



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Kathy
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Schmaltz
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:
Jackson County
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
120 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson MI 49201
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
119 W. North St., Jackson MI 49201
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
HD 46 - Kathy Schmaltz
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. Jackson County acquired three parcels of property from The Enterprise Group in 2019 that is the site of Michigan's first state prison from 1838 to 1934. The property, which is surround by stone walls on three sides, also served as an Armory during World War II, the Vietnam War, and the Gulf War.

As Jackson County seeks partners and opportunities to activate the space, they have been working toward the concept of a year-round farm stop (locally sourced grocery store) that

will create local jobs, create additional market opportunities for local farmers and value-added food producers, strengthen the regional food economy, and position Jackson to better participate in statewide local food economy development efforts. It will also create an opportunity for the greater Jackson community to access fresh local food items in a reliable and sustainable manner.

This project is a prime example of a public-private partnership as the County will partner with a non-profit organization to operate the indoor space. The outdoor space will bring this space to life, creating a community gathering place for both local residents and visitors to the County. The location also serves as a trailhead for our local trail system, as well as the state-wide Iron Belle Trail and Great Lake to Lake Trail.

This project is an incredible use of taxpayer dollars because it develops the necessary infrastructure to support growing small businesses. It also engenders new businesses to start in Jackson due to the increased market penetration opportunities and business model viability a locally sourced grocery store will provide. It will also create more opportunities for Jackson families to participate in the local food economy and create more fresh food access opportunities in and around the City of Jackson. First year ROI is estimated at 140% in return to farmers and food producers, with expected year-over-year increases to follow.

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.

350000

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

["Federal","State","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:

Anticipated opening date of June 2026 with no planned ending date. We will work within the time constraints of the appropriation.

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

Yes