



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Pauline
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Wendzel
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:
Van Buren County
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
219 E. Paw Paw St. Suite 302
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
Van Buren County
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Pauline Wendzel, D39
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 purpose of the funding is to assist Van Buren County in building a new 911/Emergency Operations Center.

In light of the restart of the Palisades Nuclear Power plant, this critical infrastructure project will significantly enhance the county's ability to respond to emergencies, protect public safety, and ensure the resilience of local communities. The re-start of the plant brings with it an increased need for an efficient, coordinated emergency response

infrastructure. A centralized 911 Dispatch EOC will provide a vital hub for managing any crises that may arise, facilitating real-time communication and coordination between local, state, and federal agencies.

Compliance with Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution:

This appropriation request aligns with Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution, which prohibits state appropriations to private entities unless they serve a valid public purpose. The funding will be directed to Van Buren County, a governmental entity, for the construction of a new 911/Emergency Operations Center (EOC), which is a core function of public safety and emergency response.

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.

2000000

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:

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:

The county has also approved on an expedited basis at their March 11th board of commissioners to submit an application for Federally Directed Spending, however, they have not received it. With the plant scheduled to come online by the end of this year, the county is moving quickly to construct this new center.

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

Yes