



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:

Barry County

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

220 W State St, Hastings MI 49058 is the address for the county ... the project/facility is at 1212 W State St, Hastings MI 49058

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

38-6004836

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?

This money would be used to help construct a public safety facility that would include a new jail, sheriff's office and emergency management office for Barry County. County officials describe the existing facilities, which are more than 50 years old, as in poor shape and not suitable for a modern corrections and public safety environment. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer money because public safety is an essential public need and a core government function. This would help make Barry County a stronger and safer community. Barry County is contributing locally with \$5.4 million in reserves for this project, but far more resources are needed to undertake the project.

- 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:**

Local

Amount

\$5,400,000.00

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

Spring 2027 through Fall 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 Thomas Albert*