



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Will
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Snyder
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:
USS Silversides Submarine Museum
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
1346 Bluff St Muskegon, MI 49441
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. Will Snyder, 87th 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 USS Silversides Submarine is a premier historic artifact, drawing visitors from around the globe to West Michigan and impacting local economy.

While Museum staff have diligently maintained the 83-year-old vessel, it is now time to undertake a major maintenance overhaul known as a Dry Dock. This process involves carefully removing the submarine from the water, thoroughly cleaning it by removing mussel and marine growth, inspecting its structural integrity, and making essential long-

term repairs. Completing this Dry Dock process now will preserve the USS Silversides SS-236 for future generations while also reducing the scope, cost, and frequency of future maintenance needs.

Preserving the USS Silversides is vital for maintaining its rich historical heritage and supporting educational initiatives. Returning the exterior to its WWII configuration highlights its importance as a testament to naval history and military technology, offering dynamic learning opportunities. By ensuring it remains in excellent condition, the Museum not only upholds its historical legacy but also continues to provide an engaging educational experience. Tourism driven by the USS Silversides has a significant economic impact, connecting visitors to the Museum and nearby business along the Muskegon Lakeshore Trail. A well-maintained submarine boosts the Museum's appeal, drawing more visitors and supporting local commerce.

The Dry Dock process will preserve this landmark, ensuring it remains a major tourist attraction. Long-term sustainability and visitor safety are top priorities. Dry dock maintenance is urgent to prevent costly future repairs and ensure safety. Deferred maintenance is often more destructive and more expensive to address in the long run, making timely action essential.

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.

["Private"]

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.'

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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:

Oct 2025 - Sept. 2026

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

Yes