



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 03/18/2026

**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:**

Kinross Charter Township

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

a. 4884 W. Curtis Street, Kincheloe, MI 49788 (Twp Office) b. 124 S. Fair Road, Kinross, MI 49752 (Project location)

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

382008295

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

\$5,000,000.00

**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?**

Kinross Charter Township seeks funding to replace the critically deteriorated 1976 wooden grandstand at the 100-acre Chippewa County Fairgrounds—a vital agricultural, recreational, and economic hub in rural Chippewa County, Michigan, north of the Mackinac Bridge. The 1977 closure of Kincheloe Air Force Base cost the area 10,000 residents, leaving tourism, agriculture, and events as primary economic drivers; fairground grandstand events alone generate over \$1 million annually in local activity through tickets, vendors, lodging, and spending. Following a 2023 safety incident where a spectator fell through the stands, engineers mandated 60-70% capacity limits (from 1,800 seats) and full replacement within five years due to failed safety/accessibility standards. The project will demolish the grandstand and

obsolete concessions, constructing a modern 4,000-seat ADA-compliant all-weather facility with restrooms, concessions, press box, multipurpose room, electrical upgrades, and water/sewer infrastructure. Key Benefits: Eliminates safety hazards; quadruples event capacity for demolition derbies, racing, livestock shows, 4-H programs, and concerts; enables year-round use and vendor expansion; supports agritourism and youth education in a recreation-dependent rural economy. Total cost ~\$6M; local match via township, Chippewa Co. Road Commission, Soils & Structures, and user groups (\$3K secured), pending MDARD planning grant (\$56k Oct 2025 submission). Strong support from Sault Ste. Marie Tribe, Chippewa EDC, County Fair. Status: MDARD-funded planning (surveys, geotech, engineering) positions project as shovel-ready. Scalable from \$1.5M safety minimum to full scope.

**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:**

December 31, 2029

**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 John N. Damoose*