



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative. s first name **Jennifer**
2. The sponsoring representative. s last name **Conlin**
3. The cosponsoring representatives. names' All cosponsors must be listed' If none, please type 'n/a'. A signed letter from the sponsor approving the co-sponsorship and a signed letter from the member wishing to co-sponsor are required. Attach letters at question #9 below.
n/a
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended **for Village of Pinckney MI**
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended **for 220 S Howell St, Pinckney MI 48169**
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity *n/a*
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located.

State Rep. Jennifer Conlin--House District 48

8. Purpose of the legislatively directed spending item. Please include how it provides a public benefit and why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding. Please also demonstrate that the item does not violate Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution.

- **Project Overview**

The Village of Pinckney is seeking legislatively directed spending to support the rehabilitation and reconstruction of three high-priority local streets that are critical to public safety, emergency access, and the daily movement of residents, businesses, and visitors. These roadways are experiencing significant deterioration due to age, traffic loading, and deferred maintenance, resulting in unsafe driving conditions and increasing long-term repair costs.

- Investment in these streets will preserve essential public infrastructure, improve roadway safety, and ensure reliable access for emergency services, school transportation, and local commerce.

- **Problem Statement**

- The Village of Pinckney, like many small Michigan communities, faces aging infrastructure and limited local revenue capacity to address major road failures. Several key streets have reached the end of their useful life, exhibiting pavement failure, base deterioration, drainage issues, and surface defects that pose risks to motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and emergency responders.

- Without timely intervention, continued deterioration will lead to higher reconstruction costs, increased vehicle damage claims, and potential safety hazards. Local funding sources alone are insufficient to address these needs at the necessary scale, making state partnership essential.

- **Proposed Solution**

Legislatively directed spending will enable the Village to undertake critical roadway improvements, which may include mill-and-overlay resurfacing or full-depth reconstruction depending on existing conditions. The project will:

- Restore safe and reliable road surfaces.
- Improve emergency vehicle response times.
- Reduce long-term maintenance and repair costs.
- Support local businesses and residential neighborhoods
- Enhance overall transportation efficiency within the Village. Final scopes and engineering designs will be developed in coordination with the Michigan Department of Transportation and local public works professionals.

- **Public Benefit**

This investment provides a clear and direct **public benefit** by improving publicly owned infrastructure that is open and accessible to all

residents, visitors, and service providers. Benefits include:

- Increased public safety for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists.
- Improved access for fire, police, EMS, and public services
- Protection of taxpayer investment through preventative infrastructure maintenance
- Support for economic stability by maintaining reliable transportation routes.
- Enhanced quality of life for Village residents

The project does not confer exclusive benefit to any private individual or entity and serves a broad public purpose consistent with state infrastructure priorities.

- **Compliance with Article IV, §30 of the Michigan Constitution**

This legislatively directed spending item **does not violate Article IV, §30 of the Michigan Constitution**. Funds will be used solely for public infrastructure improvements owned, maintained, and controlled by the Village of Pinckney, a local unit of government.

- No funds will be granted to private entities, individuals, or organizations. The expenditure serves a legitimate public purpose, provides a clear public benefit, and maintains public oversight and accountability consistent with constitutional requirements.
- Attach documents here if needed:

9. **Attachments added!**

10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item. **\$2,950,000.00**

11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.

1. No Prior funding from the state

12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:

Local unit of government

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 3 6 months?

14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?

15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?

7 members of the Village council

16. For a non-profit organization, list all the active members on the organization's board of directors and any other officers. If this question is not applicable, please type 'n/a.'

Jeffrey A Buerman – President, Justin Bierman – President Pro-tem, Robert Coppersmith Village council Member, Jo Self Village Council Member, Stacy Conquest Village Council Member, Keri Hochertz Village Council Member, Nick Kane Village council Member.

17. "I certify that neither the sponsoring representative nor the sponsoring representative's staff or immediate family has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending item. "

Yes, this is correct.

18. Anticipated start and end dates for the legislatively directed spending item:

August 1st, 2026, through Oct 31st, 2027.

19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate. **Yes! – Jeff Buerman Village of Pinckney**