



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Cynthia
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Neeley
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.  
State Representative Joseph Aragona
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
Empowerment Village (SBEV) - Historic Fisher Body Building Renovation
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
4098 S. Saginaw Street, Flint, MI 48507
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. Cynthia Neeley / District 70
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.  
We are requesting funding in support of the renovations to revive the Fisher Body #1 Building, a national landmark and former General Motors plant and administrative center at 4098 S Saginaw St, Flint, MI 48557. It is within a sizable EPA IRA Disadvantaged Community designation and encompasses a group of census tracts all of which are eligible for that designation. Known as SBEV's South hub, the Fisher Body Building has not been in operation for decades, resulting in the need for a complete transformation to both its interior and exterior. This building will maintain the historic integrity of the



building, but also be transformed into SBEV's space to support the high quality out of school time programming provided, but also ensure we are able to accommodate the growing enrollment of youth for the program.

Another benefit of the renovation will be the ability to create a community hub within the southside of the city of Flint. In SBEV's north side building, many community partners and organizations utilized the building to connect with the residents within the area. In our south location, we do not currently have the capacity to include additional partners and resources as we are at capacity and working to accommodate the growing number of youth enrolled in our out of school time programming. Through this renovation, we will create a southside hub that will allow the youth and their families the opportunity to connect with SBEV and additional resources all under one roof.

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.

["State"]

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.'

Nadir Ijaz- Board Secretary, Dr. Jawad Shah- Board Chairman, Eric Leverette- Board Director, Atiq Nakrawala - Board Financial Officer



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:

2026-2027

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

Yes