



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Bryan
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Posthumus
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. John Fitzgerald
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
Hispanic Center of Western Michigan
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
1204 Cesar E. Chavez Ave SW Grand Rapids, MI 49503
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:  
Rep John Fitzgerald, 83rd District
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 Spending:  
The Hispanic Center of Western Michigan has proudly served our community for 47 years. They are now launching the Heart of the Center \$4.5 million capital campaign to renovate a 13,000-square-foot facility, which will encompass the following:  
Integrated Services  
Currently, HCWM refers clients to external agencies for essential health, education, social, and job skills services. However, with the new facility, we will integrate these

services on-site, enabling immediate access to a wide range of resources. The new space will feature large lecture rooms and private one-on-one rooms, allowing more than 50 agencies to provide direct support across 12 key service sectors.

#### Young Learners

The Hispanic Center of Western Michigan (HCWM) is committed to providing an affordable, high-quality preschool and daycare facility that serves dual purposes: supporting parents in maintaining employment while ensuring children from at-risk families are well-prepared for future academic success.

#### Increased Capacity

The expansion of kitchen facilities will allow for enhanced health and wellness programming, as well as the creation of warming and cooling stations to serve the broader community. This will directly benefit residents by ensuring their basic needs are met in a safe and supportive environment.

#### Coordinated Care

HCWM's Community Health Workers have been instrumental in breaking the cycle of generational poverty for hundreds of individuals. By expanding their facilities, we will be able to offer comprehensive community navigation services, providing personalized, one-on-one guidance to every individual who seeks our assistance. This expansion will ensure that we can continue to offer critical support and resources to those in need.

#### Legal Services

HCWM's DOJ-accredited team is dedicated to assisting individuals with immigration matters before the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), including form preparation, representation during USCIS interviews, notary services, and more. This vital service ensures that community members receive the legal support they need to navigate complex immigration processes.

This expansion will strengthen the existing family support services, workforce development, youth and education programs, and language services currently provided to key corporate partners, including Trinity Health and Corewell. Together, they are dedicated to fostering self-sufficiency and personalized prosperity for our community. By providing this key investment we can ensure that all community members become active and productive contributors to society.

**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.**

1000000

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

["Federal","State","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.'

• Board Chair, Troy Cumings, Warner Norcross + Judd • Board Vice President, Rosa Estrada, Gentex • Board Treasurer, Jessica Podvin, DK Weiss & Associates • Trustee, Javier Cervantes, The Diatribe Inc • Trustee, Heidi Kattula, East GR Public Schools • Trustee, Gregory Meyer, University of Michigan Health-West • Trustee, David Jasperse, Trinity Health Saint Mary's • Trustee, Sonali Allen, Mercantile Bank • Trustee, Miriam Andrade Cuevas, Corewell Health • Trustee, David Smith, The Employer Association • Trustee, Daniel Quintanilla, Gentex • Trustee, Gil Segovia, Retired

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:

Start FY 2026- End June 2026

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

Yes