



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 02/20/2026

**1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:**

Senator Sarah E. Anthony

**2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):**

N/A

**3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:**

Eaton County

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

1045 Independence Boulevard, Charlotte MI 48813

**5. The recipient's employer identification number:**

386004847

**6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:**

\$10,000,000.00

**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?**

The purpose of this legislatively directed spending request is to provide \$10 million toward the Bank Intercounty Drain Project, a major infrastructure initiative affecting Delta Township, Lansing Township, Eaton County, and hundreds of impacted residents. The project, estimated to cost approximately \$60 million, is designed to upgrade outdated and failing drainage systems that no longer meet the needs of the surrounding communities due to decades of underinvestment, growth in development, and more frequent severe weather events. This project offers broad public benefit by: -Addressing serious and ongoing flooding concerns, protecting residential neighborhoods, roadways, and public and private infrastructure. -Improving water quality and environmental resilience by reducing runoff and controlling erosion in the region. -Supporting economic development and growth by

ensuring proper stormwater management for current and future land use.  
-Promoting regional cooperation between municipalities to tackle a shared infrastructure challenge in a coordinated and fiscally responsible manner.  
Homeowners throughout the affected region have received notice of significant tax increases due to the \$60 million cost of the project. Some property owners could see annual tax bills increase by hundreds or even thousands of dollars over the life of the drain assessment. The requested \$10 million in state funding would provide immediate and measurable financial relief to these residents. This investment is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as it addresses a core function of government: maintaining and modernizing critical water and storm water infrastructure. Without adequate intervention, continued flooding and infrastructure failure would jeopardize public safety, increase long-term repair costs, and degrade property values. This situation presents an opportunity for the State of Michigan to prevent localized economic fallout, relieving residents from some of the immense economic burden. In accordance with Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution, this appropriation does not constitute a gift or loan to any private entity or individual. The Bank Intercounty Drain Project is managed by the legally authorized Intercounty Drain Board, a public body under state law. All expenditures would go directly toward the construction and management of public drainage infrastructure, benefiting the general public and complying fully with constitutional requirements. By investing in this essential infrastructure now, the State of Michigan can prevent further hardship, safeguard communities, and demonstrate its commitment to shared prosperity across urban, rural, and suburban communities.

**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:**

State

**Amount**

\$5,000,000.00

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

June 1, 2024 – June 1, 2029

**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 Sarah E. Anthony*