



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/10/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Kevin Hertel

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

St. Clair Shores Fire Department

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

Rigid Hull Twin Engine Fire/Rescue Boat

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

38-6004730

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$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 current water rescue capability relies on an inflatable boat with a 25hp motor, which is effective for inshore and flood situations but requires approximately 10 minutes to deploy, limiting timely response along the six miles of shoreline. Its slow speed, limited capacity of two seated patients, full exposure to the elements, and inability to support nighttime operations further constrain effectiveness. Additionally, with the Coast Guard only part-time and the nearest support over 20 minutes away, response gaps remain. Funding would enable acquisition of a larger, ready-to-deploy vessel that reduces response times, accommodates multiple patients, and supports fire suppression and water supply in areas with limited access, such as canal streets and marinas. Enhanced capabilities, including all-weather and nighttime operations with a cabin and infrared camera, would also support future expansion to a dive

team, provide on-site operator training, and serve as a shared regional asset through mutual aid.

- 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:**

24 Month build time after order

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

No

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?**

No

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

No

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

No

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

N/A

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 Kevin Hertel