



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Denise
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Mentzer
3. The cosponsoring representatives' names. All cosponsors must be listed. If none, please type 'n/a.' A signed letter from the sponsor approving the co-sponsorship and a signed letter from the member wishing to co-sponsor are required. Attach letters at question #9 below.
N/A
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
City of Mount Clemens Fire Department
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Two Dickenson Boulevard, Mount Clemens, MI 48043
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
Build new Fire Department and Sheriff Department Substation in the City of Mount Clemens
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Denise Mentzer, House District 61
8. Purpose of the legislatively directed spending item. Please include how it provides a public benefit and why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding. Please also demonstrate that the item does not violate Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution. The current fire station was built in 1966, and because of age and funding restrictions the City has endured over the years, the fire station needs maintenance and upgrades. The yearly maintenance, operation cost, and surprise expenses have been difficult to keep up with. Continuing to invest money into the current building is no longer a viable financial strategy. The new station would provide the necessary financial relief in the department's budget. With the funds, the City plans to move the fire station to a better more centralized

location which will improve response times and open much needed property that can be utilized for expanding the City's tax base.

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9. Attach documents here if needed:

Attachments added to the end of this file.

10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item.

6000000

11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.

["State"]

12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:

Local unit government

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?

Not applicable

14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?

Not applicable

15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?

Not applicable

16. For a non-profit organization, list all the active members on the organization's board of directors and any other officers. If this question is not applicable, please type 'n/a.'

N/A

17. "I certify that neither the sponsoring representative nor the sponsoring representative's staff or immediate family has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending item."

Yes, this is correct

18. Anticipated start and end dates for the legislatively directed spending item:

September 2025 through winter of 2028

19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."

Yes



04/02/2025

State Representative Denise Mentzer
Michigan House of Representatives
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Representative Mentzer,

I am writing today to share with you my excitement and support regarding your pursuit of funding for the Mount Clemens Fire Station project. As you are aware, the Mount Clemens Fire Department has a great need for a new facility; the impact of which will reach beyond just the Fire Departments workforce and will be a positive for the entirety of the City of Mount Clemens, the County of Macomb, and the State of Michigan.

The Mount Clemens Fire Department, while small in personnel staffing, is big on calls for service and responsibility. This station is summoned over 4000 per year, making us the busiest firehouse in all of Macomb County. Located in the heart of the county seat, the Mount Clemens Fire Station directly protects a resident population of 16,000+ residents, over 50,000 daily visitors, and almost the entirety of the critical infrastructure of Macomb County. We protect the Macomb County Executive Building, the Macomb County Court and offices, the County Jail and Juvenile Detention Centers, the County Office of Emergency Management, the County Health Department, the County Medical Examiner's office, the County Road Commission building and all its assets, and several other Macomb County buildings. Additionally, we protect the largest US manufacturer of Automotive paint and coatings (Axalta), a Multi-Story Regional Hospital, the local water treatment plant, a major downtown district, a major Rail Line, an interstate highway, the Clinton River, several large and historic churches, a great number of non-profit organizations, and numerous commodity storage and manufacturing

facilities. We are also a mutual-aid partner providing Fire, EMS, and Technical Incident mitigation to every community in the County, and through our Statewide MABAS agreements we are a resource for all of Michigan.

Many of the regional, and all the Macomb County assets, we protect are non-taxable and seriously restrict operating capital for the City of Mount Clemens. This has a trickle-down effect of course and results in a very limited operating budget for the Mount Clemens Fire Department. Any like-size municipality without these limits and restrictions would have a significantly larger operating budget. The Mount Clemens Fire Departments' capital outlay plan can in no way fund a fire station design and build, despite a great need to do so.

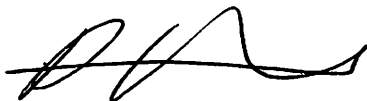
The current Fire Station dates to 1966 and while it was once adequate for operations it is currently far from efficient, effective, economic, or healthy. The building itself is aging poorly, and its internal systems are lacking in performance; boiler heat only, poorly insulated walls and roof, drafty non-insulated windows (which literally ice over in the winter), evidence of years of roof leaks, potential hidden mold, potential lead paint, asbestos floor tiles, seriously aged internal plumbing resulting in sediment laden tap water, etc. The aged design concepts of the current station present health and safety considerations for our personnel and offer no form of gender neutrality (or actual privacy for that matter). As you may also be aware, cancer is a significant concern for Firefighters. The current fire station offers essentially no employee protection or long-term reduction in carcinogen exposure; from diesel exhaust dust to the hazardous materials Firefighter are routinely exposed to. The current stations living area and sleeping quarters are immediately adjacent to the fire engine bay. A modern Fire Station design/build, when properly planned, will include several features that help limit employee exposure and/or the spread of dangerous materials throughout the living areas and offices of the fire station. Employee Health and Safety is the predominant concern in modern fire station architectural design. Our current Fire Station offers none of those protections and would certainly fail an occupational health audit.

As Fire Chief I am of course fully aware of our operational needs and I am likewise fully in support of improved health and safety for our already high-risk occupation. Both serious concerns will be immediately improved through the building of a properly designed fire station. I will commit to working diligently to ensure that proper planning and design results in a safer and more efficient workplace for our firefighters, so that they can most effectively deliver emergency services to the City of Mount Clemens, the County of Macomb, and the State of Michigan.

