



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/02/2026

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

Senator Jim Runestad

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

N/A

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

Charter Township of Waterford -Regional Fire Department

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

Recipient- 5200 Civic Center Drive, Waterford, MI 48329 Intended Location- 3995 W. Walton Blvd. Waterford, MI 48329. The township owns vacant property where the fire station will be constructed.

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

386007299

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

\$2,000,000.00

**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?**

This request seeks funding for the construction of a modern regional fire station to replace an aging and obsolete facility that has served the community for over 70 years. Located in the northeast corner of Waterford Township, this new station will serve as a first-response hub for the residents of Waterford Township, the City of Pontiac, and the City of Lake Angelus, as well as surrounding mutual aid communities. The existing station—built nearly 75 years ago—is no longer safe or functional. It is currently staffed 24/7/365 by four firefighters, housing one fire engine and one advanced life support (ALS) ambulance. However, the facility's critical infrastructure systems— including the foundation, structural components, HVAC,

plumbing, and electrical—are severely deteriorated and beyond their useful life. This creates an unsafe environment for the dedicated personnel who operate from this station and limits their ability to respond effectively to emergencies. The replacement of this outdated facility is not simply a matter of convenience—it is a public safety imperative. The new regional fire station will be designed to meet the operational demands of a 21st-century fire service and will:

- Provide faster, more reliable emergency response to a growing and diverse regional population.
- Improve firefighter safety and readiness with a facility built to modern health, safety, and efficiency standards.
- Strengthen mutual aid capacity by supporting surrounding jurisdictions during largescale emergencies or resource shortages.
- Protect life and property more effectively through improved logistics, equipment housing, and communications infrastructure.
- Build long-term community resilience by reinforcing the public’s trust in its emergency response systems and showing a proactive investment in essential services.

This is a sound, responsible use of taxpayer dollars—an investment that will yield measurable benefits in lives saved, property protected, and stronger regional collaboration for decades to come.

**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 2027

**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 Jim Runestad*