



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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Date Submitted: 03/31/2026

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

Senator Jeff Irwin

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

N/A

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

Superior Charter Township

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

3040 North Prospect, Superior Township, MI 48198

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

386019649

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

\$400,000.00

**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?**

This proposed spending item will advance the next critical phase of the Plymouth Pathway, an essential segment of the Border-to-Border Trail in Washtenaw County. While Superior Charter Township has secured funding for one portion of the corridor, that funding does not extend to the remaining segments necessary to complete the route. Without additional support, key gaps will remain, limiting connectivity and reducing the overall return on prior public investment. This phase will expand safe, non-motorized connectivity between neighborhoods, parks, schools, and local businesses while also providing direct access to the Michigan Folk School, a well-known regional destination for classes, workshops, and cultural programming. By linking the Folk School and other community destinations into the larger Border-to-Border Trail network, the project strengthens regional mobility, increases

participation in educational and cultural activities, and ensures prior public investments deliver their full intended value. Completion of the Plymouth Pathway also generates broader public benefits. Non-motorized infrastructure promotes health and wellness, improves safety by reducing conflicts between vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians, and offers environmentally sustainable transportation options. At the same time, well-connected trail systems attract visitors, support local businesses, and enhance nearby property values, making the pathway both a recreational amenity and a long-term economic asset for Superior Charter Township and surrounding communities. Investing in the Plymouth Pathway represents responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources, delivering lasting community benefits at a fraction of the cost of traditional roadway expansion. By providing safe, accessible, and well-maintained non-motorized infrastructure, the trail enhances connectivity, supports economic activity, promotes public health, and improves overall safety. Completing this segment also ensures that prior investments in the Border-to-Border Trail system achieve their full impact while reinforcing Superior Charter Township's role as a vibrant, accessible, and well-connected community within Washtenaw County.

**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:**

The estimated time frame for completion is by the end of fiscal year 2028

**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 Jeff Irwin*