

**From:** Jonathan Smith <smithj@villageofclarkston.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 24, 2025 4:09 PM

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**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request of May 14, 2025

Hello Susan,

We received your bank check yesterday in the mail for the full amount of \$63.00. Following is a breakdown of the time required (all rounded down to the nearest ¼ hour) for this FOIA request:

1. June 2, 2025, Jonathan Smith, .50 hours to locate the various documents submitted online for Community Project Funding through Lisa McClain's website
2. June 2, 2025, Jonathan Smith, 1.5 hours to attempt to obtain a copy of the online grant application submission for Congressionally Directed Spending through Elissa Slotkin's website
3. June 3, 2025, Jonathan Smith, .25 hours to locate the various documents submitted online for Michigan Legislative Funding through Mike Harris's office
4. June 3, 2025, Angela Guillen, .50 hours to copy/duplicate documents, where necessary, from the above three grant applications
5. June 3, 2025, Jonathan Smith, .25 hours to locate the requested compensation/benefit documents (that was subsequently lowered from \$36,883 to \$33,180)

In response to your FOIA request, attached are the following four documents:

1. A copy of the grant application and all supporting documents for the U.S. Community Project Funding program through U.S. Representative Lisa McClain.
2. A copy of the grant request form for the U.S. Congressionally Directed Spending program through U.S. Senator Elissa Slotkin. Note: It was not possible to obtain a copy of the full online submission, but it closely mirrors the above Community Project Funding application.
3. A copy of the funding request email for the Michigan Legislative Directed Spending program through Michigan Representative Mike Harris.
4. Copies of the following three documents pertaining to Salary & Benefit included in the 25/26 FY Budget:
  - a. A revised copy of the "Revisited / Modified Increases for the 25/26 FY" reflecting a revised Administrative Staff Salary increase of \$33,180 (the \$36,883 increase shown in the May 12<sup>th</sup> Five Challenge Areas presentation was subsequently lowered to \$33,180).
  - b. A copy of the salary schedule as presented in the May 27<sup>th</sup> Budget Public Hearing and in the June 9<sup>th</sup> General Appropriations Act
  - c. A copy of the 25/26 FY Administrative Staff Salary & Benefit schedule

With this submission, this FOIA request is now considered complete and closed.

***Jonathan Smith***

City Manager, City of the Village of Clarkston

375 Depot Road, Clarkston MI 48346

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Office: (248) 625-1559

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**Jonathan Smith**

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**From:** Google Forms <forms-receipts-noreply@google.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 4, 2025 10:51 AM  
**To:** Jonathan Smith  
**Subject:** Rep. Lisa C. McClain Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding Requests



Thanks for filling out [Rep. Lisa C. McClain Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding Requests](#)

Here's what was received.

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## Rep. Lisa C. McClain Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding Requests

Through Community Project Funding (CPF), Congresswoman McClain champions investments throughout the Michigan 9th Congressional District that improves infrastructure, advances economic development, and promotes job growth.

Individuals and organizations wishing to request federal funding through the Congressional appropriations process may submit an application by completing this form. Additional information may be requested to help justify your request. Please ensure all questions are filled out to their entirety.

**NOTE:** Submitting an application does not guarantee that your request will be funded by the Appropriations Committee. Guidance from the Appropriations Committee is subject to change, as is funds available through this program

The deadline to file applications is April 4 at 5:00 PM. Please do not hesitate to contact the Office with any questions at (202) 225-2106 or at MI09AppropsRequests@mail.house.gov.

Your email ([smithj@villageofclarkston.org](mailto:smithj@villageofclarkston.org)) was recorded when you submitted this form.

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### Section 1. Project Recipient

**Requesting Entity \***

City of the Village of Clarkston

**Are you a non-profit or government entity?**

*For-profit entities are not eligible for CPF.*

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Yes

No

**Head of Requesting Entity \***

Mayor Sue Wylie

**Requesting Entity Employer Identification Number (EIN) \***

38-6032021

**Project Point of Contact (POC) Name and Title \***

Jonathan Smith, City Manager

**Project POC Mailing Address \***

375 Depot Road, Clarkston, MI 48346

**Project POC Email Address \***

smithhj@villageofclarkston.org

**Project POC Phone Number \***

248-909-3380

**Project Name \***

Downtown Clarkston Walkability and Pedestrian Safety

**Project Website (if applicable)**

N/A

**Project Location (city, town) \***

City of the Village of Clarkston

**Project County**

*Please select all counties served by this project.*

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Huron County

Lapeer County

Macomb County

☒ Oakland County

Sanilac County

St. Clair County

Tuscola County

**Section 2. Community Project Funding Request**

**Identify the Appropriations bill and account that your project best fits.**

*Please answer this question to the best of your ability. The FY25 CPF Guidance will provide additional information about these accounts and their requirements.*

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Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

**Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies**

**What account does this project best fit?**

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HUD; CDBG – Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

DOT; Airport Improvement Program

DOT; Highway Infrastructure Projects

DOT; Transit Infrastructure Projects

DOT; Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements

DOT; Port Infrastructure Development Program

**Project Details**

**NOTE:** The Build America, Buy America Act (P.L. 117-58 § 70914 (a)) requires that any infrastructure projects funded (in whole or in part) with federal assistance use only iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials produced in the United States. This requirement applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. If you are submitting a CPF request for funding for an infrastructure project, please be advised to take this requirement into account.

**Amount Requested \***

\$1,344,560.00

## **Project Purpose**

*Brief 1-2 sentence description of the project*

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Complete rehabilitation of Clarkston's downtown sidewalks, curbs and driveways (including bump-outs) to improve pedestrian walkability and safety.

## **Project Description**

*Please provide a detailed explanation of the project*

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Founded in 1832, the historic City of the Village of Clarkston is one of the smallest cities in the state, just ½ mile square with 928 residents. With just 2 vacant lots remaining, we are effectively built out, with a limited annual revenue of just \$860k. The downtown Main Street portion of our city is approximately 2 1/2 blocks long with five very popular restaurants, retail shops and other businesses. Pedestrian traffic is heavy throughout the year, especially in the summer months when our Social District is active. Because Main Street (M-15) travelling through the center of Clarkston is an MDOT state trunkline, thousands of vehicles and heavy trucks pass through our downtown every day, often conflicting with the pedestrian traffic. Concerning to our residents and City Council is the fact that vehicle-pedestrian accidents and vehicle-bicycle accidents are becoming more and more common in our downtown district. The City is seeking financial assistance through the 2026 Community Project Funding program to improve walkability, ADA compliance, and overall pedestrian safety in our downtown, effectively enabling the co-existence of heavy pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The proposed work will include all new sidewalks, curbing, and driveways in the downtown blocks that are safe to walk and compliant with ADA requirements. This project is consistent with the City's Master Plan. The existing sidewalks and driveways are badly deteriorated, sloping, and riddled with trip hazards. Approval by MDOT is being sought to allow sidewalk extensions (bump-outs) and pedestrian-activated caution signaling at the critical intersections. An itemized construction cost projection is attached, showing a total investment of \$1.681M.

## **Project Justification and Benefit to the Taxpayer \***

There are several levels of project justification and taxpayer benefits: 1. The current downtown sidewalks are far from being ADA compliant, leaving the potential for significant fines and lawsuits if no action is taken. 2. New, pedestrian-friendly sidewalks will encourage residents and visitors to patronize our downtown businesses, especially those with disabilities, seniors, and parents with strollers, leading to higher business income. 3. Safer sidewalks and pedestrian crossings will greatly lessen the possibility of trip-and-fall accidents as well as vehicle-pedestrian accidents. Occurrences of both of these types of accidents have been increasing in recent years. 4. The proposed improvements will dramatically increase the aesthetic value and vibrancy of our downtown district while also increasing the business property values.



**Jobs Created \***

It is the City's hope that the proposed improvements will drive more customer traffic to our businesses, resulting in additional employment on a long-term basis. On a short-term basis, employment of 8-14 construction workers is anticipated.

**Jobs that could be lost if project is not funded. \***

If no improvements are made it is anticipated that the vibrancy of our downtown will no longer compete with other communities, resulting in a loss in business income and possible employment reductions.

**Will the project, if funded, become self-sustaining after a defined period of time?**

*If yes, how long a period.*

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Yes, the proposed improvements will immediately become self-sustaining.

