



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Brian
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
BeGole
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 Owosso
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
City of Owosso, 301 West Main Street, Owosso, MI 48867
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
Water Filtration Plant, Sewage Treatment Plant, Pipes all over city
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
State Representative Brian BeGole House District 71
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.
Owosso Water and Sewer Infrastructure Investment Summary

The City of Owosso is preparing for a generational reinvestment in its water and sewer infrastructure, with more than \$207 million in improvements planned between 2025 and 2030. This includes \$119.7 million for the drinking water system, \$79.2 million for the wastewater treatment plant, and \$8.8 million for the sewer collection system. Much of this infrastructure dates back to the 1930s and has significantly exceeded its expected

service life. Projects such as the replacement of the 40-year-old nitrification towers and the construction of a \$20 million retention basin at the wastewater plant are essential to meeting regulatory requirements and protecting public health and the environment. These investments will not only preserve basic services but will also support system capacity for future economic development.

Major components of these improvements include:

1. Drinking Water System – \$119.7 million

- Design and permitting of a future membrane water treatment plant (construction not included in this phase)
- Upgrades to the existing lime-softening water treatment plant to meet current EGLE regulations and replace obsolete or failing components (e.g., SCADA system, electrical systems, filter rehabilitation, CO₂ and chlorine distribution systems)
- Extensive water main replacements across the city to modernize aging infrastructure and improve reliability (including streets like Exchange, Chipman, Elm, and Dewey)
- Well rehabilitation and mechanical improvements at well houses
- Water storage system improvements, including the replacement of the nearly 100-year-old underground reservoir, which is currently out of compliance with state drinking water standards
- Lead Service Line Replacements. City has worked to confirm compliance or replace close to half of the lines in the city.
- Lime sludge removal and the installation of mechanical dewatering equipment to replace outdated lime residual handling methods

2. Wastewater Treatment Plant – \$79.2 million

- Rehabilitation of the 40-year-old nitrification towers
- Construction of a 5-million-gallon overflow retention basin to reduce sanitary sewer overflows (SSO) during storm events and comply with a state administrative consent order from 2005 regarding the requirement to eliminate SSOs.
- Secondary clarifier replacement, digester demolition, and installation of a sludge dryer
- Facility upgrades, including laboratory and administration building renovations, and roof replacements

3. Sewer Collection System – \$8.8 million

- Sanitary sewer interceptor replacements
- Rehabilitation of aging sewer lines using a mix of trenchless and open-cut methods
- River crossing enhancements, including improvements to critical infrastructure like the crossing at the M-52 bridge

Owosso’s water and wastewater utilities serve not just city residents, but also the surrounding region through a shared system that includes Owosso Township, Caledonia Charter Township, and the City of Corunna. This collaborative regional approach makes the city’s infrastructure a vital asset for much of central Shiawassee County. However, modernizing such an expansive system is both complex and costly. The city’s strategy is informed by years of engineering assessments and capital planning, and aims to address the most pressing infrastructure needs first. Acknowledging the limits of past approaches that emphasized maintenance and operational efficiency, Owosso is now shifting toward proactive system renewal—focusing on long-term resilience, regulatory compliance, and service reliability. These improvements will also expand the city’s capacity to attract and support new industry and business development, particularly those requiring high water usage or advanced wastewater treatment—economic opportunities that the current system cannot fully accommodate.

Funding these improvements presents a unique challenge. Unlike roads or public safety, water and

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.

207700000

11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.

["State"]

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:

2025

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

Yes