



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 03/30/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Ruth Johnson

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Groveland Township/Groveland Township Fire Department

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

4695 Grange Hall Rd, Holly, MI 48442; Ten fire wells to be located in strategic areas across Groveland Township.

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

386124031

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$950,000.00

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?

Groveland Township does not have a municipal water system. As a result, Groveland Township Fire Department relies heavily on tanker shuttle operations and mutual aid agreements with neighboring communities to supply water at fire scenes. While these methods can be effective under ideal conditions, they are not always timely or sufficient—particularly in rural areas. In addition, tanker-based mutual aid has become increasingly unreliable due to universal staffing shortages affecting fire departments across the region, limiting the availability of personnel and apparatus during simultaneous or extended incidents. Approximately 40 percent of Groveland Township is state and county-owned land, and the Township's rural geography requires firefighters to travel significant distances to access reliable water sources

during emergencies. Currently, Groveland Township operates eight wells to cover approximately 36 square miles. The addition of ten new wells would significantly reduce travel time to water sources, and increase available fire flow and improve overall fireground efficiency. This expanded water supply would directly support the Township's ability to maintain an ISO Public Protection Classification of Class 3 for residential areas and Class 4 for commercial properties, benefiting residents and businesses through lower insurance premiums. The estimated cost per well is approximately \$95,000, for a total project cost of \$950,000. Specifically, they are seeking funding in the amount of approximately \$950,000 for the installation of ten high-capacity wells, each capable of producing approximately 550 gallons per minute. These wells will significantly enhance fire suppression capabilities, improve hydrant flow and reliability, and provide a resilient emergency water supply throughout the Township. The project is designed to support compliance with NFPA 1142: Standard on Water Supplies for Suburban and Rural Fire Fighting and 2024 International Fire Code (IFC) Section 507, which establish minimum requirements for approved water supplies and fire flow for fire protection. The wells will be strategically located to reduce tanker shuttle distances, ensure a dependable and continuous water supply during emergency operations, and lessen reliance on outside agencies during periods of limited staffing. By increasing available and sustainable fire flow, this investment has the potential to further strengthen the Township's ISO fire rating, improve emergency response outcomes, and enhance protection for homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure. This project will:

- Improve emergency response times and water supply reliability
- Enhance protection for life and property
- Reduce dependence on outside resources and shorten tanker shuttle routes
- Strengthen long-term community resilience and public safety infrastructure

Overall, this investment represents a cost-effective and sustainable solution to improving fire protection in a rural community and will provide lasting public safety and economic benefits for Groveland Township.

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:

Anticipated start date April 1, 2027 to be completed by March 31, 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 Ruth Johnson