**Estimated Start Date for the Project (if applicable)**

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2026

**Estimated Completion Date for the Project (if applicable)**

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/  
YYYY  
2026

**Could the project proceed if the Appropriations Committee cannot fully fund the request? \***

Yes. If the project is not funded or just partially funded, the City will proceed, albeit in phases spread over multiple fiscal year budgets.

**Is any part of this request subject to outside approval?**

*If yes, by whom?*

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The City Council and Historic District Commission will need to approve.

**Was this project submitted to Rep. McClain or another Congressional office in previous years?**

*If so, which years and to whom?*

\*

No. The City is considering, however, applying to the U.S. Senate's 2026 Congressional Directed Spending program through Michigan Senator Elissa Slotkin.

**Has this project received federal funds in the past?**

*If yes, please identify when and what funding.*

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No.

**If applicable, please identify the state plan on which this project is included.**

*For example, the State Transportation Improvement Plan, the Highway Improvement Plan, the Clean/Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan, etc.*

None

## Project Ranking

*If you are submitted multiple requests, please provide the prioritized ranking of this project.*

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## Budget

Please indicate how current the following budget estimates are. \*

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2025

### Acquisition Cost

*Please state dollar amounts numerically and the status of this phase (e.g. not yet begun, in progress, completed). For example, purchasing land.*

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No acquisitions required.

### Soft Costs

*Please state dollar amounts numerically and the status of this phase (e.g. not yet begun, in progress, completed). This should include information for design and permitting/planning.*

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\$240,100.00, not yet begun.

### Construction/Renovation Costs

*Please state dollar amounts numerically and the status of this phase (e.g. not yet begun, in progress, completed).*

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\$1,200,500.00, not yet begun.

### Equipment Costs

*Please state dollar amounts numerically and the status of this phase (e.g. not yet begun, in progress, completed).*

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None

### Other Costs

Please state dollar amounts numerically and the status of this phase.

\$240,100.00 Contingency Costs (20%), not yet begun.

**Have you received any matching funds? If so, how much and from what sources?**

*For example, \$50,000 from Town Budget or \$25,000 from U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development Grant.*

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No, not yet.

**Total Matching Funds \***

\$336,140.00 (20% of project from City funds)

**Total Community Project Funding Request**

*This is the amount you are requesting Rep. McClain secure from the Appropriations Committee.*

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\$1,344,560.00 (80%)

**Total Project Cost**

*Please state dollar amounts numerically.*

\*

\$1,680,700.00

## Community Support and Supporting Documentation

**If applicable, please list any members of Rep. McClain's staff with whom you have discussed this CPF request.**

**Have you submitted this request to other members in the Senate or House?**

*If so, please list their name(s).*

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No, but we are considering applying for CDS funding through Senator Elissa Slotkin.

**Letters of Support Contact Information**

*Letters of Support are required for each CPF request. Please provide three signed letters of support from community stakeholders and/or leaders endorsing this request who are not affiliated with your organization. Please upload those letters below and include the full contact information for each letter of support, including contacts' email addresses.*

Submitted files



Clarkston CPF Letter of Support - Rudy's - Jonathan Smith.pdf



Clarkston CPF Letter of Support - MSOC - Jonathan Smith.pdf



Clarkston CPF Letter of Support - SEMCOG - Jonathan Smith.pdf



Clarkston CPF Letter of Support - SCAMP - Jonathan Smith.pdf



Clarkston CPF Letter of Support - Mayor Wylie - Jonathan Smith.pdf

**Supporting Documentation**

*Please attach any supporting documentation here, such as budget estimates, scope of work, site plans, etc.*

Submitted files



Clarkston Sidewalk Improvements 2025 OOPCC 3-28-2025 - Jonathan Smith.pdf



Sidewalk & Driveway Photos with annotations - Jonathan Smith.pdf

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City of the Village of Clarkston – Downtown Sidewalk



Sidewalk Slope

Sidewalk slope greatly exceeds the 2% ADA allowances.

Significant trip hazards due to sunken tree grates.

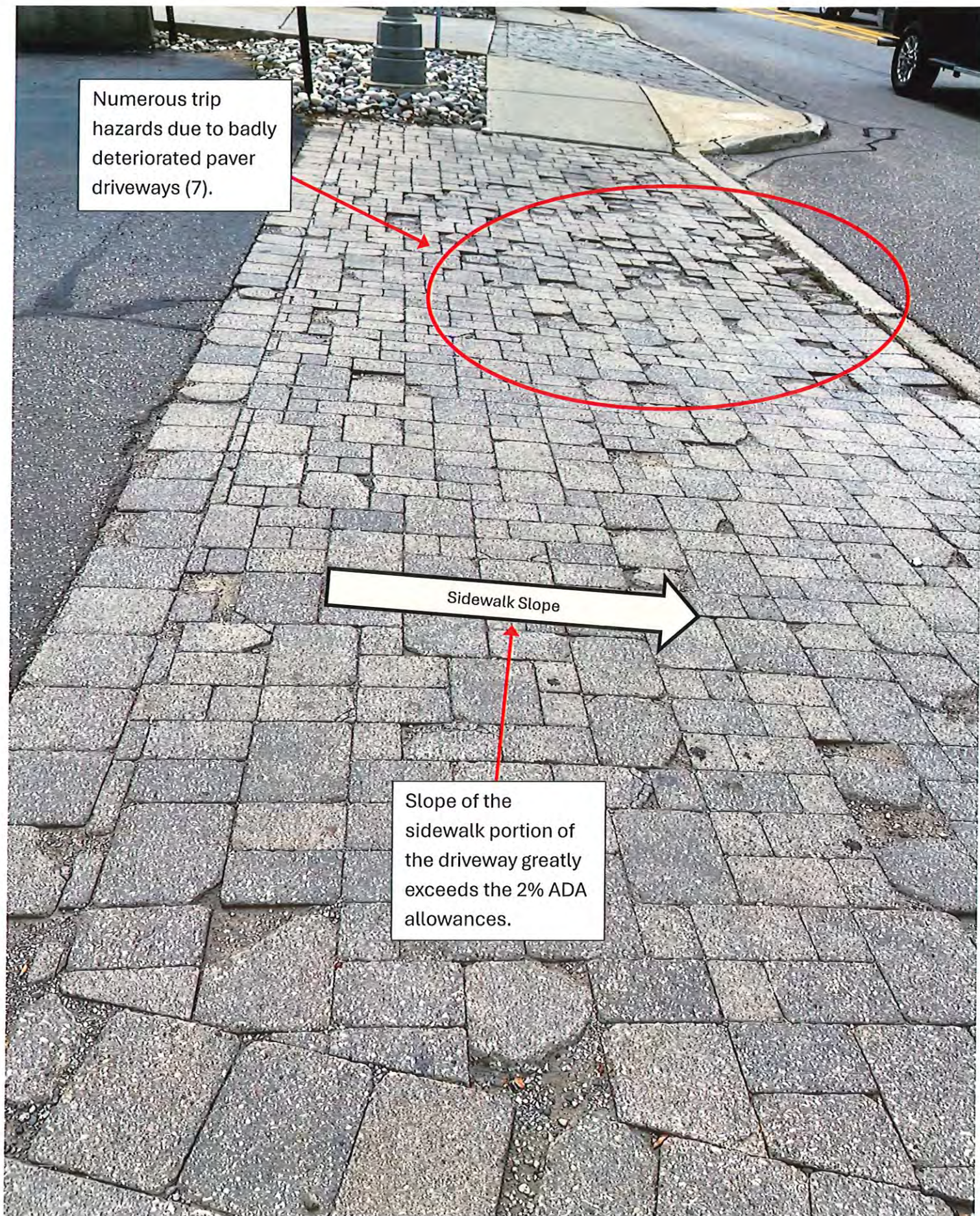


City of the Village of Clarkston – Downtown Driveway

Numerous trip hazards due to badly deteriorated paver driveways (7).

