



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 02/05/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Dan Lauwers

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

Dan Lauwers

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Sanilac County Community Foundation

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

138 Maple Valley St, Suite B, Sandusky, MI 48471 Project Location: Patrick Tierney Park – 5451 Dallas St. Lexington Michigan 48450

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

383204484

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$2,000,000.00

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?

The Sanilac County Community Foundation, on behalf of the Tierney Park Conservancy, is seeking funding to assist the Village of Lexington with the completion of a major renovation of Patrick Tierney Park, its primary public gathering space. The Park's renovation is being undertaken by the Village in connection with the overhaul of the adjacent Lexington State Harbor, a project that is being overseen by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the US Army Corp of Engineers. This \$16 million effort involves the complete replacement of the current marina docks and infrastructure as well as substantial renovation of the break-water structure which maintains the Lexington Harbor. As part of the uplands portion of this project, the Village is undertaking a complete redesign of Tierney Park to

improve pedestrian access to and along the waterfront, enhance green space and improve public enjoyment of the park. The centerpiece of this redesign, as depicted on the attached plan, is the creation of a new elliptical central gathering space and the construction at the northern end of a new pavilion structure and restroom facilities. The pavilion will be used for musical performances and other public gatherings at Tierney Park, and replaces a current structure which is in need of substantial repair and in its current location blocks access and visibility to the lake and lacks ADA accessibility. These funds would facilitate the full renovation of Tierney Park at the same time as renovations to the Marina are being undertaken. While the marina work is fully funded through the MDNR, the park plan as designed needs additional funding to proceed. This grant would allow the public space plan to proceed at the same pace as the marina work. This in turn would ensure that the marina, which is largely used for transient boaters, has the intended benefits to the community, by providing a first-rate venue of the Village's music program and other seasonal programming, which serves the entire region. Further, the redesigned park will enhance the connection between the marina and the Village's business district, creating greater economic impact for the Village.

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:

1.5-2 years

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:

Executive Board and Officers Lyn Mossett – Co- Chair; Bill Sarkella – Co- Chair; Paul Cowley – Vice-Chair; Jennifer Kursinsky – Treasurer; Susan Dreyer – Secretary; Joshua Robinson – Executive Director Trustees Judy Albrecht; Andrew Barnes; Jay Barry; Louise Blasius; Lee Cork; Judy Ferguson; Joe Garcia; Kelly Gerstenberger; Sean Hagey; David Hearsch; Jessie Heilig; Duane Lange; Marty Rheaume; Dorothy Ross; Erica Sheridan; Isabella Smith-Corso

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 Dan Lauwers