



# 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.  
n/a
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
Charter Township of Royal Oak
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
21131 Garden Lans, 2nd Floor, Ferndale, MI 48820
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  
Royal Oak Township
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:  
Regina Weiss 5th 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.  
Royal Oak Township water infrastructure:  
Royal Oak Township is in the process of replacing 100-year-old water infrastructure, specifically the main water pipes. The current main water pipes are so deficient that the Township is unable to provide for fire suppression. The City of Ferndale Fire Department must bring a water tank truck to fight fires to protect lives and property. The Township's water infrastructure can NOT sustain such water pressure due to age of the water pipes. This same issue of low water pressure also impacts the Township's ability to attract

economic development. For example: when a business files for a permit to operate in the Township the business has to provide for fire protection to obtain a certificate of occupancy. Given there is not the sufficient water pressure for firefighting – the prospective business owner is informed that to obtain an occupancy permit – the business owner must pay for a separate fire suppression system – often at an enormous cost to the business. The business owner always chooses to move to a different city. It is a vicious cycle of not having the water pressure and losing economic opportunity which can generate enough revenue to support new water infrastructure.

The Township's water customers are not in the income bracket that can sustain any major water projects given the history of Royal Oak Township. The original Township was 36 square miles and over the last 80 years the Township has been "eaten up" by larger cities through annexation. What remains of the Royal Oak Township is what other communities did not want.

For this reason, the Township has been unable to generate significant revenue to enable the Township to rebuild the Township's water infrastructure.

Investing in this project will allow the township to further attract businesses and take care of a problem caused by aging infrastructure.

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.

1500000

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:

Some work is currently underway, if funding is received additional work can be done and expected completion is fall of 2026 or early 2027.

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

Yes