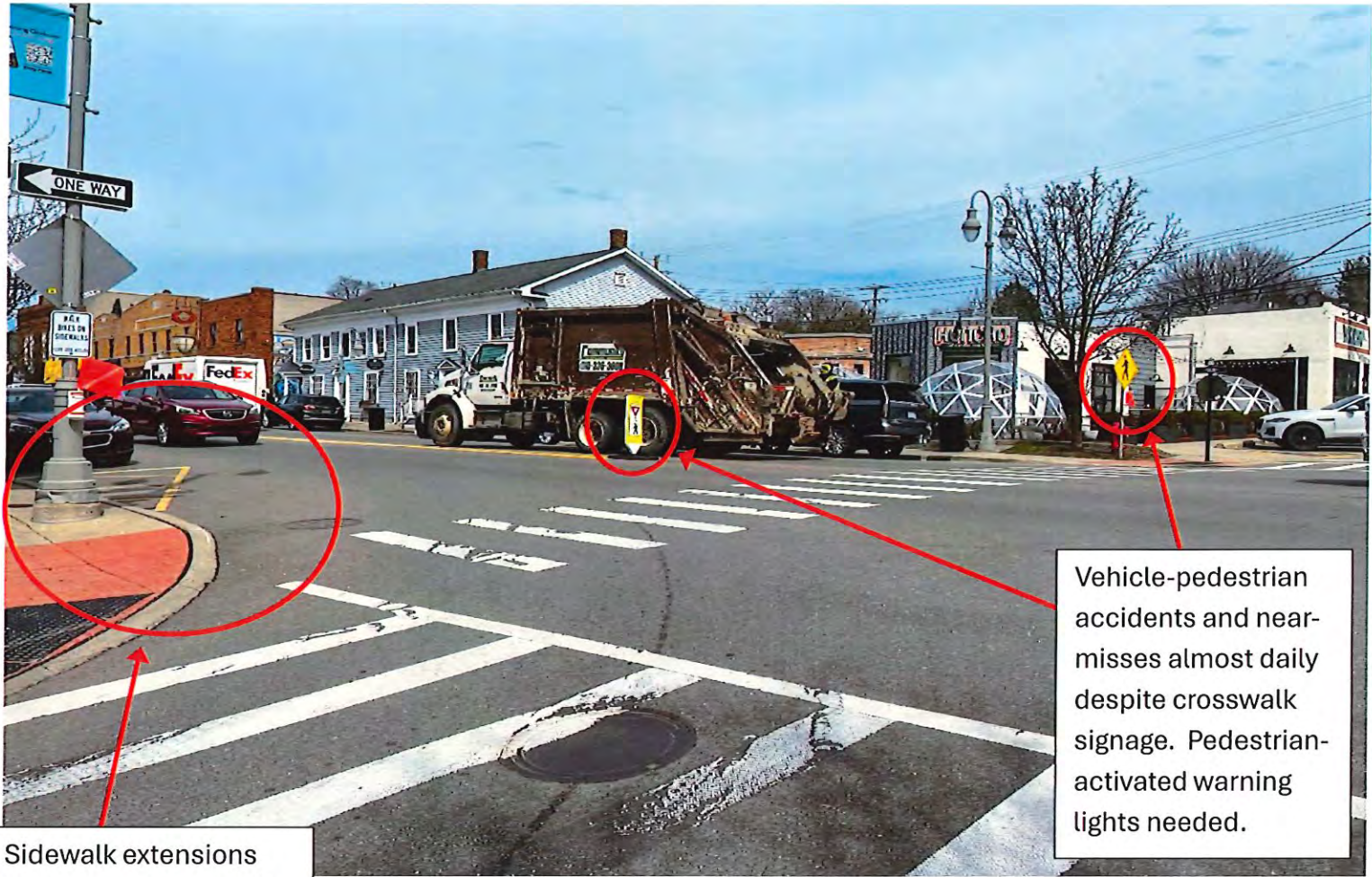
Sidewalk Slope

Slope of the sidewalk portion of the driveway greatly exceeds the 2% ADA allowances.





City of the Village of Clarkston – Downtown Main Street Crosswalk



Sidewalk extensions (bump-outs) needed to improve pedestrian visibility at crosswalks.





**“See-Me” Crossing Flags Made Available to Pedestrians with Little or No Improvement**



(While taking pictures of this crosswalk, our Parking Enforcement Officer – wearing a safety vest and carrying a “See-Me” Flag - was almost hit.)





**Example of Pedestrian-Activated Crosswalk Signals and Sidewalk Extensions in Fenton, MI**



Pedestrian-Activated crosswalk lights recommended to warn drivers in high-pedestrian areas.

Crosswalk material differentiation helps make it clear that pedestrians are crossing.

Sidewalk extensions (bump-outs) needed to improve pedestrian visibility at crosswalks.

**City of the Village of Clarkston**  
**Main Street Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project**  
**Sidewalk Rehabilitation (Selected Option DRAFT)**  
**Opinion of Probable Construction Cost (Original March 2025)**

F&V Project #

**LOCATION: Main Street at North side of Waldon to 300 Ft North of Washington**

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	ESTIMATED UNIT PRICE	ESTIMATED AMOUNT
1	General Cond., Bonds, Insurance and Mobilization	LS	1	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00
2	Traffic Control	LS	1	\$75,000.00	\$50,000.00
3	Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control	LS	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
4	Remove and Replace Curb and Gutter	FT	2200	\$75.00	\$165,000.00
5	HMA Hand Patching along Gutter	LS	1	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
6	Grade Rehabilitation of Exist Commercial Drive and Concrete Base	EA	10	\$17,500.00	\$175,000.00
7	Remove and Replace 4 ft Sidewalk	Sqft	14500	\$20.00	\$290,000.00
8	Remove and Replace Sidewalk Ramp (Incl ADA Detectable Warning Mat Repl )	Sqft	1100	\$55.00	\$60,500.00
9	Drainage Structure Adjustments, Rehab, or Alterations	LS	1	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
10	Tree Grate Settlement Correction & Resetting (incl Tree Rem at Mult. Loc.)	LS	1	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
11	Bump Out Island, Signage & Crosswalk Safety Upgrade at Depot & Main	LS	1	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
12	Drainage Correction at NW of Main & Washington (incl concrete damage)	LS	1	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
13	Pavement Markings	LS	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
14	Restoration	LS	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

<b>Total Estimate of Probable Construction Cost</b>	<b>\$1,200,500.00</b>
<b>Undeveloped Details &amp; Construction Contingency (20%)</b>	<b>\$240,100.00</b>
<b>Est. Design &amp; Construction Engineering &amp; Administration (20%)</b>	<b>\$240,100.00</b>
<b>Total Estimate of Probable Construction Cost</b>	<b>\$1,680,700.00</b>

*The Design Professional has no control over costs or the price of labor, equipment or materials, or over the Contractor's method of pricing.  
Bid prices may vary significantly based on these factors and market conditions at time of bid.*



# Rudy's Prime Steakhouse



9 S Main Street  
Clarkston, MI 48362  
(248) 224-4442  
[robert@rudysmarket.com](mailto:robert@rudysmarket.com)

Apr 2, 2025

Jonathan Smith  
City Manager  
City of the Village of Clarkston  
375 Depot Road  
Clarkston, MI 48346

**Subject: Letter of Support for Downtown Walkability, ADA Compliance, and Pedestrian Safety Improvements**

Dear Mr. Smith,

As the owner of Clarkston's newest restaurant, Rudy's Prime Steakhouse, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed improvements to the City's downtown walkability, ADA compliance and pedestrian safety. Replacing our deteriorating and non-compliant sidewalks and driveways is very important to pedestrian safety, but also important to enhance the overall experience of the patrons to our restaurant and our neighboring businesses.

The sidewalks and driveways in Clarkston currently pose significant hazards to pedestrians and customers, particularly those with mobility challenges. Uneven and deteriorating walkways not only create safety risks but also discourage foot traffic, which is vital to local businesses like mine. Addressing these issues will foster a more welcoming and pedestrian-friendly environment, encouraging more people to visit and support businesses in the area.

Additionally, improving our sidewalks and driveways aligns with our city's commitment to accessibility and compliance with ADA regulations. By investing in this project, the municipality is demonstrating its dedication to creating an economically vibrant community. The enhancements will not only improve pedestrian safety but also contribute to the long-term prosperity of local businesses, increasing customer satisfaction and overall economic activity.

I fully support the efforts of the City of the Village of Clarkston in prioritizing this initiative and urge the necessary allocation of resources for its successful execution. My restaurant is committed to working alongside the community and local officials to ensure the success of this project and will gladly participate in outreach or advocacy efforts if needed.



Thank you for your leadership and commitment to improving our community's infrastructure. I look forward to seeing this project move forward and the positive impact it will bring to both businesses and residents alike. Please feel free to reach out if further support is needed.

