



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Rylee
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Linting
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:  
Wayne County Department of Public Services
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
500 Griswold Street, Detroit, MI
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:  
Rylee Linting, 27
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 funding would help Wayne County complete a full bridge replacement on West Road in Trenton, MI. Currently, the bridge's failing condition have already forced the closure of two lanes of traffic on the bridge, severely limiting traffic capacity. Additionally, the bridge's condition makes it unsafe for motorists and rail traffic.

A full replacement will restore the traffic capacity of the bridge and enhance clearance for vehicle and rail traffic below, addressing the current height restrictions. Downriver

relies on bridges like the West Road bridge for safety and economic activity given the region's reliance on rail to transport goods across southeast Michigan.

The current Wayne County budget has significant gaps when it comes to the repair or replacement of critical infrastructure like bridges. There are more than two dozen structures in critical condition and many more in poor condition. While the county does seek to address these funding challenges through their own budget and via the Local Bridge Grant program, there are still serious funding challenges, particularly for large projects like the West Road bridge.

The County has already completed much of the legwork required to get this project started and it is currently in the design phase. The total estimated cost to complete the project is \$60,000,000, over two years. A \$10,000,000 appropriation will enable Wayne County to begin the construction of the new bridge and get shovels in the ground within the next fiscal year, with the understanding that the County will be sharing part of the funding burden for the new bridge and that they will continue to seek other funding sources.

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.

60,000,000

11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.

["Local"]

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:

Oct. 1, 2025; Sep. 30, 2027

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

Yes