



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:

Acme Township

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

Physical Address: 6100 US 31 North, Williamsburg, MI 49690 Project Location: Brackett Road, Williamsburg, MI 49690

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

382281424

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?

The purpose of this Legislative Direct Spending Item is to fund the reconstruction of Brackett Road , in Acme Township— a critical secondary access route serving both the Traverse City Horse Shows (TCHS) grounds, a 130-acre equestrian facility, and the year-round residential community that relies on it for daily travel. Years of deterioration, including inadequate shoulders, extensive potholes, and limited sightlines, have created serious and escalating safety hazards, making the road unreliable for residents and entirely unable to support the high-volume traffic associated with TCHS events. The need extends beyond transportation, making it essential that this critical bypass route remains fully functional and dependable for emergency vehicles, first responders, and all other necessary traffic during incidents

and accidents on M-72 and US-31. This reliability is especially important given that TCHS is an internationally recognized equestrian venue that brings national and global competitions to Michigan, generating substantial economic activity through tourism, hospitality, seasonal employment, and increased regional and statewide visibility. Its continued growth—and the significant economic benefits it provides—depends on efficient and dependable roadway access. A modernized Brackett Road will ensure that the venue can maintain and expand its status as an Olympic-caliber destination, securing long-term economic returns for both the region and the state. Investing in the reconstruction of Brackett Road is a high-value and responsible use of taxpayer dollars. This project delivers measurable public benefits by improving resident safety, supporting critical infrastructure, stimulating regional economic activity, and reinforcing Michigan’s position as a host for world-class sporting events. The requested funding will directly and positively impact the local community while advancing statewide economic development priorities.

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:

2 years beyond receiving award

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:

Acme Twp officially became a Twp in 1904 The Acme Township Board of Trustees consists of Supervisor Doug White, Treasurer Amy Jenema, Clerk Lisa Swanson, Trustee Dale Stevens, Trustee Aaron Wylie, Dave Hoxsie, and Trustee Paul Scott

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