



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:
The Concerned Residents for South Dearborn (CRSD)
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
2794 Roulo Street, Dearborn, MI 48120
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. The purpose of this spending item is to provide the organization with funding to build a climate resilient community and recreation center. The Community Resilience Hub building will provide a community-owned and -run facility for health, wellness, gathering, and emergency preparedness year-round while serving as a place of refuge during environmental emergencies (flooding events, heat emergencies, air quality emergencies). Currently, the South End neighborhood lacks a comprehensive community center, so this solution would provide essential health and wellness facilities in addition to climate and social resilience. The design brief will foreground an energy-efficient, resilient, yet affordable building that could serve as a model for similar facilities

throughout the region. Strategies such as modular design will be investigated. The building will be equipped with air-filtration systems for particulates and other pollutants produced by adjacent industries and wildfires (such as particulate matter [PM], carbon dioxide [CO₂], nitrogen dioxide [NO₂], lead, and manganese). The building will use low-GHG (greenhouse gas) construction and non-toxic and low-VOC (volatile organic compound) materials for interior surfaces, aesthetic elements, amenities, and furniture. A rooftop solar array with backup battery and biodiesel generator system will be designed to store power for 72 hours. The building will also be equipped with communications equipment that can remain operational during outages. The team has been consulting the planning resources and advice from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN) and their Guidance Document on Developing Resilience Hubs. USDN's resources will inform the project co-design, as well as staff and community members' preparedness and emergency training. The adjacent landscape will include nature-based solutions in the form of a vegetative buffer to mitigate air pollution from trucking along Dix, bioretention gardens and permeable surfaces to manage stormwater, and shade trees for cooling. This nature-based, pollution-reduction installation will provide a clean-air zone in the neighborhood and will be a prototype for more extensive vegetative barriers and green infrastructures to be installed elsewhere. The NBS will be integrated with sensing and measurement equipment to provide health and educational benefits and collect data regarding environmental performance. In collaboration with South End residents and educators at Salina Schools, this component will include a summer youth program as well as in-person and online training modules and information developed specifically for elderly and non-English speakers. The training modules will include printed and web-based resources also available to additional communities in the greater Detroit area, as part of the Climate Collaboration Hubs (see following section). The integration of these three components— resilience hub building, nature-based solutions for stormwater and air quality, and educational programming— specifically addresses needs identified by the community and will provide a critical socio-environmental infrastructure for the residents of South End with immediate positive impacts on climate resilience, pollution reduction, and community health.

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.**

8010068

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

["Local", "Private"]

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.'

President Obad Mawri; Vice President Gussan Abdulkarim; Treasurer Ammar Muflihi; Secretary Samraa Luqman; Board Member Eman Ahmed; Board Member Sameir Abdulla

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 24, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the CRSD Recreation and Community Resiliency Center and to urge your favorable consideration of their grant application. This project is of critical importance to our community, which continues to face growing challenges related to climate impacts, public health, and infrastructure limitations.

The need for such a facility is both urgent and well-documented. Our region has experienced increasing instances of flooding and emergency power outages, events that have left families vulnerable and exposed. The proposed Center would not only serve as a hub for recreation, but as a vital emergency refuge—a safe and reliable space during times of crisis.

In addition, poor air quality is a growing concern, especially for children. The Center would provide a clean-air environment where youth can safely engage in physical activity, supporting their health and development regardless of external environmental conditions. Our community is predominantly low-income, with limited access to safe and inclusive recreational amenities. Nearly 50% of the population is under the age of 18, and there are currently very few local options that support their physical and emotional well-being.

The CRSD Center would fill a critical gap, offering essential services and a safe, structured space for youth to grow, learn, and thrive. Local schools have expressed strong support for this endeavor, recognizing that the facility aligns with our educational and community health goals. It promotes an active lifestyle, provides after-school and summer programming potential, and strengthens community resilience in an area that is physically and logistically isolated from larger service hubs.

This project represents a unique opportunity to invest in long-term community well-being, equity, and preparedness. I wholeheartedly support the CRSD Recreation and Community Resiliency Center, and I urge you to fund this essential initiative.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sam Baydoun

Wayne County Commissioner