Sincerely,

*Robert Esshaki*

Robert Esshaki  
Owner, Rudy's Prime Steakhouse





March 28, 2025

Jonathan Smith  
City Manager  
City of the Village of Clarkston  
375 Depot Road  
Clarkston, MI 48346

**Subject: Letter of Support for Downtown Walkability, ADA Compliance, and Pedestrian Safety Improvements**

On behalf of Main Street Oakland County, the nation's first and only countywide Coordinating Main Street Program, we lend our support to local governments such as Clarkston to develop their downtowns into vibrant, successful districts that serve as the heart of their communities. In keeping with this mission, I am writing to express our full support for the City of the Village of Clarkston and its proposed improvements to the downtown sidewalks, curbing, and driveways.

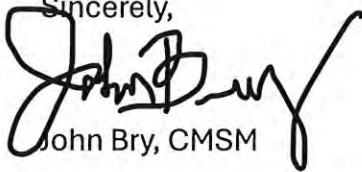
These critical infrastructure upgrades are designed to improve walkability, enhance ADA compliance, and ensure pedestrian safety in the heart of Clarkston's historic downtown. This project aligns perfectly with MSOC's vision, and we commend the City for prioritizing both accessibility and safety.

The need for these improvements is clear. Clarkston's downtown Main Street, spanning approximately 2.5 blocks, is home to a vibrant mix of restaurants, retail shops, and other local businesses. Throughout the year—especially in the summer months, when the City's Social District is active—pedestrian traffic surges. At the same time, Main Street (M-15) remains a heavily trafficked MDOT state trunkline, with thousands of vehicles and heavy trucks passing through daily. The coexistence of dense pedestrian and vehicular activity makes these upgrades not only necessary but urgent.

Communities across Oakland County have consistently demonstrated that attractive, accessible, and pedestrian-friendly downtown environments are essential to economic vitality and business success. I am confident that Clarkston's proposed improvements will have the same positive effect, making the city an even more appealing destination for business owners, visitors, and residents alike.

We are especially supportive of the City's recent decision to pursue a Congressional Directed Spending grant through the U.S. House of Representatives. This funding, which would cover an estimated \$1.5 million project cost, would allow Clarkston to fully realize this transformative plan. We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bry", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Bry, CMSM

Administrator, Local Business Development and Main Street Program Coordinator

Oakland County Department of Economic Development

BRYJ@OAKGOV.COM  
(248) 858-5444





April 1, 2025

Mr. Jonathan Smith, City Manager  
City of the Village of Clarkston  
375 Depot Road  
Clarkston, MI 48346

**RE: Letter of Support, Downtown Walkability, ADA, and Pedestrian Safety Improvements**

This letter confirms support from SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, for City of the Village of Clarkston's request for Downtown Walkability, ADA, and Pedestrian Safety Improvements. This project will support the downtown Main Street portion of the historic City of the Village of Clarkston, which is approximately 2 1/2 blocks long, with five very popular restaurants, retail shops and other businesses.

SEMCOG is a regional planning partnership that supports coordinated local planning among over 170 units of local government across seven counties in Southeast Michigan. SEMCOG engages regional stakeholders and analyzes data related to the environment and parks to ensure that the region's public spaces and natural resources meet the quality of life, health, and accessibility needs of residents. This project will improve walkability, ADA compliance, and overall pedestrian safety in the downtown City of the Village of Clarkston, effectively enabling the co-existence of heavy pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The work will include all new sidewalks, curbing, and driveways in the downtown blocks that are safe to walk and compliant with ADA requirements. If allowed by MDOT, sidewalk extensions (bump-outs) and pedestrian-activated caution signaling will be included.

Investing in this project will improve quality of life for residents in City of the Village of Clarkston with positive impacts for the broader Clarkston communities, while also supporting SEMCOG's vision for the Southeast Michigan region. Please accept this letter of support in consideration of funding for this initiative.

This project is consistent with the policies of SEMCOG's long-range transportation plan, Vision 2050, as it will rehabilitate critical community assets and preserve economic connections and development. While this project cannot be added to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) until a written notice of funding award has been received, SEMCOG is prepared to act quickly and include the project in the TIP as soon as funds are identified.

Please contact me at 313-324-3350 or [oleary@semcog.org](mailto:oleary@semcog.org) if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Amy O'Leary  
Executive Director

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Amy Laboissonniere, President  
Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce  
5856 S. Main  
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April 2, 2025

Jonathan Smith  
City Manager  
City of the Village of Clarkston  
375 Depot Road  
Clarkston, MI 48346

**Subject: Letter of Support for Downtown Walkability, ADA Compliance, and Pedestrian Safety Improvements**

Dear Mr. Smith,

On behalf of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to extend my unwavering support for the proposed improvements to the City of Clarkston's downtown walkability, ADA compliance and pedestrian safety. As an advocate for our local businesses, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of providing accessible, walkable and safe sidewalks in the business district. It is critically important to the success of any business.

In a time when Amazon and big-box stores are challenging the survival of the small businesses on a daily basis, we must find every way possible to encourage our community to "shop local". One of the ways we can do that is to offer walkable, ADA compliant and

pedestrian-friendly sidewalks and driveways in our downtown district. We simply cannot afford to lose a single customer due to crumbling and unsafe sidewalks and driveways!

I feel strongly that the proposed project will be a significant investment by the municipality in our local economy, contributing to the long-term success and vitality of our business district. I am thankful that the City of the Village of Clarkston recognizes the importance of this initiative and urge that the resources needed for a successful execution are deployed. If I or the Chamber of Commerce may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Amy Laboissonniere". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Amy Laboissonniere, President  
Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce  
[amyl@indtwp.com](mailto:amyl@indtwp.com)





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April 2, 2025

### Jonathan Smith

City Manager

City of the Village of Clarkston

375 Depot Road

Clarkston, MI 48346

### Subject: Letter of Support for Downtown Walkability, ADA Compliance, and Pedestrian Safety Improvements

Dear Mr. Smith,

The Clarkston SCAMP organization is excited to hear about your proposed improvements to downtown Clarkston, making the sidewalks walkable and ADA compliant. This is very important to Clarkston's many residents and visitors. Possibly even more important are the proposed improvements for pedestrian safety, a long overdue improvement given the many vehicles and large trucks that utilize Main Street (M-15) on a regular basis.

On behalf of the Clarkston SCAMP organization, please accept our full support and endorsement for this exciting and much needed project.

Thank you and please let me know if I may be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

**Barb Rush, President**

North Oakland SCAMP Funding Corporation

[nosfc@clarkston.k12.mi.us](mailto:nosfc@clarkston.k12.mi.us)

## Ex-Officio Member

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No goods or services were provided by the organization in return for the contribution.

Please consider this letter as a receipt for your tax deductible donation



Don't forget to follow Clarkston SCAMP on Facebook and Instagram!



**Sue Wylie, Mayor of the City of the Village of Clarkston**

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Clarkston, MI 48346

[wylies@villageofclarkston.org](mailto:wylies@villageofclarkston.org)

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**Subject: Letter of Support for Downtown Walkability, ADA Compliance, and Pedestrian Safety Improvements**

Dear Jonathan,

As Mayor of the City of the Village of Clarkston, I am proud to express my full support for the proposed downtown sidewalk and driveway improvement project with a goal of replacing the non-compliant and crumbling sidewalks and driveways while also enhancing crosswalk safety throughout downtown area. I am very confident that this initiative will be a critical investment in the well-being of our residents and visitors, the vibrancy of our local businesses, and the overall accessibility of our City.

Most importantly, the proposed project will ensure safer crosswalks in our downtown, which is essential to protecting pedestrians and fostering a walkable, connected City. Several recent pedestrian accidents in the downtown area has me very concerned about our responsibility to provide a safe community in which our residents can live. Our City Council is committed to providing and maintaining a pedestrian-friendly community.

I commend the efforts of the City staff in their efforts to make this project a priority. The City of Village of Clarkston is committed to supporting this initiative in every way possible,



and we welcome collaboration with community members, businesses, and stakeholders to ensure its success. I look forward to seeing this project come to fruition and the lasting benefits it will bring to our community. Please do not hesitate to reach out if further support is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Wylie". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Sue" and last name "Wylie" clearly distinguishable.

