



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:
City of St. Joseph
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
700 Broad St., St. Joseph, MI 49085
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
City of St. Joseph - 700 Broad St., St. Joseph, MI 49085
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.
This legislatively directed spending item supports a study authorized by the Water Resources Development Act of 2024 to assess the navigational and economic benefits of deepening the outer and inner harbor in St. Joseph, Michigan. Currently, the project depths are 21 feet for the outer harbor and 18 feet for the inner harbor and turning basin. This study is a proactive investment in infrastructure resilience and economic sustainability for Southwest Michigan and the broader Great Lakes region.

The public benefit of this study is clear: it seeks to improve maritime efficiency and reduce the frequency and cost of emergency dredging by evaluating the feasibility of increased harbor depths. Shoaling in the St. Joseph Harbor frequently impairs navigation and requires emergency intervention to maintain safe and functional shipping routes. A deeper harbor could enhance vessel capacity utilization, improve the reliability of material delivery—particularly aggregate critical to regional road construction—and increase the overall economic output of the port and surrounding communities.

This expenditure is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding because it supports long-term infrastructure planning that can reduce future public expenditures on emergency dredging and improve supply chain reliability for essential public works. It also aligns with federal priorities under the Water Resources Development Act and leverages state and local interest in a key commercial waterway.

This legislatively directed spending item does not violate Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution. The funding does not represent a grant or loan to a private entity but rather supports a federally authorized Army Corps of Engineers study that benefits the general public and regional economy, rather than any specific private interest.

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.

1500000

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

["Federal"]

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:

November of 2026 through April of 2029

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

Yes