



<b>Board:</b>	City Commission
<b>Agenda</b>	03/09/2026
<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Department:</b>	City Manager
<b>Presenter:</b>	Rob Spreitzer

## Staff Report

### Agenda Item Title:

Permission to submit a Request for Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) FY2027

### Background:

The city has been notified by Senator Gary Peters of the opportunity to Request (CDS) for high-impact public projects in Michigan. Shortly after receiving news from Senator Peters office, we had a phone call with Coleman Engineering regarding the possibility of submitting a CDS (earmark) request to fund the infrastructure for our North Shore Development Project. Coleman Engineering will work with the city to submit the request at no charge to the city. On March 4, 2026, we had an online meeting with Aubrey Moore, the Upper Peninsula Regional Director for Senator Peters. Ms. Moore was excited to hear about our project and advised us on which Subcommittee to select for our funding request. She also gave suggestions on who we should gather letters of support from when making our request. The deadline to submit request is March 27, 2026.

### Fiscal Effect:

We will be making a request for approximately \$7 million to fund the infrastructure for whole North Shore Project. The project could be 80% Federally Funded with the remaining 20% to be State or locally funded.

### Supporting Documentation:

Please find the attached letter from Senator Peters Office, FY2027 APPROPRIATIONS HANDBOOK and Engineers Opinion of Cost.

### Recommendation:

Make Motion to allow City Staff to submit request for CDS in the amount of \$7 million.