



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 03/31/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Jeff Irwin

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

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3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

City of Ann Arbor

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

301 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 (Clinton Park Address: 3300 Stone School Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48108)

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

386004534

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$1,500,000.00

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?

Clinton Park is a 4.82-acre neighborhood park in southeast Ann Arbor that serves a rapidly growing and increasingly diverse residential area. Although it remains a valued community gathering space, the park's core infrastructure, especially its nearly 30-year-old playground and circulation system, no longer meets modern expectations for safety, accessibility, or inclusive community use. Without investment, the park will continue to fall short of the standards that Michigan families deserve. The City of Ann Arbor is seeking state support to transform Clinton Park into a fully accessible, universally designed neighborhood destination that welcomes residents of all ages and abilities. The project will replace the aging playground with new equipment built around universal design principles, ensuring

that children with mobility, sensory, or developmental disabilities can participate fully in play alongside their peers. This investment directly advances statewide goals for equitable access to outdoor recreation and aligns with Michigan’s commitment to ADA-compliant public spaces. In addition to the new playground, the project will modernize the park’s circulation and amenities. Improvements include constructing a continuous, ADA-compliant pathway network that connects the playground, seating areas, and neighborhood sidewalks; reconfiguring the parking lot to add a van-accessible space and a direct accessible route into the park; and installing new shade trees, benches, and picnic tables that provide inclusive seating and resting opportunities for caregivers, older adults, and visitors with disabilities. These upgrades will significantly expand the park’s usability, safety, and comfort throughout the year. State investment in Clinton Park will deliver long-lasting benefits to a community that relies on this neighborhood green space as a daily resource. By modernizing outdated infrastructure and embedding accessibility into every aspect of the design, this project will create a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment that reflects Michigan’s values and strengthens quality of life for residents across generations.

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:

The estimated time frame for completion is by the end of fiscal year 2027

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 Jeff Irwin