



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 01/14/2026

**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:**

City of Sault Ste. Marie

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

City of Sault Ste. Marie 225 East Portage Avenue Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

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

386004733

**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?**

This funding will be used to replace Fire Department Engine 57 (E57), a 1998 Pierce Quantum fire pumper that no longer meets current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards for fire apparatus. The expected service life for a fire pumper is approximately 10 years in frontline service followed by 10 years as a reserve unit. Engine 57 has exceeded both thresholds, having served approximately 24 years in frontline service alone. Because E57 does not meet current NFPA requirements, the vehicle presents increased operational risk, reduced reliability, and heightened safety concerns for firefighters and the public. In addition, the age of the apparatus has resulted in escalating maintenance costs, corrosion, and difficulty sourcing replacement parts, with over \$17,000 spent on repairs in the past two years. Replacing Engine 57 with a modern rescue pumper that complies with current

NFPA standards will significantly improve firefighter safety, emergency response capability, and fire suppression reliability. A new apparatus will reduce long-term maintenance costs, improve operational efficiency, and ensure compliance with modern safety, environmental, and operational requirements. This investment represents a prudent and responsible use of taxpayer funds by protecting life, property, and critical municipal infrastructure while avoiding substantially higher replacement costs in future years driven by inflation, regulatory changes, and long manufacturer lead times.

- 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:**

Because Engine 57 does not meeting current NFPA requirements, the City intends to replace the fire pumper as soon as funding is available, subject to procurement timelines and manufacturer lead times.

*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 John N. Damoose*