Sue Wylie  
Mayor of the City of the Village of Clarkston  
[wylies@villageofclarkston.org](mailto:wylies@villageofclarkston.org)

# Rep. Lisa C. McClain Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding Requests

Thank you for submitting an application for FY2025 Community Project Funding to Representative Lisa McClain. We have received your submission and will be in touch with any follow-up needed. Should you have any questions in the meantime, please contact (202) 225-2106 or [MI09AppropsRequests@mail.house.gov](mailto:MI09AppropsRequests@mail.house.gov).

Regards,

Office of Rep. Lisa C. McClain

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**FY26 CONGRESSIONALLY-DIRECTED SPENDING (CDS) SUBCOMMITTEE  
REQUEST FORM**

**THE OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR ELISSA SLOTKLIN**

**TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE**

This form serves as the supplemental, required portion of the CDS applications where prospective grantees provide further specifics based on the selected subcommittee account. For more information on program accounts available for CDS, please click [here](#). Please submit this completed form, alongside any additional application materials, as well as direct any questions to [Slotkin\\_CDS@Slotkin.Senate.gov](mailto:Slotkin_CDS@Slotkin.Senate.gov).

- 1) Please identify the account on this bill where you will be seeking funds and answer the questions below the selected account where applicable:

- ☐ a) **Transportation Planning, Research, and Development (TPR&D)**
- i) **Note:** CDS recipients in this account are provided to grantees on a reimbursement basis – no recipients will receive an upfront disbursement from DOT or HUD. CDS recipients will be required to request drawdowns from their grant as eligible expenses are incurred. Eligible activities for TPR&D do not include planning for specific local highway, transit, rail, or port projects. CDS under this account can be used for national or regional research and development projects and any other transportation research projects eligible under title 23 or title 49 of United States Code.
- ☐ b) **Grants-in-Aid for Airports (Airport Improvement Program or AIP)**
- i) **Note:** CDS recipients in this account are provided to grantees on a reimbursement basis – no recipients will receive an upfront disbursement from DOT or HUD. CDS recipients will be required to request drawdowns from their grant as eligible expenses are incurred. For a list of eligible airport project activities, click [here](#). Federal cost-share requirements apply. Under 'Project Website' please include a link to the airport master plan that includes the requested project.
- ii) **\*Airport name**
- ☐ c) **Highway Infrastructure Programs (HIP)**
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environmental review, design, and right-of-way acquisition. Operational expenses are not eligible.

- ii) **\*If your project is not on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), has the applicant attached a letter of support from the State DOT, indicating eligibility and plans to include the project on the STIP or TIP at a later date? Yes**

☐ d) **Transit Infrastructure Grants (TIG)**

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- ii) **\*If your project is not on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), has the applicant attached a letter of support from the State DOT, indicating eligibility and plans to include the project on the STIP or TIP at a later date? Yes**
- iii) **\*What is the status of this project's planning and environmental work?**

☐ e) **Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grants**

- i) **Note:** CDS recipients in this account are provided to grantees on a reimbursement basis – no recipients will receive an upfront disbursement from DOT or HUD. CDS recipients will be required to request drawdowns from their grant as eligible expenses are incurred.
- ii) **\*If your project is not on the State Rail Plan, has the applicant attached a letter of support from the State DOT, indicating eligibility and plans to include the project on the State Rail Plan at a later date? Yes**
- iii) **\*What is the status of this project's planning and environmental work?**

☐ f) **Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Grants**

- i) **Note:** CDS recipients in this account are provided to grantees on a reimbursement basis – no recipients will receive an upfront disbursement from DOT or HUD. CDS recipients will be required to request drawdowns from their grant as eligible expenses are incurred.
- ii) **\*Is the project eligible under the Port Infrastructure Development Program? Please specify the eligible use.**
- iii) **\*Is the recipient an eligible recipient under the Port Infrastructure Development Program? Yes**

- iv) **\*Is the project at a small port, as defined by the Port Infrastructure Development Program? Yes**
- v) **\*Is the project in a rural area, as defined by the Port Infrastructure Development Program? Yes**
- vi) **\*Does this project include automated equipment? Please describe any job changes that will result from the project, including supporting evidence demonstrating and certifying the project will not directly result in a net loss of jobs or degradation of job quality.**

☒ g) **Community Development Fund for Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)**

- i) **Note:** CDS recipients in this account are provided to grantees on a reimbursement basis – no recipients will receive an upfront disbursement from DOT or HUD. CDS recipients will be required to request drawdowns from their grant as eligible expenses are incurred. Eligible activities for EDI CDS include acquisition of real property; construction, rehabilitation, and improvements to affordable housing; blight removal or remediation; public housing modernization; and construction, rehabilitation, and

improvements of public facilities, such as neighborhood centers, parks, and shelter for persons with special needs such as survivors of domestic violence and people experiencing homelessness. Buildings for the general conduct of government are not eligible.

- ii) **\*Is the CDS applicant prepared to comply with Build America Buy America preferences, the National Environmental Policy Act, HUD's NEPA-implementing regulations, and environmental review requirements? Yes**

(1) Note: EDI recipients are subject to all general federal requirements. Learn more about these requirements [here](#).

- iii) **\*Describe the current status of the project, including the environmental review work and if the grantee has designated a Responsible Entity, where relevant.**

(1) Note: The Responsible Entity requirement is only required for nonprofit applicants.

See attached document.



**g) Community Development Fund for Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)**

**iii) \*Describe the current status of the project, including the environmental review work and if the grantee has designated a Responsible Entity, where relevant.**

To date, the project scope and cost estimating phases have been completed. A National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) assessment has not yet been started.

**Jonathan Smith**

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**From:** Jonathan Smith  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2025 4:15 PM  
**To:** 'mikeharris@house.mi.gov'  
**Subject:** Michigan Legislative Directed Spending Program  
**Attachments:** Project Abstract 4-24-25.pdf; Sidewalk & Driveway Photos with annotations.pdf; Clarkston Sidewalk Improvements 2025 OOPCC 3-28-2025.pdf; Letters of Support.pdf

Hello Mike,

As discussed earlier this week, the City of the Village of Clarkston is interested in applying for possible funding through the Michigan Legislative Directed Spending Program. Please find the following attached documents for your consideration:

1. A short and long description of the project proposal
2. Photos of the as-is sidewalks and driveways with annotations
3. A detailed estimate of the project costs
4. Letters of Support from local leaders

The total project cost identified in the estimate document is \$1.68M with the expectation that the City would fund 20% (\$336K), meaning that we are seeking a total of \$1.34M in grant funding (possibly multiple sources). We have already applied for Community Project Funding through U.S. Representative Lisa McClain's office and plan on applying for Congressionally Directed Spending through U.S. Senator Elissa Slotkin's office.

In our conversation this week you asked if MDOT had approved the installation of bump outs (sidewalk extensions) in M-15. While MDOT has previously discussed this option with us as part of a Complete Streets planning discussion, I reached out to them this week asking for something in writing. Unfortunately, I do not have that document at this time but will forward that along as soon as it is available.

Thank you for your consideration! Let me know if you have any questions or require additional project details.

**Jonathan Smith**

City Manager, City of the Village of Clarkston  
375 Depot Road, Clarkston MI 48346  
Email: [smithj@villageofclarkston.org](mailto:smithj@villageofclarkston.org)  
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# City of the Village of Clarkston

## Michigan Legislative Directed Spending Proposal

### Short Description

Complete rehabilitation of Clarkston's downtown sidewalks, curbs and driveways (including bump-outs) to improve pedestrian walkability and safety.

