renewed. The camera program that Oak Park has provides safety, accountability, and transparency that all of its citizens benefit from.
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.

["Federal"]

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:

Ongoing

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

Yes



# CITY OF OAK PARK

**Steve Cooper, Director**  
**Department of Public Safety**

**Mayor**  
Marian McClellan  
**Mayor Pro Tem**  
Shaun Whitehead  
**Council Members**  
Solomon Radner  
Julie Edgar  
Stephanie Crawford  
**City Manager**  
Erik Tungate

April 22, 2025

Representative Regina Weiss  
Michigan House of Representatives  
P.O. Box 30014  
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Dear Representative Weiss:

I am writing to request your support for the renewal of the City of Oak Park's Axon Body-Worn Camera Program. This initiative has significantly enhanced public safety, community trust and the de-escalation of many dangerous situations since its implementation on April 24, 2023.

## Project Overview

- Project Name: Axon Contract Renewal
- Municipal Location: 14000 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237
- County: Oakland
- Project Amount: \$1.2 million (full funding request)
- Receiving Entity: City of Oak Park

The City of Oak Park is centrally located within Metro Detroit, encompassing 5.18 square miles predominantly comprised of single-family residences. The city is known for its tight-knit neighborhoods, tree-lined streets, and wooded parks.

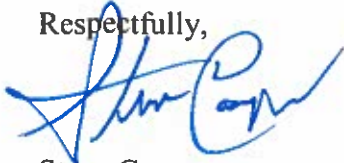
In April 2023, Oak Park Public Safety Officers began wearing Axon Body-Worn Cameras, which also included outfitting the entire department with Tasers. This less-lethal use of force is critical in keeping our officers and the citizens who live, visit, and work in our community safe. The Body-Worn Cameras have been vital in developing trust within the community while offering an unprecedented level of transparency. Additionally, the project provided Axon in-car dash video cameras for each of our patrol vehicles. As a final step, Axon cameras were placed in the booking areas of the police station.

This technology provides unparalleled safety and accountability to both the public and our officers. The initial implementation was made possible in large part due to funds earmarked by Former Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence, totaling \$560,000 as part of an earmark obtained in a 2022 appropriations bill. This earmark was crucial to the implementation of these assets.

The City will be approaching the renewal of the service contract with Axon, with the cost of this renewal estimated at \$1.2 million. Receipt of funding dedicated to this expense will greatly assist the City in funding this crucial program.

Thank you for considering this request. I am available to discuss this matter further at your convenience.

Respectfully,



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