



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Sue Shink

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Huron River Watershed Council

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

117 N. 1st Street Suite 100 Ann Arbor, MI 48104

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

38-1806452

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$350,000.00

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 Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) will restore, promote, and enhance the Huron River Water Trail through a two-year initiative uniting habitat restoration, public access, and community engagement. The 104-mile nationally and state designated trail links wetlands, forests, floodplains, and aquatic ecosystems previously restored through decades of investment. However, since 2019, the trail has lacked dedicated funding, leading to erosion at launches, invasive species, and declining site conditions. HRWC and partners will address these issues with at least eight annual site improvements over two years—erosion control, invasive removal, habitat-friendly access upgrades, signage, and other interventions that span across Wayne, Washtenaw, Livingston, and Oakland Counties—alongside river cleanups, paddling programs, and community events. Engagement is central. Ypsilanti's Fall

River Day will attract hundreds with free kayaking, education, and cultural programming. Summer interns will gain hands-on leadership in restoration while working on restoring the Trail. Guided paddles with partners will ensure underrepresented groups feel welcome, while a dedicated paddle with community leaders and funders will strengthen partnerships and visibility. Public education through kiosks, digital campaigns, and other trail signage will extend impact. Together, these strategies will bring back the Huron River Water Trail to a premier status through stewardship, access, equity, and engagement.

- 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:**

N/A

Amount

N/A

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

10/1/26-9/30/28

- 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:

City of Ann Arbor: Janis Bobrin, Cheryl Darnton, Molly Maciejewski, Richard Norton
Ann Arbor Township: Diane O'Connell; Vice Chair Barton Hills Village: Vacant City of
Belleville: Vacant City of Brighton: Vacant City of Chelsea: Steven Wright Commerce
Township: Peter Schappach City of Dexter: Sanam Aldag Dexter Township: Suzanne
Bade, Mark Teicher City of Flat Rock: James Martin Genoa Township: Dan Kashian,
Craig Lesley Green Oak Township: Brian Lassaline Hamburg Township: Amber
Bismack Huron Township: Kelly Trombly Lima Township: Bill VanRiper Livingston
County: Scott Barb, Mitch Dempsey Village of Milford: Bree Bouwer Milford Township:
Mary Bajcz Northfield Township: Marissa Prizgint, Steve Sherman Oakland County:
Vacant Village of Pinckney: Matt Stuk Pittsfield Township: Theresa Tupacz, Matt
Catanzarite Putnam Township: Jim Jensen City of Rockwood: Vacant Salem
Township: Sue Bejin Scio Township: Bob Hyde South Lyon: Alexander Hansen,
Suzann Martin Village of South Rockwood: Matt LaFleur; Chair Superior Township:
Curt Wolf Van Buren Township: Philip Peters Walled Lake: Vacant Washtenaw County:
Andrea Pierce, Charles DeGryse, Matt Doss, Yousef Rabhi Wayne County: Vacant
Webster Township: Kay Stremmler West Bloomfield Township: Belinda Friis; Treasurer
White Lake Township: Meg Koss City of Wixom: Vacant Village of Wolverine Lake:
Vacant City of Ypsilanti: Evan Sweet, Kirsten Mowrey Ypsilanti Township: Dave
Bowman, Debbie Swanson

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 Sue Shink*