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## Request for Legislatively Directed Spending - Odor & Corrosion Control Facility (OMIDDD)

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### Project Summary

**Requested Amount:** \$2.5 million

**Project Site:** 15 Mile Road & ITC Corridor, Sterling Heights

**Project Timeline:** January 15 - November 30, 2026

**Lead Entity:** Oakland-Macomb Interceptor Drain Drainage District (OMIDDD)

The purpose of this request is to construct a permanent **odor and corrosion control facility** at a critical sewer junction in Sterling Heights. This location has been plagued for decades by hydrogen sulfide gas (H<sub>2</sub>S) emissions that:

- Create persistent nuisance odors
- Cause structural corrosion within the interceptor system
- Impact residents, schools, public safety, and parks in the vicinity

This is the final phase in a regionally coordinated odor mitigation plan developed through Jacobs Engineering's 2023 study.

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### Impacted Population

- **Direct Impact Area:** ~50,000 people live or work within a 2-mile radius, including:
  - Sterling Heights High School
  - Fire Station No. 4
  - Dodge Park, Plumbrook Nature Preserve
  - Residential subdivisions and businesses
- **Regional Impact:** Infrastructure supports 850,000+ people across:
  - Macomb and Oakland Counties



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- Cities including Warren, Troy, Clinton Twp, Royal Oak, and others

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### Project Components

- Gas collection piping and vent enclosures
- Activated carbon biofilters to remove H<sub>2</sub>S
- Mechanical blowers for air treatment
- Site enhancement: decorative fencing and landscaping

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### Key Considerations

- **No previous state or federal earmarks, grants, or loans** for this site
- **Not prompted by a regulatory violation** - this is a proactive infrastructure improvement
- **Not well-suited for competitive funding streams** – odor control rarely qualifies
- **Minimal administrative costs** - <5%; majority of funds go to direct project costs
- Project is **shovel-ready** and locally supported by Macomb County Public Works

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### Constitutional Compliance

This project qualifies under Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution. It is:

- A public improvement conducted by a local unit of government
  - Provides broad public health, safety, and environmental benefit
  - No private pecuniary interest is involved
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