



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/26/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Michael Webber

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

City of Sterling Heights

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

Recipient - 40555 Utica Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48313 Location - 34601 Viceroy Dr, Sterling Heights, MI 48310

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

38-1869375

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$880,000.00

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?

Puffin Park is a 4-acre, city-owned neighborhood park next to Nelson Park and the former Warner Education Center. While Puffin Park once included recreation amenities, those facilities were removed due to age and deterioration. Today, the site consists primarily of open field space, an existing parking lot, and a pedestrian path, providing limited recreational value despite being surrounded by established and new residential development. This project will restore Puffin Park as a functional neighborhood park, ensuring that public infrastructure keeps pace with nearby housing growth and fulfills commitments tied to a recent land conversion and development agreement. They will add a new playground, pavilion, expand/repave the parking lot, update park signage and add new seating/benches. State

investment will allow the City to complete the core improvements needed to reopen the park for everyday public use.

- 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:**

Local

Amount

\$120,000.00

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

18 Months

- 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 Michael Webber