



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Nancy
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Jenkins-Arno
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.
Senator Bellino
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Lenawee Now
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
5285 W US Highway 223, Adrian, MI 49221
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
City of Adrian Riverfront
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Rep. Nancy Jenkins-Arno – District 34
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. Work with the city's downtown development authority to remove blight; incentivize new residential development and revitalize the riverfront in Downtown Adrian all public spaces and benefits to the taxpayer. This is project that is nearing the completion phase and will have a direct impact on the City of Adrian.
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.

5000000

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:

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.'

Mindy Bradish-Orta, Chair Jim Kapnick, Vice Chair Jason Hess, Treasurer Arell Chapman Edward Engle, III Rick Gurdjian (Jan Mark Haag Jim Williams Julie K. Yaroach, DO Patrick D. Farver (Ex-Officio)

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:

2027

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

Yes

April 9, 2025

Representative Nancy Jenkins-Arno
Anderson House Office Building
N-798 House Office Building
Lansing, MI 48933



Dear Representative Jenkins-Arno,

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Furthermore, the project includes plans for increased urban residential offerings. By developing new housing options along the riverfront, we aim to attract new residents to our city center, increasing density and contributing to the vibrancy of our community. This will support local businesses and create a more dynamic downtown environment.

Finally, the Adrian Riverfront Project prioritizes building resiliency in Adrian's economy, environment, and infrastructure. This will be achieved through investments in sustainable development and infrastructure, ensuring a resilient urban environment that supports economic growth while protecting our natural resources.

The City of Adrian believes that the Adrian Riverfront Project is vital to our city's future. It will not only improve the physical landscape but also strengthen our community and economy. We urge you to lend your support to this transformative project and assist us in securing the necessary resources for its completion.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Vince Emrick
City Administrator
City of Adrian



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Harry "Dusty" Steele
Chairperson, Adrian Main Street
City of Adrian, Michigan



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P.O. BOX 30014
LANSING, MI 48909-7514

MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NANCY JENKINS-ARNO
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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April 10th, 2025

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of Lenawee Now's grant request for the Adrian Riverfront Project. This project will greatly impact the City of Adrian and Lenawee County in a sustainable way, which will further the economic development of our community for generations.

The Adrian Riverfront Project will aid in blight removal, the creation of urban residential housing, and the development of sustainable infrastructure for the City of Adrian. The project is well underway. With an additional investment of \$5 million through a legislative directed grant, the Riverfront Project will reach completion.

In order to be fully competitive, Michigan must ensure that our communities are places to build a career, raise a family, and attract visitors. The Adrian Riverfront Project checks all these boxes. I join the City of Adrian, and the Adrian Downtown Development Authority in enthusiastic support of Lenawee Now's Adrian Riverfront Project. I strongly encourage the approval of their request for \$5 million in state funding to complete the work.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have further questions, please reach out to my office at nancyjenkinsarno@house.mi.gov or call 517-373-8808.

Sincerely,

Nancy Jenkins-Arno
State Representative
District 34

DOWNTOWN ADRIAN RIVERFRONT PLAN



The City of Adrian continues to expand on the 2019 Strategic Action Plan and the City of Adrian's Downtown Development Plan by envisioning development along the River Raisin. The initial phase has included rehabilitation of adjacent historic properties for housing and commerce, development of a public space, and expanded access to the Kiwanis Regional Trail.



The Park House is the rehabilitation of three downtown buildings that are being transformed into twelve apartments on the second and third floors and the ground floor will consist of a restaurant, retail, and a classroom space for a local college. This is a \$12,500,000 project with a \$3,500,000 contribution from the Enhancement Grant. Construction will be completed in 2025.



The Winter Street Walk and Bike Loop is a project that will connect the Kiwanis Regional Trail to the downtown via a protected bike loop. The project will calm traffic on Winter Street and project a downtown street setting to improve commerce and walkability. This project has a \$5,100,000 contribution from the Enhancement grant and a \$5,500,000 MDOT TAP Grant allocation.

Construction will take place in 2026.



The Town Square is the development of a public space to include a gathering area, bandshell, micro-retail, and an art and sculpture park. This project has a \$2,500,000 contribution from the Enhancement Grant and a \$1,000,000 local private donation. Construction will take place in 2025.



Property acquisition from DTE and clean up of multiple sites is crucial to the success of the project. All properties are adjacent to the River Raisin, a major water way in southeastern Michigan.

The high demand for housing has adversely affected the local market. Increasing housing stock will provide a growth opportunity for the community and local businesses.

Recent improvements to city infrastructure and addition of bike lanes connecting the regional trail to the downtown allows for increased focus on the riverfront and the areas environmental blight.



PLACEMAKING

Public Space
River Ecosystem
Walkability

HOUSING

100 units
Adjacent to Riverfront
In the Historic Downtown

The next phase of the project will be the development of the housing on the Winter Street. This will include the acquisition of additional adjacent property to the North. These properties will overlook the River Raisin and the future River Raisin Park. An important part of this phase will be the negation of the DTE - Citizens Gas property, the anticipated location of the future River Raisin Park.

City of Adrian, 135 E Maumee St, Adrian, MI 49221