



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Steve
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Frisbie
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 Albion
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
112 W. Cass St. in Albion, MI 49224
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
City of Albion Public Safety
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Steve Frisbie, District 44
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 Albion's Public Safety Initiative is looking to purchase 20 body cameras, software to ensure data, and a cloud storage system to maintain the body camera footage. This provides benefit to the public because of the officer transparency, improving evidence collection and management while enabling community safety. Redaction software is essential for safeguard personal privacy when video is released to the public, and the cloud storage system ensures secure, long-term retention of footage for legal and investigative purposes.

This does not violate Article 4, Section 30 because this money is going to a local unit of government for public services.

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.

31700

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:

Start Date: October 2025, End Date: December 2025

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

Yes

Title of Project: City of Albion, MI: Public Safety Initiative

- The poverty rate in the Albion, Michigan region is 33%.
- Albion is a mere 5% safer than other US cities.
- Over 38% of Albion's population census are from underrepresented populations.

Organization:

Doug Terry, Interim City Manager
City of Albion
112 W Cass Street
Albion, MI 49224
(517) 629-5535
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Amount Requesting: \$31,700.00

Total Project Cost: **\$31,700.00**

Funding Would be Used For:

20 Body Cameras		\$10,000.00
Redaction Software		\$3,000.00
Cloud Storage		\$18,700.00
		\$31,700.00

Brief Description of the Project:

The City of Albion's Public Safety Initiative encompasses a range of essential items vital for ensuring the operational readiness of our public safety personnel. This comprehensive breakdown prioritizes accountability and transparency in operations through the acquisition of essential equipment. This includes \$10,000 for 20 additional body cameras, \$3,000 for Redaction Software, and \$18,700 for Cloud Storage System. These investments not only update our current equipment but also ensure optimal functionality and compliance with modern standards, thereby enhancing the safety and effectiveness of our public safety personnel. The total funding request for this comprehensive initiative amounts to \$31,700.00.

Albion, Michigan Region:

Albion, located in Calhoun County, Michigan, lies in the south-central region of the Lower Peninsula. As of the 2010 census, its population stood at 8,616, making it a part of the Battle Creek Metropolitan Statistical Area. The demographic breakdown reflects a diverse community, with 62.4% identifying as White, 32.1% as Black or African American, 0.2% as American Indian and Alaska Native, and 0.5% as Asian.

Historically known as a factory town due to the presence of major manufacturers since the 19th century, Albion's landscape has evolved with the closure of several industrial facilities. Transitioning towards a college town model, spurred by Albion College's investments in the area, the city now embraces technology and sustainability initiatives. Its post-industrial identity is marked by ongoing infrastructure improvements and a burgeoning interest in innovation and entrepreneurship. This shift underscores Albion's commitment to diversity, economic growth, and community development.

Crime in Albion, MI:

Albion is a mere 5% safer than other US cities.

	Albion Annual Crimes		
	VIOLENT	PROPERTY	TOTAL
Number of Crimes	70	256	326
Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents)	8.78	32.12	40.90

Albion, MI Department of Public Safety:

The Albion Department of Public Safety (ADPS) is dedicated to enhancing community safety and quality of life through a comprehensive approach that integrates both traditional and innovative police and fire services while upholding constitutional and fundamental human rights. Our commitment to professionalism, quality, and effectiveness ensures that all members of our department always remain accountable for their actions.

Annually, ADPS compiles crime statistics for the City of Albion, utilizing data from the Michigan Incident Crime Reporting (MICR) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Report (UCR), alongside internal reports. This report serves as a crucial tool for police administration, operations, and management, enabling us to assess crime patterns in various areas and demographics. Additionally, it facilitates comparative analysis with neighboring jurisdictions to identify trends and inform strategic decisions.

Our primary objective is to provide accurate, reliable, and comprehensive crime data that reflects the nature and movement of crime within Albion, Michigan, and the United States. We are committed to enhancing the reliability and validity of our reporting system by analyzing major crime indexes and adapting to classification revisions mandated by the State.

Despite facing challenges such as staffing shortages and recruitment difficulties in 2022, ADPS remains dedicated to providing quality training to its officers. We prioritize training in various areas, including vehicle operations, firearms, defensive tactics, crisis intervention, de-escalation, cultural diversity, and supervision.

In 2022, ADPS observed a slight decrease in overall crime in Albion, with specific increases noted in Larcenies, Stalking, and Aggravated Assaults. Additionally, there was a reduction in overall calls, particularly service-type calls, and fewer criminal complaints were recorded compared to the previous year.

On the fire side, call volumes have remained steady over the last four years, except for 2020, likely influenced by changes in activity due to the pandemic. ADPS continues to actively participate in public events, fostering community engagement through initiatives such as the National Night Out celebration and the Shop with a Cop event.

Overall, ADPS remains steadfast in its commitment to enhancing public safety and serving the community with professionalism and integrity, despite the challenges faced.