



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:
Southwest Michigan Regional Airport
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
1123 Territorial Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
Southwest Michigan Regional Airport - 1123 Territorial Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022
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 proposed spending item aims to enhance the operational efficiency and safety of the Southwest Michigan Regional Airport through several critical infrastructure improvements. These improvements include the acquisition of two used pieces of equipment for snow removal, construction of a maintenance taxiway, painting and crack filling, and the establishment of a local hangar.

Public Benefit and Appropriate Use of Taxpayer Funding

1. Snow Removal Equipment: The two used pieces of equipment, a tractor and a Kubota bobcat, will be utilized for snow removal at the airport. The Kubota has a local service provider, and there is also a local John Deere service provider, ensuring timely maintenance and support. This equipment is essential for keeping the runway clear of ice and snow during the winter months, thereby ensuring safe operations for all airport users.

2. Maintenance Taxiway: Currently, the maintenance taxiway lacks funding. Our airport is situated in an economically disadvantaged area, limiting access to local funding. However, maintaining the taxiway is crucial for ensuring the runway remains operational and safe during winter. This investment will directly benefit the public by enhancing airport safety and reliability.

3. Local Hangar: The construction of a local hangar is intended to attract local businessmen to use our airport. This will foster economic independence by bringing additional funding and increasing airport usage. The hangar will serve as a catalyst for local economic growth and development, providing a significant public benefit.

4. Painting and Crack Filling: The crack and mark filling are essential for the safe operations of our airport. These maintenance activities will prevent further deterioration of the runway and taxiways, ensuring a safe environment for aircraft operations.

Compliance with Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution

The proposed spending item does not violate Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution.

The improvements serve a clear public purpose by enhancing airport safety, reliability, and economic development. The use of taxpayer funding for these projects is justified as they provide substantial public benefits and do not involve the appropriation of public money or property for local or private purposes without the necessary legislative approval.

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.

1134000

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:

Regional General Aviation Facility

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 equipment and crack filling line painting items could be used before the end of July 2026. The maintenance taxilane and hangar development may take until the end of 2029.

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

Yes