### Long Description

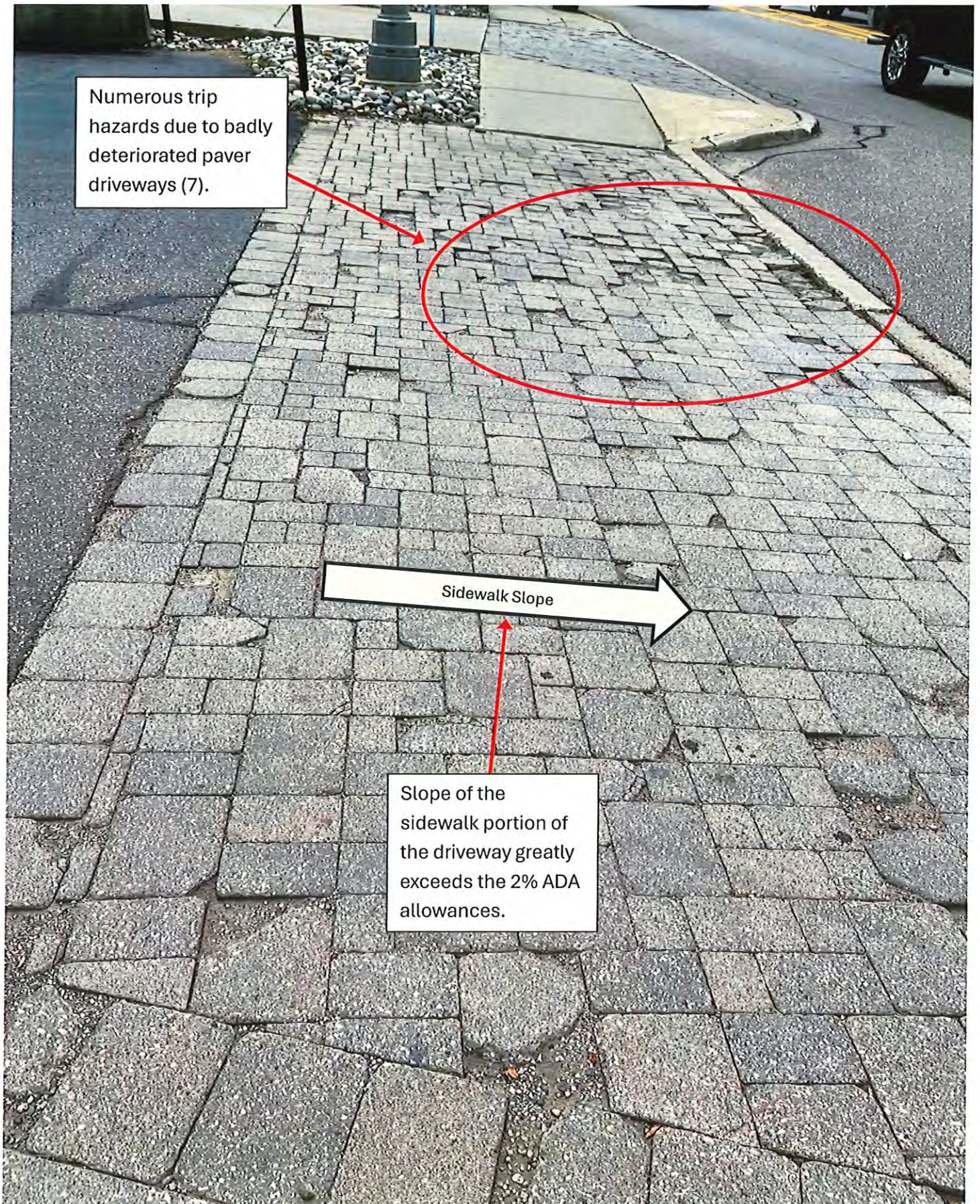
Founded in 1832, the historic City of the Village of Clarkston is one of the smallest cities in the state, just ½ mile square with 928 residents. With just 2 vacant lots remaining, we are effectively built out, with a limited annual revenue of just \$860k.

The downtown Main Street portion of our city is approximately 2 1/2 blocks long with five very popular restaurants, retail shops and other businesses. Pedestrian traffic is heavy throughout the year, especially in the summer months when our Social District is active. Because Main Street (M-15) travelling through the center of Clarkston is an MDOT state trunkline, thousands of vehicles and heavy trucks pass through our downtown every day, often conflicting with the pedestrian traffic. Concerning to our residents and City Council is the fact that vehicle-pedestrian accidents and vehicle-bicycle accidents are becoming more and more common in our downtown district. The City is seeking financial assistance through the 2026 Community Project Funding program to improve walkability, ADA compliance, and overall pedestrian safety in our downtown, effectively enabling the co-existence of heavy pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The proposed work will include all new sidewalks, curbing, and driveways in the downtown blocks that are safe to walk and compliant with ADA requirements. The existing sidewalks and driveways are badly deteriorated, sloping, and riddled with trip hazards. Approval by MDOT is being sought to allow sidewalk extensions (bump-outs) and pedestrian-activated caution signaling at the critical intersections.

While this project is listed within the City's Master Plan, the estimated \$1.5M cost far exceeds the City's ability to fund a project of this size in the next 5-10 years.



City of the Village of Clarkston – Downtown Driveway



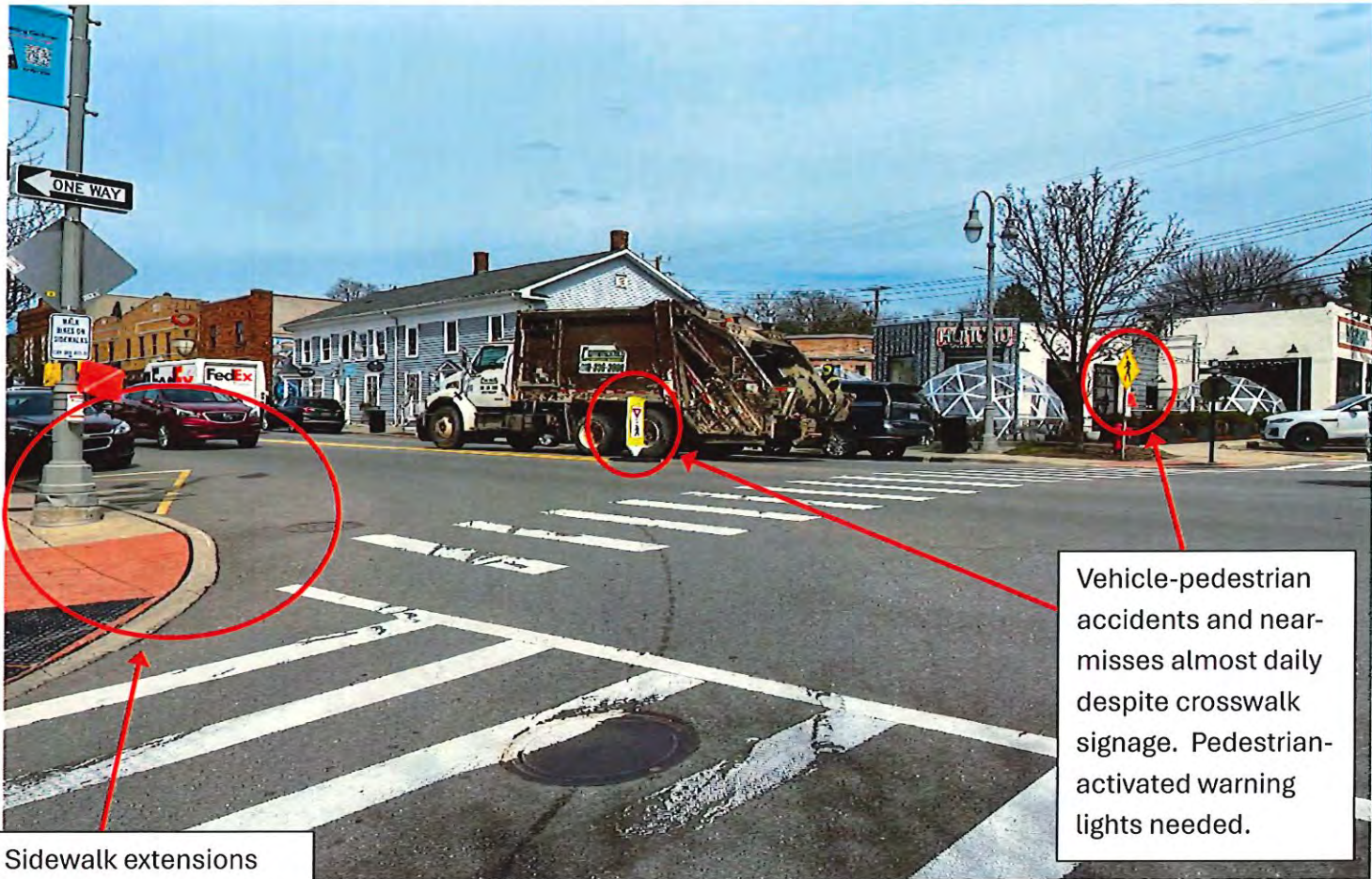


City of the Village of Clarkston – Downtown Sidewalk





City of the Village of Clarkston – Downtown Main Street Crosswalk



Sidewalk extensions (bump-outs) needed to improve pedestrian visibility at crosswalks.





