



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Tom
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Kuhn
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 Sterling Heights
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
40555 Utica Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48313
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 Tom Kuhn 57
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. Recognizing the need for a welcoming entrance embodying American heritage and pride, the City plans to create "Patriot Park" to serve as its southern gateway. The establishment of Patriot Park at this key intersection will reflect Sterling Heights' commitment to functional and meaningful symbolism, standing as a tribute to the nation's heritage and the City's industrious spirit.
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.

1150000

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:

Beginning: February 2026; End: October 2027

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

Yes

Southern Gateway at Patriot Park

The intersection of Van Dyke Avenue (M-53) and 14 Mile Road is a bustling corridor, crucial for local commuters and commercial traffic. Recognizing the need for a welcoming entrance embodying American heritage and pride, the City plans to create "Patriot Park" to serve as its southern gateway.

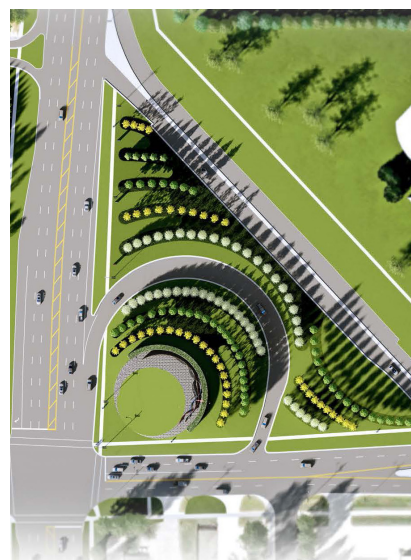
As drivers approach Sterling Heights along Van Dyke Avenue, they'll see a landscaped area with native trees and a towering American flag. A City gateway sign will warmly welcome residents and visitors, reflecting community spirit. Strategic lighting will ensure the park is vibrant and safe day and night, highlighting its features and creating an inviting evening ambiance.

The park's location on Van Dyke Avenue, home to major employers like Stellantis Assembly Plant and Ford Motor Company, underscores its economic importance. Patriot Park will enhance the visual landscape and honor the community's heritage and contributors. The establishment of Patriot Park at this key intersection will reflect Sterling Heights' commitment to functional and meaningful symbolism, standing as a tribute to the nation's heritage and the City's industrious spirit.

Incorporating thoughtful design elements will beautify the area and foster pride and belonging among residents and visitors. As an integral part of the City's landscape, Patriot Park will become a cherished landmark for generations to come.

Funding Request

\$1,150,000



Sterling Heights Southern Gateway

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Senator Paul Wojno, 10th District
Senator Mike Webber, 9th District
Representative Tom Kuhn, 57th District
Representative Ron Robinson, 58th District

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- ☐ Federal
- ☐ State
- ☐ Local
- ☐ Private
- ☒ None

12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:

- ☐ For-profit organization
- ☐ Non-profit organization
- ☒ Local unit government
- ☐ University/College ☐ Other

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