



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Brian
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
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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:  
Michigan HomeCare and Hospice Association (MHHA)
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
2140 University Park Dr. Suite 220, Okemos MI 48864
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  
Statewide
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:  
Statewide
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.  
Purpose of the Legislatively Directed Spending Item The requested funding will support comprehensive safety training programs for in-home care workers across Michigan. These trainings will equip home care and hospice staff with practical tools and protocols to recognize, de-escalate, and respond to potentially violent situations while providing essential care in clients' homes. Topics will include personal safety, emergency response, conflict resolution, and effective communication strategies to manage unpredictable environments.

Public Benefit Home care and hospice workers deliver critical health services to some of our state's most vulnerable populations—seniors, people with disabilities, and patients receiving end-of-life care. However, these workers often enter private residences alone and face a heightened risk of encountering violence or aggression. Recent reporting highlights this troubling reality:

- A 2024 article from Home Health Care News noted a "growing concern over violence toward home health workers," citing incidents of verbal abuse, threats, and physical assault as common risks for caregivers in the field.
- Similarly, a 2023 Kaiser Health News (KHN) investigation found that home care workers nationwide "face dangerous, isolated situations with little backup," underscoring an urgent need for standardized safety training.
- According to McKnight's Home Care, industry experts have called for stronger safety measures after several high-profile attacks, emphasizing that worker safety is essential to sustaining home-based care delivery.

By proactively addressing these risks, the training program will protect frontline caregivers and ensure continuity of care for thousands of Michigan residents who rely on safe, skilled, and compassionate in-home services. When workers feel secure, they can better focus on providing high-quality care, which benefits patients, families, and the broader health system.

Appropriate Use of Taxpayer Funding Investing in the safety and well-being of Michigan's home care workforce is a responsible and necessary use of public funds. These caregivers are essential to the state's healthcare infrastructure, helping to reduce hospitalizations, support aging in place, and lower healthcare costs overall. Ensuring their safety is critical to maintaining a stable, effective workforce. Furthermore, this initiative aligns with state priorities to promote workforce development, prevent workplace violence, and support community-based care models.

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.**

250000

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.'

Jorgeann Koenig, Dr. Cleamon Moorner, Jr, Sara Lowe, Eric Towell, Deborah Holman, Emily Wiechmann, Jamie Lalonde, Laura Alexander, Katie Parkhurst, Theresa Ruedisueli, Beth Wyatt, Susan Houseman, Karlon Alton, Laura Haynes (non-voting member of the Board and President/CEO of the Association)

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:

Oct 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026

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

Yes