



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Amos
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
O'Neal
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:
Saginaw Fire Department
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
801 Federal Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607
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:
Amos O'Neal, District 94
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 Saginaw River provides a means of moving 3.4 million tons of products annually, while also being a top fishery in the Great Lakes region and providing ample recreational opportunities for citizens and visitors. Despite all of this activity, there is currently no fire suppression capability on the Saginaw River or Bay. None of the local fire departments or Coast Guard can suppress a marine-based fire. This presents a large risk to both life safety and the region's economy. We have seen fires on and along the Saginaw River where vessel-based fires have become a total loss. Within the last two years, the 605-foot

freighter Cuyahoga was traversing the Saginaw River to deliver commodities; four days later, the Cuyahoga had a devastating engine room fire while in Lake Erie. Had the fire occurred while the vessel was on the Saginaw River, we would have had no resources to effectively fight the fire and the vessel would very likely have been catastrophically damaged.

The proposed 22' fire rescue craft would provide a level of fire suppression and victim rescue capability that is not currently available on the Saginaw River on a 24/7 basis. The Coast Guard station that was traditionally responsible for rescues on the river has transitioned to a 40-hour per-week scheduled mission station, meaning it is only staffed 40 hours per week and does not provide 24/7 coverage. We hope to fill that newly-created gap and ensure protection of local residents, visitors, and businesses.

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.

140000

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:

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:

Build time is approximately 9-12 months. Once funding is allocated, the order can be placed and we expect a 12-month window for implementation.

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

Yes



CITY OF SAGINAW



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94th District
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Representative O'Neal,

The Saginaw River is a 22.4 mile-long river that connects the Saginaw Bay and Lake Huron to the Tittabawassee and Shiawassee Rivers. The Saginaw River passes through Bay and Saginaw counties, providing a navigable waterway for both commercial shipping traffic and pleasure craft alike. As a shipping channel that reaches depths of nearly 30', the river serves as a hub for shipping commodities throughout the region. Annually, approximately 3.4 million tons of products, ranging from aggregates, coal, petrochemicals, and fertilizers, are shipped on the Saginaw River.

During the spring, summer, and fall, hundreds of thousands of people are drawn to the events on and along the Saginaw River. The world-renowned fishery, featuring trophy-size walleye and bass, draws fishermen from across the country. Numerous marinas line the banks, offering storage for the boats and yachts owned by local citizens. Events such as the Tall Ships celebration, 4th of July Fireworks, and Music Festivals, see the river packed with boats side by side, sometimes to the point where one can nearly cross the width of the river by walking boat to boat. Along the banks of the river, businesses and venues line the waterway.

Despite its economic importance, the Saginaw River and its assets are currently unprotected from fire. The local fire departments, police agencies, and Coast Guard station all lack the capability to extinguish fires on the water. Any fire beyond the capabilities of a fire extinguisher will result in a total loss to the vessel and all assets. This gap in preparedness is further exacerbated by the likelihood that Bay City is going to become a port for the cruise ships that traverse the Great Lakes. The risk to life safety in the event of an on-board fire cannot be overstated.

To address this issue, the Saginaw Fire Department has identified a 22' Fire Rescue Landing Craft that can transport up to 8 people, pump 500 gallons per minute to suppress fires, and has a drop-down bow door to assist with simultaneously loading many victims that are in the water. The cost for this vessel is \$200,000. The Saginaw Fire Department has identified \$60,000 in funding via donations and general fund dollars, but the remaining \$140,000 is still being sought.

This asset would benefit all communities along the Saginaw River, and the Saginaw Fire Department is positioned to take the lead with ensuring that all persons and businesses on or along the Saginaw River are safe when utilizing this great resource.



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Representative O'Neal,,

The Saginaw Fire Department is compliant with House Resolution 19. We do not have any rule, policy, ordinance, or resolution in place that would subvert immigration enforcement in any way and we comply with all federal immigration enforcement measures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon Hausbeck".

Brandon Hausbeck
Fire Chief
Saginaw Fire Department