



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 03/24/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Dan Lauwers

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

City of Port Huron

4. Physical address of legislatively directed spending item recipient and the intended location of the project or activity:

100 McMorran Boulevard, Port Huron, MI 48060

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

386004727

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$6,500,000.00

7. What is the purpose and how does the legislatively directed spending item provide a public benefit that is an appropriate use of taxpayer money?

The City of Port Huron seeks funding to replace the storm damaged Tainter Gate at the entrance of the Black River Canal and to stabilize the surrounding shoreline. The January 2024 storm caused severe structural failure to the gate system and erosion along the canal bank, requiring an emergency temporary cofferdam. A permanent replacement—estimated at \$7,045,140—is essential to restoring the canal's flood control function and protecting more than 260 nearby properties from storm surge, seasonal flooding, and shoreline degradation. The Tainter Gate regulates water flow between Lake Huron and the Black River, helping to prevent sediment buildup, preserve water quality, and maintain ecological health. The canal also serves as a vital segment of the Island Loop Route – National Waterways Trail, supporting regional tourism, paddling routes, and safe harbor access for small watercraft during

sudden storms. Funding will ensure long term infrastructure resilience, safeguard public and private property, protect environmental resources, and support the local recreation based economy.

- 8. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received or been awarded any of the following types of funding in the past 5 years? If so, how much? Check all that apply:**

N/A

Amount

N/A

- 9. Estimated time frame for completion of the legislatively directed spending item project:**

10/1/2026 - 10/1/2028

- 10. Is the recipient a nonprofit corporation?**

No

Additional Information for Nonprofit Corporations (if applicable)

The answer to questions 1 to 3 must be "Yes" for the nonprofit corporation to qualify for a legislatively directed spending item.

- 1. Has the nonprofit corporation continuously operated in this state for the preceding 36 months?**

No

- 2. Has the nonprofit corporation had a physical office in this state for not less than the preceding 12 consecutive months?**

No

- 3. Does the organization have a board of directors?**

No

- 4. List all of the officers and active members on the board of directors:**

N/A

Certification By Sponsoring Legislator

"I certify that my immediate family members, legislative staff members, and I have no direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the requested legislatively directed spending item."

"I certify that the intended recipient of this legislatively directed spending item is not a for-profit entity."

"I certify that the information in this form is true to the best of my knowledge."

Senator Dan Lauwers