



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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Date Submitted: 04/10/2026

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

Senator Sue Shink

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

N/A

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

Jackson County

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

120 West Michigan Ave Jackson, MI, 49201; James J. Keeley Park (Jackson County Fairgrounds) 128 W Ganson Jackson MI, 49201

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

38-6004845

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

\$1,300,000.00

**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?**

By building open-air covered arena at James J. Keeley Park, Jackson County will complete a portion of the Jackson County Fairgrounds 2016 Master Plan. Replacing this aging infrastructure will ensure long-term future public use and functionality. The modern, accessible, multi-use space will support year-round agricultural education, youth programming, and community events. This investment expands access to educational opportunities for youth through programs such as 4-H, Future Farmers of America (FFA), and other agricultural organizations, contributing to Michigan's agricultural economy in the future. The covered arena will support livestock exhibitions, clinics, demonstrations, and training activities that expose participants to careers in agriculture, animal science, veterinary services, and skilled trades—

industries that are essential to Michigan's economy and workforce. Without this facility, the agricultural side of the fairgrounds remains constrained by accessibility and capacity limitations that restrict participation and opportunities for more expansive programming. The covered arena will function as a flexible, year-round community facility capable of hosting regional events that generate local economic activity and strengthen the fairgrounds' role as a public gathering space.

- 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:**

10/01/2026 -9/30/2027

- 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 Sue Shink*