



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Tom
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Kunse
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:  
County Road Association of Michigan
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
101 S Washington Square, Unit 200 Lansing, MI 48933
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  
Statewide.
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:  
Statewide.
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 \$5 million seed money and any future revenue will provide financial assistance to local road agencies (counties and municipalities) after a local disaster or emergencies. This revenue will be deposited into the Local Agency Disaster Relief program account within the County Road Association (CRA) of Michigan for said purpose. CRA will need to establish a Local Agency Disaster Relief program, and a Local Agency Disaster Relief Board encompassed of CRA, MML, MDOT and other departments and will financially assist local road agencies in costs incurred to clear and remove debris

from the roadway immediately following the disaster/emergency for emergency services and emergency utility workers. These costs may or may not be eligible for federal or state disaster relief reimbursement.

These funds can also be used in repairing or replacing a local road agency's infrastructure following a local or state-level disaster or emergency (declared or not), including but not limited to revenue to match federal or state disaster relief program funds. The created Local Agency Disaster Relief Board Fund (account) in the CRA and any future revenue will be redirect, for credit to the fund, a total of \$5.0 million each year, and in perpetuity, from the current Act 51 formula distribution of Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF) revenue to eligible local road agencies. The annual \$5.0 million amount would comprise \$3.0 million from the current county road agencies 39.1% share MTF revenue and \$2.0 million from the current city/village 21.8% share of MTF revenue, not to exceed \$50 million, plus outstanding invoices.

The disbursement of these funds will be approved by the Local Agency Disaster Relief board and the funds will be electronically deposited to those approved local road agencies by CRA.

CRA has been in good standing in Michigan and is recognized as a non-profit board for well over 50 years and the sole purpose of this revenue will be to provide financial assistance to local road agencies following a local disaster or emergency.

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.

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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:

Non-profit organization

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?

Yes

14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?

Yes

15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?

Yes

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.'

We have 16 board members and our 5-member Executive Committee consists of: Jerry Byrne, President and Managing Director, Kent County Road Commission (CRC) Scott Merillat, PE, VP, Lenawee CRC Burt Thompson, PE, Sec.-Treasurer, Engineer Manager, Antrim CRC Larry Brown, PE, Allegan CRC Mark Christensen, Montcalm CRC

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:

October 1, 2025 and to expend the first \$5 million over the following years or as disaster happen.

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

Yes