



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.
Representative Erin Byrnes, District 15
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
The Amity Foundation
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
25350 W. Warren Ave, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127
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 Erin Byrnes, District 15
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. Through this grant, the Amity Foundation will continue providing critical community resources including Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy, mental health services, as well as speech and occupational therapy. This funding will allow the foundation to create a centralized hub for accessible and inclusive care, enabling families to navigate services with ease, dignity, and cultural sensitivity.

With this funding, the Amity Foundation will be able to expand their reach within the community, providing essential services to more children and families and reducing wait times. Additionally, the organization will utilize this funding to add sensory-friendly,

calming therapy rooms designed specifically for neurodivergent individuals within their new facility.

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.

10000000

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.'

Amad Elzavat, CEO Danielle Elzayat, President Fouad Zaban, Vice President Charlene Elder, Secretary Medina Elzayat, Secretary

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



City of Dearborn Heights

6045 FENTON-DEARBORN HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN 48127

Hassan M. Ahmad
COUNCIL CHAIR PRO-TEM

April 22, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

As a Councilman for the City of Dearborn Heights, I am proud to express my strong support for the Amity Foundation's funding proposal, which aims to expand services provided by Emagine Health Services—an organization that has become an essential asset to our community.

Emagine Health Services plays a vital role in improving access to quality care for children and families throughout our city. Their mission to empower individuals and remove barriers to treatment aligns with our shared goal of creating a healthier, more inclusive community. Through their culturally competent, holistic, and evidence-based approach, Emagine delivers a broad range of services including Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy for children with Autism, mental health care, speech and occupational therapy, and more.

This expansion project, backed by the Amity Foundation, is a timely and much-needed effort. It will allow Emagine Health Services to reach more families, reduce long waitlists, and create sensory-friendly, supportive environments tailored to neurodivergent individuals. These improvements will not only enhance care delivery but also foster dignity, comfort, and respect for those who need it most.

As a city leader, I recognize the urgent need for expanded access to integrated mental and behavioral health services. I believe this initiative will have a transformative impact—improving outcomes for families, reducing disparities, and strengthening overall community wellbeing.

I fully support this proposal and commend both the Amity Foundation and Emagine Health Services for their commitment to our residents. I urge your favorable consideration of this important and impactful project.

Sincerely,

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April 22, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in strong support of The Amity Foundation and the incredible work they are doing to uplift our community and empower our youth. Their unwavering commitment to service, mentorship, and opportunity has made a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of countless young people.

In a time when many of our youth face increasing challenges, The Amity Foundation has stepped in as a source of hope, leadership, and inspiration. In our organization's field of focus on youth sports and recreation, they consistently provide safe spaces where young people can grow, learn, and discover their potential.

What truly sets The Amity Foundation apart is their deep-rooted connection to the community. They not only understand the needs of those they serve, but they also engage local volunteers, families, and partners in their mission—creating a sense of unity and shared responsibility that strengthens us all.

It is without hesitation that I support and endorse The Amity Foundation. Their passion, integrity, and proven track record of service make them a vital pillar in our community. I encourage others to join in supporting their work—whether through funding, collaboration, or volunteerism—so they can continue to inspire and uplift the next generation.

Sincerely,

Mo Hijazi

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Michigan Jaguars FC Dearborn
Director of Operations



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Mo Baydoun

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Amity Foundation, a remarkable 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of individuals and families in our community through various essential programs. As the City Council Chairman of Dearborn Heights, I have witnessed firsthand the significant impact that the Amity Foundation has on our residents, particularly in the areas of disability support, senior assistance, and family programs.

The Amity Foundation's commitment to supporting individuals with disabilities is truly commendable. By providing tailored programs and resources, you empower those facing various challenges to lead more independent and fulfilling lives. This not only enriches the lives of participants but also strengthens our community by fostering inclusivity and understanding.

In addition, your initiatives for our senior citizens are invaluable. As our population ages, it is crucial that we ensure our seniors have access to the services and support they need. The programs offered by the Amity Foundation combat isolation, promote social engagement, and address the overall well-being of our elderly residents, allowing them to continue to thrive within our community.

I would also like to highlight the significance of the food drives organized by the Amity Foundation. In these challenging times, food insecurity is a pressing issue that affects many families in Dearborn Heights. Your food drives provide essential nourishment to those in need while instilling hope and dignity in individuals facing financial hardships. The impact of these initiatives cannot be overstated, as they help to alleviate the burden of hunger and foster a sense of community among residents.

The dedication and hard work of the Amity Foundation's staff and volunteers are evident in the success of these programs. Your unwavering commitment to serving the needs of our community is inspiring, and I wholeheartedly support your mission to improve the lives of those you serve.

I encourage all members of our community to engage with and support the Amity Foundation in any way possible —be it through volunteering, donations, or simply spreading awareness of the vital services you provide. Together, we can continue to cultivate a more inclusive and supportive environment for everyone in Dearborn Heights.

Thank you for your outstanding contributions to our community.

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