



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 03/12/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Joseph N. Bellino Jr.

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

Joseph Bellino

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

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4. Physical address of legislatively directed spending item recipient and the intended location of the project or activity:

5285 W US Hwy 223 Ste A, Adrian, MI 49221

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

380284520

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$2,500,000.00

7. What is the purpose and how does the legislatively directed spending item provide a public benefit that is an appropriate use of taxpayer money?

The Adrian Riverfront Project represents a smart, long-term investment of taxpayer dollars that strengthens core public infrastructure while delivering broad community benefits. By stabilizing aging riverbanks, improving flood mitigation, and reusing existing assets such as bridges and utilities, the project reduces future repair costs and protects surrounding roads, public facilities, and downtown property. Strategic use of infrastructure further lowers long-term maintenance expenses while improving system resilience. This approach ensures taxpayer funds are spent efficiently—addressing critical infrastructure needs today while avoiding higher costs tomorrow and supporting sustainable economic growth.

- 8. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received or been awarded any of the following types of funding in the past 5 years? If so, how much? Check all that apply:**

State

Amount

\$15,000,000.00

- 9. Estimated time frame for completion of the legislatively directed spending item project:**

March 2027 - November 2027

- 10. Is the recipient a nonprofit corporation?**

Yes

Additional Information for Nonprofit Corporations (if applicable)

The answer to questions 1 to 3 must be "Yes" for the nonprofit corporation to qualify for a legislatively directed spending item.

- 1. Has the nonprofit corporation continuously operated in this state for the preceding 36 months?**

Yes

- 2. Has the nonprofit corporation had a physical office in this state for not less than the preceding 12 consecutive months?**

Yes

- 3. Does the organization have a board of directors?**

Yes

- 4. List all of the officers and active members on the board of directors:**

Jim Kapnick Arell Chapman Jason Hess Mindy Bradish-Orta Rick Gurdjian Mark Haag
Julie Yaroch Jed Engle John Gramm Pat Farver Tim Robinson

Certification By Sponsoring Legislator

"I certify that my immediate family members, legislative staff members, and I have no direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the requested legislatively directed spending item."

"I certify that the intended recipient of this legislatively directed spending item is not a for-profit entity."

*"I certify that the information in this form is true to the best of my knowledge."
Senator Joseph N. Bellino Jr.*