



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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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:  
N/A
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:  
Rep. Timmy Beson, 96th 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.  
The City of Bay City Department of Public Works (DPW) seeks to acquire a drone (sUAS) system equipped with LiDAR, thermal imaging, and high-resolution visual sensors. This package will dramatically enhance the City's situational awareness, infrastructure management, decision-making, and employee safety.

The sUAS system will enable the DPW to assess, maintain, and catalog public infrastructure including roads, bridges, utilities, and environmental assets with greater

speed, precision, and safety than traditional methods. By facilitating rapid, in-house data collection and analysis, this capability set reduces the City's reliance on third-party contractors for tasks such as surveying, structural inspections, and environmental monitoring.

This capability would be aimed at reducing costs, allowing funding to go further within our community. By enabling early detection of structural deficiencies or thermal anomalies—issues that might otherwise go unnoticed, it allows the City to intervene before problems escalate into emergencies, ultimately lowering maintenance costs and enhancing service delivery. These efficiencies enable taxpayer dollars to stretch further, producing a greater return on investment for public infrastructure upkeep and planning.

Additionally, this technology positions the City of Bay City as a forward-thinking applicant in competitive grant environments. Many infrastructures and resilience funding programs prioritize applicants who incorporate modern asset management tools, such as drones and LiDAR, into their operations.

In summary, this capability is intended to reduce costs, enhance staff safety, and provide unmatched situational awareness, strengthening the City's ability to serve its residents with greater efficiency and precision.

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.**

98179.8

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:

ASAP

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

Yes