



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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Date Submitted: 01/22/2026

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

Senator Mark Huizenga

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

N/A

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

Krause Memorial Library

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

140 E Bridge St. Rockford MI 49341

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

386004728

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

\$294,602.36

**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 Krause Memorial Library is located in Downtown Rockford but serves several surrounding townships / communities in Northern Kent County. Since the last renovation (33 years ago) annual visits have doubled to over 160,000. Krause averages triple the number of visits other surrounding area libraries experience. Krause's service area includes some rural communities where internet connection can be difficult to access. This funding will provide the library the ability to provide these services and continue to be a valuable resource in the community. This funding request will allow the library to grow 2.5 times larger - from 9,500 sq ft. to 23,000 sq ft - in order to better handle the volume it has experienced over the last few decades. Other necessary updates include additional study rooms and quiet spaces to sit, work, and read, a drive-up book return, increased open hours, and a

large community room for public and library program use. The goal is to increase additional visits per year by 16,000, increase program attendees by 1,100, and add an additional 400 students per month using the study room and 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:**

Federal, State, Local

**Amount**

\$3,705,397.64

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

Oct 2026

- 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:**

Rockford City Council Tamara Bergstrom- Mayor Dale Dalman- Mayor Pro-Tem  
Charles Baker Terry Konkle Charles Baker

*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 Mark Huizenga*