



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/14/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Roger Victory

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Ottawa County, Office of the Water Resources Commissioner

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

12220 Fillmore Street, Room 141, West Olive, MI 49460

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

386004883

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$500,000.00

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?

A groundwater feasibility study for a county experiencing aquifer recharge problems is designed to evaluate the current condition of the groundwater system, identify the causes of declining recharge, and determine practical, cost-effective solutions to ensure a sustainable long-term water supply. The study will assess groundwater levels, recharge and withdrawal rates, and overall aquifer health, while also examining contributing factors such as increased pumping, land use changes, drought conditions, and climate variability. By analyzing these factors, the project will provide data-driven recommendations, including potential managed aquifer recharge projects, stormwater capture strategies, conservation measures, and infrastructure improvements. It will also evaluate the technical and financial feasibility of each option, allowing county leaders to prioritize the most effective and

fiscally responsible solutions. This project will directly benefit taxpayers by helping the county avoid costly emergency measures in the future. Declining aquifers can lead to well failures, land subsidence, infrastructure damage, and the need to import water from more expensive sources. By proactively addressing recharge challenges, the county can stabilize water supplies, reduce the likelihood of significant rate increases, and prevent expensive repairs or water purchases. Ultimately, the study supports long-term water security, protects property values, sustains economic activity, and promotes responsible stewardship of public resources.

- 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:**

two years

- 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 Roger Victory*