



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:

Macomb County Public Works

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

21777 Dunham Road, Clinton Township, MI 48036 Location of Project: City of Richmond

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

386004868

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$1,000,000.00

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?

Richmond Relief Stormwater Management Summary: This project advances flood management in the Richmond area by addressing system capacity limitations, downstream constraints, and cumulative stormwater impacts that restrict safe release of runoff to the Richmond Columbus Drain and contribute to localized flooding and backwater conditions. Category: Flood management and infrastructure resilience Stormwater conveyance and peak flow management Background: Stormwater management in the Richmond area is constrained by a combination of shallow system depth, limited downstream capacity, and physical choke points, most notably the CN railroad crossing downstream of the City. County review of proposed drainage improvements in the Howard Street area identified significant backwater

effects tied to this crossing and raised concerns about the ability of the receiving system to safely convey additional flows. In addition to railroad constraints, multiple storm sewer systems contribute flow to the same downstream reach, including the western Division Road system, which includes large diameter pipes that may already be operating near capacity during design storm events. These cumulative impacts make localized drainage improvements difficult to permit and implement without broader system relief. As development and roadway improvements continue in and around Richmond, incremental increases in runoff further stress a system that has little remaining flexibility. Purpose: The purpose of this project is to reduce flood risk and improve stormwater system performance in the Richmond area by addressing downstream capacity constraints and managing cumulative peak flows before they reach critical choke points. Funding would support evaluation, design, and targeted improvements that increase system resiliency, reduce backwater effects, and allow stormwater to be released at rates that protect both local and downstream properties. By improving overall system capacity and performance, this project will reduce localized flooding, lower the risk of future permit and construction delays tied to hydraulic constraints, and enable roadway and development projects to proceed without creating adverse impacts elsewhere in the watershed. This approach supports public safety, protects existing infrastructure, and positions Richmond for orderly growth while avoiding the export of flood risk to downstream communities. Without this funding, the only viable alternative would be for the respective drainage boards to assess project costs directly to the individual communities. Most communities do not have a dedicated stormwater funding source, meaning these costs would need to be paid from municipal general funds, competing with public safety, road maintenance, and other essential services.

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:

10/01/2026 - 10/2/2028

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