



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Timothy
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Beson
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 Bay City
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
301 Washington Ave. Bay City, MI 48708
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
1000 Fremont Ave. Bay City, MI 48708
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
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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. Beginning in late 2019, the City of Bay City became aware of PFOS contamination at the site of one of its three operating fire stations. It was initially believed to be from a leaking container but later determined to be caused from not only the leaking container, but from training at this location utilizing firefighting foam prior to current knowledge about the dangers of PFOS. Since that time, extensive testing and remediation has been conducted. The City of Bay City has already spent thousands of dollars to conduct testing, demolish a small training building and to excavate an area of soil to attempt to

remove the contamination. Further testing showed that the contamination continued to be present, not only in the ground that was already excavated, but in the asphalt parking lot and surrounding grounds as well. The estimated cost to substantially clean-up this area of contamination is \$825,811 to include the excavation and disposal of the contaminated area. The highest level of PFOS contamination was shown to be 9,400,000 parts per trillion in soil samples.

The City of Bay City is an old city with aging infrastructure, and we are facing the realities of the upkeep and replacements of the fire stations we currently maintain. In 2024 we made the difficult decision to close one of our four fire stations due to staffing and the condition of the building. The contamination at station #2 is forcing our hand to move towards abandoning that station as well. The area that station #2 covers will need an alternative because it has a very high call volume from our fire division.

In addition to the elevated PFOS levels in the ground, this contamination has also been linked to elevated levels of PFOS in the sewer system for the City of Bay City. There is strong evidence suggesting that the elevated levels in the sewer system are being caused by the groundwater in the area of Fire Station #2 draining into the combined sewer system. Tests have been done in these catch basins showing very high levels of PFOS contamination. It is believed that cleaning up the site where Fire Station #2 is located would significantly lower any levels of PFOS contamination in the sewer system.

The health and wellness of the firefighters who are staffing station #2 is also of great concern. We are told from the experts that only one area is at a threshold that makes it unsafe for human contact, but the fact that these thresholds are changing causes significant concern for any health issues this contamination may cause for the firefighters stationed at this location. These firefighters take care of all the lawn maintenance, and we know they are being exposed to these PFOS compounds on a daily basis.

The total estimated cost to excavate and dispose of the contamination, demolish the building and to pave the empty lot to help prevent the spread of any remnants of contamination is estimated to be \$1,277,853. We are asking for an 80% cost share for this project. The city would contribute approximately \$255,571 while the grant would need to cover the remaining \$1,022,282.

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.

1022282

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:

Project would be completed within one year of being approved for funding

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

Yes