



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Ron
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Robinson
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 Utica Police Department
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
7550 Auburn Road, Utica, MI 48317
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  
City of Utica
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:  
Ron Robinson, 58th 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.  
Police Equipment  
\$250,000  
The police department is looking to increase its service and safety to the community. Current budgets have not had the opportunity to fund dedicated equipment needs of an ever-changing environment.

Police Drones have proven themselves to be an incredible asset for law enforcement.

The ability to deploy a drone would give the officers an incredible asset to assist the police and fire department. The drone will be used for overall security at City events, search and rescue operations, and to document traffic crashes and crime scenes. The cost of the program would cover the equipment cost and training and certification for the officers.

Active assault training is a necessary component of modern-day law enforcement. The city of Utica has two public schools, two private schools, a professional baseball team, and several large national business chains. Active assaults demand an instant response by the patrol officer to neutralize the threat.

Our current ballistic vests are not designed for protection from high capacity and caliber ammunition. The department also does not have ballistic helmets or shields.

The current request would purchase plated ballistic vests, ballistic helmets and ballistic shields for each patrol vehicle. This would allow our officers instant access to the equipment and be able to make entry and protect lives.

Less Lethal neuromuscular incapacitation devices have been a game changer for law enforcement. Less lethal, TASER's, have proven themselves as an incredible de-escalation device. Taser's have proven themselves to incapacitate individuals when the situation could've escalated to deadly force. The use of Tasers has decreased the amount of hands-on use of force incidents which results in less injuries to the suspects and officers.

Our current less lethal Taser X26 is past its service life and has shortcomings that the new Taser 10 addresses.

The new advancements with the Taser 10 build on increasing the safety of the suspects and officers. The major downside to our current Taser is it only has the capacity to shoot one cartridge at a time. If one of the probes from the cartridge does not make contact the officer has to try and reload. Many times, this will result in the officer going hands on with the suspect. The Taser 10 has 10 individual probes that give the officer the ability to safely incapacitate the suspect and take them into custody with minimal force used. Funding would include the new Taser 10, training, cartridges, and 5 year warranty replacement program.

Faro 3d Laser Scanner has a multitude of uses for law enforcement. The evidence scanner to be used at crime scenes, serious or fatal car accidents, arson investigations or any serious crime scene that needs mapping. The scanner can also be used to scan high profile targets in the city to assist law enforcement. An example would be to scan and map out entire schools or commercial properties that could become targets of active assault. The scanner also could be used in communities where they do not have the equipment extending their reach.

Cost would cover total amount of equipment and training. Equipment would create a state of the 3D scan of crime scenes and fatal car crashes.

Portable narcotic spectrometer is a handheld device that instantly can scan an unknown substance and give the officers instant field identification. The spectrometers can identify over 24,000 known substances ranging from drugs, explosives, volatile chemicals, etc. This instantly gives an officer the ability to safely identify a substance if it is illegal and / or harmful. Today's officers come into contact with a multitude of unknown substances that this tool can easily identify and protect the public against any immediate danger.

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.

250000

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:

Start: immediately upon receipt of grant End: December 31, 2026

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

Yes