



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Joey
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Andrews
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:
South Haven Area Water Sewer Authority
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
1199 8th Ave. South Haven, MI 49090
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
South Haven Area Water Sewer Authority - 1199 8th Ave. South Haven, MI 49090
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Joey Andrews, House District 38
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 requested funding will offset user costs for existing users in Covert Township as the sewer project progresses, ensuring that ratepayers are not unduly burdened during the transition to improved wastewater infrastructure. This support is critical to advancing a regional approach to wastewater management that provides substantial public benefits.

The project delivers clear public benefits by enabling infrastructure improvements to the Southwest Horizon Authority Wastewater System Administration (SHAWSA) collection system and Wastewater Treatment Plant. Currently, Holtec Palisades, Covert Township, and Van Buren State Park each operate separate wastewater treatment systems. These

systems face challenges related to limited capacity, physical space constraints, and regulatory compliance, necessitating significant upgrades.

By connecting to SHAWSA's regional system, these entities can consolidate operations, share infrastructure costs, and eliminate the need for duplicative capital and operational expenditures. This regional strategy enhances long-term cost efficiency and resilience in wastewater management.

The project will also support the recommissioning of the Palisades Power Plant and the future development of Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) on the site, which are key to advancing clean energy and economic growth in the region. Without the expanded wastewater capacity, these developments cannot proceed.

Additionally, this investment will directly improve water quality by reducing or eliminating current discharges from Covert Township and Van Buren State Park that struggle to meet discharge permit requirements. The improved treatment capacity at SHAWSA will better protect the region's waterways and ecosystems.

Constitutional Compliance (Article IV, Section 30)

This legislatively directed spending item is in compliance with Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution, as it does not constitute a grant of public funds to a private entity. Rather, the funds are directed to a public authority (SHAWSA) to facilitate infrastructure improvements that serve multiple public entities and advance a regional solution to wastewater treatment. The expenditure is for a public purpose—protecting water quality, supporting public infrastructure, and enabling economic development—and therefore represents an appropriate and constitutional use of taxpayer funding.

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.

15000000

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

["Private", "Local"]

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

South Haven Area Water Sewer Authority

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:

Fall 2025 design - Fall 2029 end construction

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

Yes