



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 02/09/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator John N. Damoose

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Cloverland Electric Cooperative, Inc. (or an affiliated entity designated to own and operate the Cloverland Training Facility).

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

Recipient address: 725 E. Portage Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Project locations: • Reuse/renovation of the former Washington Elementary School building (administrative and classroom space): 1200 Ryan Ave, Sault Ste. Marie, MI • Outdoor training campus / pole-yard and site improvements on City-owned parcels to be conveyed for the project: Parcel IDs 051-037-024-12, 051-037-024-19, 051-037-024-21, and 051-037-024-22 (approximately 10.41 acres; near Meridian Street / Ryan Avenue / W. 14th Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI).

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

380429495

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$3,000,000.00

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?

Purpose: Support construction and initial operations of the Cloverland Training Facility, a regional workforce and technical education center serving Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Public benefit: The project will expand access to utility safety training and skilled-trades certification programs (including electrical distribution, lineworker

safety, substation operations, and renewable energy systems), using a combination of renovated classroom space in a repurposed closed school building and an outdoor training campus that simulates real-world linework environments. The facility will be a community-accessible workforce resource developed in partnership with regional schools, trade unions, and employers, strengthening the local talent pipeline, improving worker safety, and supporting regional economic development through training capacity for in-demand jobs.

- 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:**

Estimated 18–24 months for renovation/site construction after funding award, with phased commissioning and program launch as components are completed; ongoing operations thereafter.

- 10. Is the recipient a nonprofit corporation?**

Yes

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?**

Yes

- 2. Has the nonprofit corporation had a physical office in this state for not less than the preceding 12 consecutive months?**

Yes

3. Does the organization have a board of directors?

Yes

4. List all of the officers and active members on the board of directors:

- William LaLonde — Chairperson • John Sawruk — Vice Chairperson • Carmine Bonacci Jr. — Secretary/Treasurer • Virgil Monroe — Director • Gerald Nettleton — Director • Kevin Vanatta — Director • Ronald Provo — Director • Pat Egan — Director
- Jason St. Onge — Director

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 John N. Damoose