



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.
Rep. Joey Andrews, District 38; Rep. Jason Morgan, District 23; Rep. Samantha Steckloff, District 19;
Rep. Ken Borton, District 105
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
LiUNA Training of Michigan (LTM)
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
11155 Beardslee Road, Perry MI 48872.
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:
The headquarters of LIUNA Training of Michigan is in Rep. Brian Begole's district, HD 71. The project would be administered and overseen from there. The exact location of where the new facility is undetermined at this time - it would be on the west side of the state.
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.
LIUNA Training of Michigan (LTM) requests \$2,000,000 to construct a new training center on the west side of the state. This facility will feature two fully equipped classrooms, smart

technology, and a modern learning environment designed for hands-on safety instruction. Strategically located to serve the growing needs of local communities, this center will reduce training barriers, enhance public safety, and support a stronger, safer Michigan workforce.

LTM's training system is a registered apprenticeship program with the U.S. Department of Labor, ensuring that our graduates go through a rigorous training program. LTM is open to all who wish to learn the construction trade, and representatives of LTM participate in roughly 100 outreach events to various communities across the state. There is no cost of attending trainings from LTM after becoming a member of the LIUNA, and LTM regularly offers stipends to students so they can earn while they learn.

This grant would further the stated goals of state legislative and executive leadership of expanded workforce development in Michigan. West Michigan is a rapidly growing region for the construction industry, and to continue to meet the demands for a skilled workforce on major projects such as the restart of the

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.

2000000

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.'

Brent Pilarski, Chairman Robert Coppersmith, Secretary Michael Aaron Alex Coulombe Anthony Alessandrini James Oleksinski Alex Zurek Andy Bracy Dan Minton Guy Cohoon Jesse Duverneay, Alternate Mikyia Aaron, Alternate Dave Willert, Alternate Nick Defauw, Alternate

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:

Fall of 2025-Summer of 2027

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

Yes



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Purpose of the Grant Request

LIUNA Training of Michigan (LTM) is seeking funding to construct a new training facility on the west side of the state to better serve the needs of laborers, contractors, and public agencies located in the surrounding townships and cities. This new site will address a significant gap in accessible, high-quality safety training for workers in western Michigan—a region currently underserved due to the long travel distances required to reach our central Perry facility and the small size of our facility in St. Joseph. Our existing facility in St. Joseph does not possess the space, scale, or sophistication needed to properly meet the workforce training needs of West Michigan.

Our current infrastructure cannot accommodate the increasing demand for safety education in this area, forcing many critical workforces—those responsible for public infrastructure, utilities, and emergency response—to seek suboptimal or distant alternatives. This creates logistical challenges and reduces participation in training programs that directly impact workplace safety and community well-being.

This new facility will allow LTM to expand its footprint, increase training access, and deliver high-quality, job-ready instruction to more Michigan residents. By offering professional, purpose-built learning spaces closer to the communities LTM serves, LTM will remove barriers to participation, improve workforce readiness, and strengthen safety outcomes across the region.

Funding Justification and Project Scope

LTM is requesting \$2,000,000 in grant funding to support the development of a modern training center strategically located on the west side of Michigan. This facility will be a vital investment in the region's workforce infrastructure, providing professional safety and skills-based instruction.

The facility will include:

- Two dedicated classrooms, each accommodating approximately 20 students, allowing for smaller, more focused instruction and hands-on learning
- Integrated smart technology, including high-definition displays, live-streaming capabilities, and interactive presentation tools to enhance engagement
- Flexible layout and professional furnishings, ensuring a welcoming, functional environment suitable for a wide range of training topics and formats
- Hands-on high bay area, providing a realistic, interactive learning environment for applied training in areas such as scaffolding, trenching, confined space, and heavy equipment
- Modern safety features and compliance with all ADA and building standards, ensuring a safe and accessible space for all participants

This new center will serve not only union members and contractors, but also public entities such as MIOSHA, EGLE, and regional emergency services. By increasing training availability in western Michigan, LTM aims to improve safety outcomes across a broad cross-section of commercial and public-sector workforces.

This funding will cover land development, construction, furnishings, and technology integration. LTM expects that the \$2 million will be spent approximately on: \$1,000,000 on land acquisition, \$750,000 on construction of the facility, and \$250,000 on training equipment for the new center.