



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/10/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Sue Shink

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

Mary Cavanagh

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Michigan Task Force 1/Michigan MABAS

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

Main office: 5967 Bedford Place, Ann Arbor MI 48105 Mobilization Center: 7377 Grange Hall Road, Holly MI 48442

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

46-5580218

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$1,000,000.00

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?

Since 2014, Michigan MABAS (MI-MABAS) has received an annual State of Michigan direct appropriation to sustain Michigan Task Force 1 (MI-TF1) operations as Michigan's only FEMANIMS Type III Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Task Force and Type I Swiftwater/Floodwater Rescue Team. This annual appropriation represents the Task Force's sole source of recurring operational revenue and is essential to maintaining statewide readiness. MI-TF1 has deployed to multiple large/complex incidents and disasters, both in-state and interstate (EMAC or state-to-state mutual aid). MI-TF1 stands as a critical component of Michigan's emergency response framework—providing advanced technical rescue capabilities to local jurisdictions during complex, high-risk incidents and disasters that exceed local capacity. MI-

MABAS is the government entity who is the fiduciary for its Special Operations emergency response resource, which is MI-TF1. This legislatively directed spending item will ensure uninterrupted operational readiness and statewide response capability. MI-TF1 consists of 140 of Michigan's most highly trained and specialty-equipped firefighters and rescue professionals. The Task Force deploys in support of: Structural collapse and building failure operations, Swiftwater and floodwater rescue operations, Wide-area search missions, K9 teams for live-find and human remains detection, Complex technical rescue incidents, Major disasters and State Declarations of Emergency. MI-TF1 supports local fire departments statewide, county Emergency Managers, and works in coordination with the Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division as part of the State of Michigan's Emergency Management Plan (EMP). The Task Force provides surge capacity when local resources are overwhelmed—ensuring that no Michigan community faces catastrophic incidents without access to advanced rescue capabilities. The annual appropriation sustains the full operational infrastructure necessary to deploy and self-sustain for up to 10 mission days without reliance on local logistics. Annual appropriation supports: Task Force Mobilization Center logistics and facility management (located in Holly, MI), 15 - response vehicles, 10 - specialty trailers, 6 - rescue boats, 4 - heavy-duty box trucks, Equipment maintenance and lifecycle replacement, Administration and coordination, Training, exercises, and readiness validation, Technology and interoperable communications, Logistical support for extended-duration incident operations. This funding ensures immediate mobilization capability, operational self-sufficiency, and compliance with national standards for Type III US&R and Type I Swiftwater/Floodwater Response. Beyond emergency response, MI-TF1 plays a leadership role in strengthening Michigan's fire service and emergency management network. Annual scope of work includes: Review and validation of Fire Special Operations teams, Expansion and exercise of the Statewide Notification and Response Network, Integration of Fire Special Operations resources with local and regional partners, Coordination with state agencies to enhance response interoperability. These efforts build statewide resilience, improve operational coordination, and enhance Michigan's ability to manage increasingly complex emergencies. The State's investment in MI-TF1 represents a cost-effective strategy to maintain specialized rescue capabilities without requiring each jurisdiction to independently fund and sustain high-cost technical rescue and Fire Special Operations teams. Without continued appropriation, Michigan would face: Degradation of specialized rescue capability, Loss of trained personnel due to lack of sustainment funding, Reduced readiness during major disasters, Increased financial burden on local governments. Sustaining MI-TF1 ensures preparedness, protects life and property, and strengthens Michigan's statewide emergency response framework. MI-MABAS / MI-TF1 has received an annual state budget direct appropriation since 2014. Over that period, the appropriation has moved from the Michigan State Police to Department of Treasury, to now the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (BFS).

- 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:**

State

Amount

\$7,000,000.00

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

10/1/26-9/30/27

- 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 Sue Shink