



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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:

Charter Township of Brownstown (Brownstown Fire Department)

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

24150 Sibley Rd, Brownstown Township, MI 48174

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

386006887

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$1,520,000.00

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 Fire Department recently sold its ladder truck, a 2000 Pierce Aerial Truck, which has exceeded its expected service life. Industry standards typically place ladder trucks at a 15–20-year life span, and this apparatus is now 26 years old. Due to its age and escalating mechanical and safety issues, the truck requires extensive repairs to remain operational. They have received an offer of \$100,000 from an out-of-state fire department, which we believe represents a responsible opportunity to divest the unit and avoid further costs and liability. In addition, the department is sending its only backup fire engine to auction after it failed a DOT inspection and was found to require over \$100,000 in repairs to return it to service. Once these actions are completed, the Township will be operating with only two engines to serve the entire community. They are currently evaluating options for the purchase of a new,

smaller, and more versatile ladder truck that could serve both as a ladder apparatus and as a backup engine, significantly improving flexibility and resilience while better aligning with modern operational needs. The department provides automatic mutual aid with the City of Trenton, and the availability of a reliable ladder truck is a critical component of that partnership. Ensuring that the department maintains a modern, dependable ladder truck directly enhances the level of service and life safety protection available to Trenton residents when mutual aid is required. Securing this funding would not only strengthen fire protection within Brownstown Township but also reinforce regional emergency response capabilities through the established Downriver mutual aid agreements. State funding or financing assistance represents the most sustainable solution, allowing BFD to maintain adequate fire protection, responsibly manage taxpayer resources, and ensure the safety of both our residents and firefighters.

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:

Request for bids for the new ladder truck have gone out on MITN with a 02/11/2026 closing date. The department is planning to sign a contract with the most appropriate manufacturer to lock in escalating pricing and begin the approximate 14-month building process.

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:

Supervisor - Sherry Berecz Clerk - Maureen Brinker Treasurer - Michael Eberth
Trustee - Steven Allen Trustee - David Chapman Trustee - Roger Jones Trustee -
Patrick Killian

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