



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/14/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Thomas Albert

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

County of Kent

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

300 Monroe Avenue NW Grand Rapids, MI 49503 - Location of Project Activity: Lowell Township

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

38-6004862

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?

These funds would only be used to close a key gap in the Grand River Greenway Trail, specifically the gap along the Grand River running between Lowell and Ada. Kent County is leading the effort to complete a 23-mile trail connection, which runs through Plainfield, Cannon, Ada, Cascade and Lowell townships. This project includes three crucial crossings, addressing significant barriers to pedestrian traffic. These pedestrian crossings include a tunnel under the Beltline/Northland Drive at the Rogue River Drive/7 Mile Road intersection, a bridge over the Grand River connecting Kent County's Chief Hazy Cloud Park to Ada Township's Roselle Park, and a bridge at Knapp Street that allows for safer pedestrian passage at one of the busiest Grand River crossings. Finally, this trail connects two significant State of Michigan trails, the

Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park and Fred Meijer Grand River Valley Rail Trail. Once completed, residents and visitors will be able to bike to Cadillac to the north, Owosso to the east, and Grand Haven/Spring Lake/Muskegon to the west. This project is of benefit to the public as it enhances recreation and improves current trail systems.

- 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, Local

Amount

\$40,500,000.00

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

September 30, 2027

- 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 Thomas Albert