



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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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:**

Northwest Regional Airport Authority

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

727 Fly Don't Drive, Traverse City, MI 49686

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

870934561

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

\$15,000,000.00

**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?**

Provide supplemental capital funding to support a terminal addition at the Cherry Capital Airport, the state's 3rd largest air carrier airport. The existing facility was designed to accommodate 350,000 passengers annually, and in 2025 TVC served 950,000 passengers. The project will better serve Northern Michigan residents, and will continue to support tourism. TVC's has a \$1 billion+ economic impact, and these dollars will further leverage economic support to the local and regional economy.

- 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:**

a. Project is on track to be completed by May 2028.

- 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:**

a. Paul Beachnau – Chair b. Daryl Nelson – Vice Chair c. Rob Hentschel – Member d. Steve Plamondon – Member e. Doug DeYoung – Member f. Dan Jonkhoff – Member g. William Bunek - Member h. Rick Robbins – Member i. Rob Donnel – Member j. Kevin Klein – CEO k. Dan Sal – COO l. Mark Bishop - CFO

*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*