



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 -
Project Location: Riverside Drive

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

386004733

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$2,750,000.00

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 City of Sault Ste. Marie is undertaking a critical infrastructure project to replace approximately 10,500 linear feet of existing 6-inch diameter water main along Riverside Drive with new 6-inch ductile iron pipe. The existing water main was installed in 1958 and has exceeded its useful service life. It exhibits significant tuberculation, has a documented history of breaks, and operates at pressures insufficient to provide adequate fire protection. The proposed replacement will be constructed using open-cut installation methods and will significantly improve water system reliability, public safety, and service capacity. Due to the location of the water main, construction requires removal and reconstruction of the west lane of Riverside Drive. While Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) financing supports the

water main replacement, roadway reconstruction associated with the project exceeds available funding. As a result, only partial roadway reconstruction was completed, leaving the east lane unreconstructed due to local funding shortfalls. The roadway reconstruction was originally designed and bid as part of the overall project but was removed to reduce costs. Completion of the remaining roadway improvements would result in a full all-season roadway that provides a critical transportation connection between the Sugar Island Ferry Dock and the Carbide Dock. This investment would enhance public safety, improve access for residents and emergency services, support regional transportation infrastructure, and protect prior federal and state investments by fully restoring the roadway impacted by utility construction. The project will also tie into the planned 3 Mile Road upgrade currently being developed by the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, further strengthening regional connectivity and coordination among infrastructure improvements.

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:

Federal, State, Local

Amount

\$5,500,000.00

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

The project has been designed and bid. The last half of the roadway was taken out for cost savings. The work can be added back into the project by change order and be completed in 2026-2027 if funding is received.

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