**“See-Me” Crossing Flags Made Available to Pedestrians with Little or No Improvement**



(While taking pictures of this crosswalk, our Parking Enforcement Officer – wearing a safety vest and carrying a “See-Me” Flag - was almost hit.)





**Example of Pedestrian-Activated Crosswalk Signals and Sidewalk Extensions in Fenton, MI**



Pedestrian-Activated crosswalk lights recommended to warn drivers in high-pedestrian areas.

Crosswalk material differentiation helps make it clear that pedestrians are crossing.

Sidewalk extensions (bump-outs) needed to improve pedestrian visibility at crosswalks.



3/28/2025

**City of the Village of Clarkston**  
**Main Street Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project**  
**Sidewalk Rehabilitation (Selected Option DRAFT)**  
**Opinion of Probable Construction Cost (Original March 2025)**

F&V Project #

**LOCATION: Main Street at North side of Waldon to 300 Ft North of Washington**

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	ESTIMATED UNIT PRICE	ESTIMATED AMOUNT
1	General Cond., Bonds, Insurance and Mobilization	LS	1	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00
2	Traffic Control	LS	1	\$75,000.00	\$50,000.00
3	Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control	LS	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
4	Remove and Replace Curb and Gutter	FT	2200	\$75.00	\$165,000.00
5	HMA Hand Patching along Gutter	LS	1	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
6	Grade Rehabilitation of Exist Commercial Drive and Concrete Base	EA	10	\$17,500.00	\$175,000.00
7	Remove and Replace 4 ft Sidewalk	Sqft	14500	\$20.00	\$290,000.00
8	Remove and Replace Sidewalk Ramp (Incl ADA Detectable Warning Mat Repl )	Sqft	1100	\$55.00	\$60,500.00
9	Drainage Structure Adjustments, Rehab, or Alterations	LS	1	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
10	Tree Grate Settlement Correction & Resetting (incl Tree Rem at Mult. Loc.)	LS	1	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
11	Bump Out Island, Signage & Crosswalk Safety Upgrade at Depot & Main	LS	1	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
12	Drainage Correction at NW of Main & Washington (incl concrete damage)	LS	1	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
13	Pavement Markings	LS	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
14	Restoration	LS	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

<b>Total Estimate of Probable Construction Cost</b>	<b>\$1,200,500.00</b>
<b>Undeveloped Details &amp; Construction Contingency (20%)</b>	<b>\$240,100.00</b>
<b>Est. Design &amp; Construction Engineering &amp; Administration (20%)</b>	<b>\$240,100.00</b>
<b>Total Estimate of Probable Construction Cost</b>	<b>\$1,680,700.00</b>

*The Design Professional has no control over costs or the price of labor, equipment or materials, or over the Contractor's method of pricing.*  
*Bid prices may vary significantly based on these factors and market conditions at time of bid.*



# Rudy's Prime Steakhouse



9 S Main Street  
Clarkston, MI 48362  
(248) 224-4442  
[robert@rudysmarket.com](mailto:robert@rudysmarket.com)

Apr 2, 2025

Jonathan Smith  
City Manager  
City of the Village of Clarkston  
375 Depot Road  
Clarkston, MI 48346

**Subject: Letter of Support for Downtown Walkability, ADA Compliance, and Pedestrian Safety Improvements**

Dear Mr. Smith,

As the owner of Clarkston's newest restaurant, Rudy's Prime Steakhouse, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed improvements to the City's downtown walkability, ADA compliance and pedestrian safety. Replacing our deteriorating and non-compliant sidewalks and driveways is very important to pedestrian safety, but also important to enhance the overall experience of the patrons to our restaurant and our neighboring businesses.

The sidewalks and driveways in Clarkston currently pose significant hazards to pedestrians and customers, particularly those with mobility challenges. Uneven and deteriorating walkways not only create safety risks but also discourage foot traffic, which is vital to local businesses like mine. Addressing these issues will foster a more welcoming and pedestrian-friendly environment, encouraging more people to visit and support businesses in the area.

Additionally, improving our sidewalks and driveways aligns with our city's commitment to accessibility and compliance with ADA regulations. By investing in this project, the municipality is demonstrating its dedication to creating an economically vibrant community. The enhancements will not only improve pedestrian safety but also contribute to the long-term prosperity of local businesses, increasing customer satisfaction and overall economic activity.

I fully support the efforts of the City of the Village of Clarkston in prioritizing this initiative and urge the necessary allocation of resources for its successful execution. My restaurant is committed to working alongside the community and local officials to ensure the success of this project and will gladly participate in outreach or advocacy efforts if needed.





Thank you for your leadership and commitment to improving our community's infrastructure. I look forward to seeing this project move forward and the positive impact it will bring to both businesses and residents alike. Please feel free to reach out if further support is needed.

Sincerely,

*Robert Esshaki*

Robert Esshaki  
Owner, Rudy's Prime Steakhouse



March 28, 2025

Jonathan Smith  
City Manager  
City of the Village of Clarkston  
375 Depot Road  
Clarkston, MI 48346

**Subject: Letter of Support for Downtown Walkability, ADA Compliance, and Pedestrian Safety Improvements**

On behalf of Main Street Oakland County, the nation's first and only countywide Coordinating Main Street Program, we lend our support to local governments such as Clarkston to develop their downtowns into vibrant, successful districts that serve as the heart of their communities. In keeping with this mission, I am writing to express our full support for the City of the Village of Clarkston and its proposed improvements to the downtown sidewalks, curbing, and driveways.

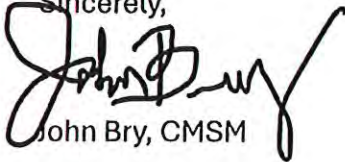
These critical infrastructure upgrades are designed to improve walkability, enhance ADA compliance, and ensure pedestrian safety in the heart of Clarkston's historic downtown. This project aligns perfectly with MSOC's vision, and we commend the City for prioritizing both accessibility and safety.

The need for these improvements is clear. Clarkston's downtown Main Street, spanning approximately 2.5 blocks, is home to a vibrant mix of restaurants, retail shops, and other local businesses. Throughout the year—especially in the summer months, when the City's Social District is active—pedestrian traffic surges. At the same time, Main Street (M-15) remains a heavily trafficked MDOT state trunkline, with thousands of vehicles and heavy trucks passing through daily. The coexistence of dense pedestrian and vehicular activity makes these upgrades not only necessary but urgent.

Communities across Oakland County have consistently demonstrated that attractive, accessible, and pedestrian-friendly downtown environments are essential to economic vitality and business success. I am confident that Clarkston's proposed improvements will have the same positive effect, making the city an even more appealing destination for business owners, visitors, and residents alike.

We are especially supportive of the City's recent decision to pursue a Congressional Directed Spending grant through the U.S. House of Representatives. This funding, which would cover an estimated \$1.5 million project cost, would allow Clarkston to fully realize this transformative plan. We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bry".

John Bry, CMSM

Administrator, Local Business Development and Main Street Program Coordinator

Oakland County Department of Economic Development

BRYJ@OAKGOV.COM  
(248) 858-5444





April 1, 2025

Mr. Jonathan Smith, City Manager  
City of the Village of Clarkston  
375 Depot Road  
Clarkston, MI 48346

**RE: Letter of Support, Downtown Walkability, ADA, and Pedestrian Safety Improvements**

This letter confirms support from SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, for City of the Village of Clarkston's request for Downtown Walkability, ADA, and Pedestrian Safety Improvements. This project will support the downtown Main Street portion of the historic City of the Village of Clarkston, which is approximately 2 1/2 blocks long, with five very popular restaurants, retail shops and other businesses.

SEMCOG is a regional planning partnership that supports coordinated local planning among over 170 units of local government across seven counties in Southeast Michigan. SEMCOG engages regional stakeholders and analyzes data related to the environment and parks to ensure that the region's public spaces and natural resources meet the quality of life, health, and accessibility needs of residents. This project will improve walkability, ADA compliance, and overall pedestrian safety in the downtown City of the Village of Clarkston, effectively enabling the co-existence of heavy pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The work will include all new sidewalks, curbing, and driveways in the downtown blocks that are safe to walk and compliant with ADA requirements. If allowed by MDOT, sidewalk extensions (bump-outs) and pedestrian-activated caution signaling will be included.

