



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Alabas
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Farhat
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:
Hanini Outreach and Community Center
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
4045 Maple St, Dearborn, MI 48126
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:
Representative Alabas Farhat, District 3
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.
This Hanini Outreach and Community Center will utilize this funding to create a comprehensive wellness center that stands at the heart of the Southend district. Rooted in the foundational values of service, upliftment, and holistic wellness, the Southend Community Center will encompass much more than a well-equipped gym, redefining the concept of a fitness space. It will be a dynamic hub for nurturing social bonds, personal development, and communal well-being. This center will feature diverse facilities, including a modern gym, spaces for educational programs, areas for cultural and social

gatherings, and resources for mental and physical health services. Each aspect of the center is meticulously planned to address the varied needs of community members, fostering an environment where every individual can find support, growth, and harmony. The center will also serve youth and the underprivileged, providing social and academic support alongside free-lunch programs, ensuring that every segment of the community receives the care and attention they need.

9. Attach documents here if needed:

Attachments added to the end of this file.

10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item.

5000000

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

["None"]

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

Non-profit organization

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?

Yes

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

Yes

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

Yes

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.'

Sammy Salem (President), Naiel Salamah (Treasurer), and Mohammad Khalil (Board of Directors)

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:

June 2026

19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."

Yes

Wayne County Commission

Sam Baydoun
Commissioner District 13
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April 23, 2025

As the Wayne County Commissioner proudly representing the City of Dearborn, I am writing to express my strong support for the Southend Community Center's request for state funding to establish a much-needed wellness and community hub in the Southend district.

The Southend of Dearborn is one of the most culturally rich and historically significant neighborhoods in our city, yet it continues to face structural inequities in access to wellness, education, and social resources. The proposed Southend Community Center directly addresses this disparity by offering inclusive services tailored to the needs of local families, youth, and underserved residents.

This project envisions a 20,000-square-foot facility that will not only house a public fitness space, but also offer mental health support, ESL programming, academic tutoring, leadership development, and critical food security services. With multipurpose rooms for gatherings and cultural events, this center will become a true anchor for the Southend community.

I have long believed that equitable access to health and education is key to a thriving city. This initiative exemplifies that principle. By creating a safe and supportive environment that prioritizes mental and physical health, this project will deliver a lasting, transformative impact, not only for the Southend, but for Dearborn as a whole.

I strongly urge your support for this important investment. Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to serving our communities with compassion and vision.

Sincerely,

Sam Baydoun
Vice-Chair Pro Tempore
Wayne County Commission, District 13