

## HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name: Karen

2. The sponsoring representative's last name: Whitsett

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 Detroit – Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD)
- 5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for: 735 Randolph St, Detroit, MI 48226
- 6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity: Citywide
- 7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:

All representatives whose districts include portions of the City of Detroit.

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. DWSD is one of the largest water and sewerage utilities in the US serving more than 200,000 Detroit residential and commercial accounts. In order to better serve its residential customers who are experiencing financial challenges, DSWD along with community partners offer Lifeline, a water assistance program for income qualified households. The program addresses account arrearages, lowers monthly bills to a fixed amount, provides shut off protection, and offers water conversation services. Funding from the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) and other sources will not be enough to

meet the needs of DWSD customers and sustain the program through the year. The gap funding needed is \$20 million.

9. Attach documents here if needed:

N/A

- 10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item. 20,000,000
- 11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.

[Federal, State, Local, Private]

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: Upon receipt until Sept. 30, 2026.

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