



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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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:  
City of Watervliet
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
158 W. Pleasant St. Watervliet, MI 49098
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  
City of Watervliet
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 requested appropriation will fund the reconstruction of E. St. Joseph Street in the City of Watervliet, a critical local roadway that has deteriorated to an unacceptable condition. The poor state of the road poses significant safety hazards for motorists, emergency vehicles, and pedestrians, while also contributing to vehicle damage and increased maintenance costs for residents and businesses.

This project provides a clear public benefit by improving transportation infrastructure,

enhancing safety, and supporting economic activity in the community. E. St. Joseph Street serves as a key connector for local commerce, schools, and residential neighborhoods, making its repair essential to maintaining quality of life and economic stability in the area. Additionally, improved road conditions will help attract business investment and ensure efficient access for emergency responders.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding because local infrastructure is a core function of government, and the City of Watervliet lacks the necessary resources to complete this project independently. State support ensures that essential road repairs can be made without placing an undue financial burden on local taxpayers.

This funding request complies with Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution, which prohibits state appropriations to private entities unless a valid public purpose is served. The reconstruction of E. St. Joseph Street is a clear public infrastructure improvement that directly benefits all residents and does not provide financial gain to a private entity.

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.**

180000

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

["Federal","State","Local"]

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 road is deteriorating rapidly after a brutal freeze/thaw cycle this past winter. As soon as they have the funds, they'll execute repairs.

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

Yes