



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/09/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Mark Huizenga

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

County of Kent

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

Recipient: 300 Monroe Avenue NW Grand Rapids, MI 49503 - Location of Project

Activity: 6624 Belmont Ave NE, Belmont, MI 49306

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

386004862

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$438,500.00

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 proposed state property is adjacent to Kent County's Rouge River Park. If acquired, the property would be added to the parkland, permanently preserving the land for public use. The County would eventually plan to add natural surface trails and amenities to enhance the experience around the ponds.

- 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:**

December 31, 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:**

Ben Greene, Chair; Lindsey Thiel, Vice Chair; Steve Faber, Minority Vice Chair; Liz Morse, Commissioner; Jennifer Merchant, Commissioner; Katie DeBoer, Commissioner; Dave Hildenbrand, Commissioner; Stan Stek, Commissioner; Stan Ponstein, Commissioner; Dan Burrill, Commissioner; Matt Kallman, Commissioner; Robin Halsted, Commissioner; Monica Sparks, Commissioner; Michelle McCloud, Commissioner; Carol Hennessy, Commissioner; Lisa Oliver-King, Commissioner; Melissa LaGrand, Commissioner; Robert Womack, Commissioner; Kris Pachla, Commissioner; Nancy Morales, Commissioner; Walter Bujak, Commissioner; Emily Brieve

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 Mark Huizenga*