Investing in this project will improve quality of life for residents in City of the Village of Clarkston with positive impacts for the broader Clarkston communities, while also supporting SEMCOG's vision for the Southeast Michigan region. Please accept this letter of support in consideration of funding for this initiative.

This project is consistent with the policies of SEMCOG's long-range transportation plan, Vision 2050, as it will rehabilitate critical community assets and preserve economic connections and development. While this project cannot be added to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) until a written notice of funding award has been received, SEMCOG is prepared to act quickly and include the project in the TIP as soon as funds are identified.

Please contact me at 313-324-3350 or [oleary@semcog.org](mailto:oleary@semcog.org) if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Amy O'Leary  
Executive Director



Amy Laboissonniere, President  
Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce  
5856 S. Main  
Clarkston, MI 48346

April 2, 2025

Jonathan Smith  
City Manager  
City of the Village of Clarkston  
375 Depot Road  
Clarkston, MI 48346

**Subject: Letter of Support for Downtown Walkability, ADA Compliance, and Pedestrian Safety Improvements**

Dear Mr. Smith,

On behalf of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to extend my unwavering support for the proposed improvements to the City of Clarkston's downtown walkability, ADA compliance and pedestrian safety. As an advocate for our local businesses, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of providing accessible, walkable and safe sidewalks in the business district. It is critically important to the success of any business.

In a time when Amazon and big-box stores are challenging the survival of the small businesses on a daily basis, we must find every way possible to encourage our community to "shop local". One of the ways we can do that is to offer walkable, ADA compliant and



pedestrian-friendly sidewalks and driveways in our downtown district. We simply cannot afford to lose a single customer due to crumbling and unsafe sidewalks and driveways!

I feel strongly that the proposed project will be a significant investment by the municipality in our local economy, contributing to the long-term success and vitality of our business district. I am thankful that the City of the Village of Clarkston recognizes the importance of this initiative and urge that the resources needed for a successful execution are deployed. If I or the Chamber of Commerce may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

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Amy Labolssonniere, President  
Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce  
[amyl@indtwp.com](mailto:amyl@indtwp.com)



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April 2, 2025

**Jonathan Smith**

City Manager

City of the Village of Clarkston

375 Depot Road

Clarkston, MI 48346

**Subject: Letter of Support for Downtown Walkability, ADA Compliance, and Pedestrian Safety Improvements**

Dear Mr. Smith,

The Clarkston SCAMP organization is excited to hear about your proposed improvements to downtown Clarkston, making the sidewalks walkable and ADA compliant. This is very important to Clarkston's many residents and visitors. Possibly even more important are the proposed improvements for pedestrian safety, a long overdue improvement given the many vehicles and large trucks that utilize Main Street (M-15) on a regular basis.

On behalf of the Clarkston SCAMP organization, please accept our full support and endorsement for this exciting and much needed project.

Thank you and please let me know if I may be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

**Barb Rush, President**

North Oakland SCAMP Funding Corporation

[nosfc@clarkston.k12.mi.us](mailto:nosfc@clarkston.k12.mi.us)

North Oakland SCAMP Funding Corporation is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Your gift is tax deductible as provided by law.

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Please consider this letter as a receipt for your tax deductible donation



*Don't forget to follow Clarkston SCAMP on Facebook and Instagram!*



**Sue Wylie, Mayor of the City of the Village of Clarkston**

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April 1, 2025

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Sue Wylie

Mayor of the City of the Village of Clarkston

wyllies@villageofclarkston.org

**REVISITED / MODIFIED Increases for the 25/26 Fiscal Year**

	Challenge Category	24/25 FY Final Budget	25/26 FY INITIAL Estimate	25/26 FY MODIFIED Estimate	Year-over-Year Change		Comments
					Dollar Increase	Percentage Increase	
1.	Oakland County Police Services	\$157,550	\$181,183	\$178,667	\$21,117	13.4%	The tentative agreement with Independence Twp reduces the year-over- year increase by \$2,516.
2.	Oakland County Assessing Services	\$8,600	\$12,906	\$12,906	\$4,306	50.1%	Currently exploring an agreement with Independence Twp that will largely eliminate this increase.
3.	New City Attorney	\$30,000	\$39,475	\$30,000	\$0	0.0%	Based on the completed City Attorney candidate interviews, it is felt that no budget increase is needed.
4.	Building and Inspection Services	\$19,665	\$36,000	\$30,000	\$10,335	52.6%	A tentative agreement with Independence Twp reduces the year-over-year increase by \$6,000.
5.	Administrative Staff Salaries	\$128,925	\$182,853	\$162,105	\$33,180	25.7%	Modifications to the salary proposal have reduced the year-over-year increase by \$20,748.
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$344,740</b>	<b>\$452,417</b>	<b>\$413,678</b>	<b>\$68,938</b>	<b>20.0%</b>	<b>Overall, the proposed modifications, have reduced the year-over-year increase by \$38,739.</b>

# City of the Village of Clarkston

Annual & Hourly Pay Schedule Required by the Appropriations Act

Position		2024/2025 FY Proposed Budget		2025/2026 FY Proposed Budget		Year-over-Year Increase		Comments
		Annual (straight-time)	Hourly Wage	Annual (straight-time)	Hourly Wage	Dollar Change	Percent Change	
Administration	City Manager	\$44,990	28.84	\$58,225	34.99	\$13,235	29.4%	Salary increases based on a 3rd-party, Independent Salary Study in order to attract and retain the administrative employees
	City Treasurer	\$33,320	21.36	\$40,000	24.04	\$6,680	20.0%	
	City Clerk	\$38,220	24.50	\$50,000	30.05	\$11,780	30.8%	
	Administrative Assistant	\$12,395	19.30	\$13,880	21.42	\$1,485	12.0%	
	Administration Sub-Total	\$128,925		\$162,105		\$33,180	25.7%	
Department of Public Works (DPW)	DPW Supervisor	\$55,120	26.50	\$58,240	28.00	\$3,120	5.7%	Increase to be competitive with Independence Township
	DPW Laborer	\$29,985	18.02	\$38,605	18.56	\$8,620	28.7%	Converted to a full-time employee
	DPW Sub-Total	\$85,105		\$96,845		\$11,740	13.8%	
Grand Total		\$214,030		\$258,950		\$44,920	21.0%	



# City of the Village of Clarkston

## Salary Study Impact Assessment for the Administrative Staff - May 2025

	Current Compensation			Rahmberg Compensation Recommendations								Budget Compensation Proposal					
	24/25 Fiscal Year Salary	401k Match (3%) (c)	Total Compensation	Minimum (a)	Mid-Point (a)	Maximum (a)	Annual Salary (b)	Health Care In-Lieu of Coverage	401k Match (6%)	Total Compensation	Change vs Current	Annual Salary	Health Care -or- In-Lieu of Coverage	401k Match (4.0%)	Total Compensation	Change vs Current	Change vs Rahmberg
City Manager	\$44,990	\$1,350	\$46,340	\$58,225	\$68,500	\$78,775	\$68,500	\$3,080	\$2,760	\$74,340	\$28,001	\$58,225	\$0	\$2,329	\$60,554	\$14,214	(\$13,786)
City Treasurer	\$33,320	\$0	\$33,320	\$30,005	\$35,300	\$40,595	\$35,300	\$3,080	\$1,118	\$39,498	\$6,178	\$40,000	\$0	\$1,600	\$41,600	\$8,280	\$2,102
City Clerk	\$38,220	\$1,147	\$39,367	\$33,150	\$39,000	\$44,850	\$44,850	\$3,080	\$1,544	\$49,474	\$10,108	\$50,000	\$8,000	\$2,000	\$60,000	\$20,633	\$10,526
Deputy Clerk	\$12,395	\$372	\$12,767	\$18,785	\$22,100	\$25,415	\$18,785	\$0	\$755	\$19,540	\$6,773	\$13,880	\$0	\$555	\$14,435	\$1,668	(\$5,105)
Total	\$128,925	\$2,868	\$131,793	\$140,165	\$164,900	\$189,635	\$167,435	\$9,240	\$6,178	\$182,853	\$51,060	\$162,105	\$8,000	\$6,484	\$176,589	\$44,796	(\$6,264)

a) Based on the 25th Percentil of the MML Salary Study and adjusted downward to reflect a 32-hour work week

b) Adjusted to reflect experience/knowledge of current employee