



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Jimmie
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Wilson
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:
Ypsilanti Historical Society, Inc.
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
220 N. Huron Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
220 N. Huron Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Jimmie Wilson, Jr. / 32
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. Founded in 1960, the nonprofit Ypsilanti Historical Society owns and operates the Ypsilanti History Center. The Ypsilanti Historical Society has 441 paid memberships and a debt free annual budget of approximately \$85,000.

The Ypsilanti History Center serves the public in person Tuesday through Saturday from 2 to 5; electronically, people from all over the world; and local governmental agencies. The Ypsilanti Historical Society does not receive financial support from any

governmental agency for the operation of our museum and archives.

We partner with the Preservation Studies program at Eastern Michigan University by sharing the cost of two graduate interns, one for the archives and the second for the museum. Two courses offered by the program are taught on site in the museum.

This project will replace the roof of the Ypsilanti History Center, which houses a museum and archive space. The center is in a historic property and needs to follow local historic preservation standards. This will preserve the historic feel of the building and neighborhood, while continuing to protect and house the wonderful historic artifacts and documents stored there.

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.

140000

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

["None"]

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

Non-profit organization

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

Yes

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

Yes

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

Yes

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.'

President Bill Nickels Vice President Al Rudisill, Treasurer Amy Singer, Secretary Pattie Harrington, Trustees Nancy Balough, Maria Davis, Jerry Jennings, Rick Katon, Marcia McCrary, Kirk Profit, Tom Warner

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:

November 2025 - November 2026

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

Yes

Earmark Request

Ypsilanti Historical Society Inc

Spring, 2025

Request:

The Ypsilanti Historical Society Inc is the owner of the Ypsilanti History Center. We are requesting \$140,000 for replacing the roofs on our Ypsilanti History Center's 1860 mansion with standing seam metal roofs.



Ypsilanti History Center, 220 N Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Why a standing seam metal roof?

Although more expensive than asphalt roofing, standing seam metal roofing has a much longer life. The standing seam metal roof on the Starkweather Farmhouse at 1266 North Huron River Drive in Ypsilanti was installed when the house was built in 1844 and is still functional.



1844 Starkweather Farmhouse at 1266 North Huron River Drive

With a new standing seam metal roof which will have a long life, solar panels will be added.

The State of Michigan has a history of contributing to the preservation of Ypsilanti's 19th Century buildings. Governor Granholm included a standing seam metal roof during her restoration of Ypsilanti's Freighthouse.



Ypsilanti Freighthouse

Background:

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Eastern Michigan University Preservation Studies students learn the best practice for the storage of a collection.