



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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Date Submitted: 04/10/2026

**1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:**

Senator Darrin Camilleri

**2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):**

Darrin Camilleri

**3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:**

City of Southgate

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

14400 Dix-Toledo Road, Southgate, MI 48195 Project Location: Various locations throughout Southgate.

**5. The recipient's employer identification number:**

38-6034466

**6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:**

\$6,500,000.00

**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 City of Southgate is seeking funds for water main infrastructure replacement. Southgate's aging water distribution system, much of it over 70 years old, has become increasingly prone to water main breaks. In the past two years, the City has experienced a record number of failures, disrupting service to residents, schools, and businesses and impacting daily life and economic activity. To address this issue, the City has successfully utilized a cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining process for over 15 years. This cost-effective method extends the lifespan of water mains by 50 years or more. Additionally, the City has identified 19,288 linear feet of water mains most at risk of failure, primarily in densely populated neighborhoods. However, due to financial constraints, only about 1,500 feet can be addressed every other year

without significantly increasing rates. A comprehensive five-year plan has been developed to rehabilitate these critical sections at an estimated cost of \$13,172,820. Support for this project will help ensure reliable and affordable water service for more than 30,000 residents and local businesses while reducing disruptions and improving long-term system reliability.

- 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:**

Local

**Amount**

\$2,200,000.00

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

End of 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:**

Joseph Kuspa - Mayor Zoey Kuspa - Councilwoman Christian Graziani - Councilman  
Karen George - Councilwoman Phillip Rauch - Councilman Priscilla Ayres-Reiss -  
Councilwoman Ed Gawlik Jr - Councilman Adriene Price - Councilman

*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 Darrin Camilleri*