The Mount Clemens Fire Department is an asset of the people (local, County, and State) and as such deserves support in maintaining its excellent record of dangerous incident mitigation. The new fire station will be of great value to all who live in, work in, or visit Mount Clemens, Macomb County, and the State of Michigan.

Thank you for your concern, support, and efforts.

Yours in Life Safety,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Reynolds', with a stylized, flowing script.

Dan Reynolds
Fire Chief
Mount Clemens Fire Department



MOUNT CLEMENS FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 838
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS
2 DICKINSON AVENUE MOUNT CLEMENS, MICHIGAN 48043 (586)469-6840

04/02/2025

To whom it may concern,

Mount Clemens Fire Department Local 0838 is in full support of State Representative Mentzer's request for funding to build a new fire station. Not only will this improve the living conditions of the firefighters but also improve the service to the residents of the great City of Mount Clemens.

The current fire station was built in 1966, and because of age and funding restrictions the City has endured over the years, the fire station needs maintenance and upgrades. The yearly maintenance, operation cost, and surprise expenses have been difficult to keep up with. Continuing to invest money into the current building is no longer a viable financial strategy. The new station would provide the necessary financial relief in the department's budget. With the funds, the City plans to move the fire station to a better more centralized location which will improve response times and open much needed property that can be utilized for expanding the City's tax base.

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Yours truly,

Thomas Mocerì

Local 0838 President



MARK A. HACKEL
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

MACOMB COUNTY
OFFICE OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE

MARK F. DELDIN
CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 2, 2025

State Representative Denise Mentzer
Michigan House of Representatives
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Subject: City of Mt. Clemens' Joint Fire and Sheriff Sub-Station Modernization Project

Dear Representative Mentzer,

Please consider this correspondence as Macomb County's endorsement of the City of Mt. Clemens' Fire and Sheriff Sub-Station Modernization Project. The long-standing partnership between Macomb County and the City of Mt. Clemens has been instrumental in advancing public safety. Together, we have fostered community-driven policing initiatives and implemented cutting-edge dispatch technology to better support first responders and the public.

As the City of Mt. Clemens moves forward with its plans to relocate City Hall to the downtown area, a valuable opportunity arises to consolidate fire and sheriff operations into a unified central command center. County, city, and public officials are collaborating to create a flexible and dynamic space where fire and sheriff personnel can work together more effectively to serve the community.

In line with Macomb County's ongoing investments in public safety infrastructure, such as the Central Intake and Assessment Center, we see the Mt. Clemens joint Fire and Sheriff Sub-Station Modernization project as an important step in reinforcing our commitment to supporting those who interact with public safety professionals. We look forward to further discussions on this initiative and continuing our transformative work in this area.

Sincerely,

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Mark A. Hackel
Macomb County Executive



March 31, 2025

Denise Mentzer
State Representative
Michigan's 61st District

The City of Mount Clemens is in desperate need to replace its obsolete fire station which was constructed over 58 years ago. The city commissioned a survey of the fire station and its city hall, which also houses the police substation, to determine if it would be cost effective to renovate the buildings. It was determined the most cost-effective approach would be to construct new facilities under one roof rather than attempt to renovate the existing structures. Both facilities are currently located on prime real estate property along the Clinton River within the footprint of the downtown.

The city has acquired a building located in its downtown district that will act as its new fire station, police substation and city hall. The building will need a sizeable addition and renovation to accommodate the fire department. Housing fire, police and city hall under one roof makes the most sense from a cost and operational standpoint. The move will allow the development of the riverfront property into multi-story riverfront condos with retail space on the first floor. Currently Mount Clemens has less than 100 residents residing in its downtown. This development will have a positive economic impact on the downtown by providing housing for over 200 residents within walking distance of the downtown area and will put the property back on the tax role. Locating the fire, police and city hall in the downtown footprint will also bring more daily traffic to the downtown businesses while providing proper facilities for fire and police protection.

The estimated cost for the fire station is 6 million dollars. Mount Clemens has too many financial restrictions to be able to afford a project of this magnitude. As the county seat of Macomb County, Mount Clemens is burdened with nearly 50% non-taxable property, which is the highest in the state. According to the 2022 census, Mount Clemens median household income is \$48,101 which is far below the Michigan median income of \$68,505 and we have a poverty rate of 19.1% and a 30% African American population. With nearly 50% of our property being non-taxable, there are no extra funds to support

this project. The annual maintenance and repair costs for these two aging facilities only add to the financial burden.

Mount Clemens has been designated a Justice40 Community. For the first time in our nation's history, the Federal Government has made it a goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain Federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened. The development of critical infrastructure falls within the Justice40 initiative.

I know your requests for assistance are many and the funds are limited. I hope Mount Clemens was able to show the dire need for assistance with our project. The economic and operational impact of this project for Mount Clemens will help boost its economy and provide safety and security for its residents and visitors. Thank you for your consideration and your service to our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Gregg S. Shipman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gregg" being more prominent.

Gregg S. Shipman
City Manager
Mount Clemens

