



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Donavan
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
McKinney
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:
America's Community Council
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
62 W Seven Mile Rd, Detroit, MI 48203
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
62 W Seven Mile Rd, Detroit, MI 48203
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Helena Scott, District 8
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. ACC's Youth Programs provide a safe haven for hundreds of youths. Services include educational activities tailored to develop and enhance academic and social skills while promoting leadership skills to gear youth in making healthy and productive decisions to improve their quality of life. The ACC After-School Program provides at-risk youth ages 9 -17 with the support and essential life skills needed to improve academic status, reduce risk-taking behaviors, increase accessibility to health services, and improve youth sense of self-image. Services include academic assistance, tutoring, computer skills training,

STEM activities, service-learning projects, physical education and recreation, mentoring, substance abuse prevention, violence prevention and conflict resolution.

Public Benefits

- Health Access & Prevention

- o Refugee Health Programs in Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne counties ensure early identification of health concerns, prevent the spread of disease and promote continuation of care—protecting both individuals and communities.

- o Primary Care Clinics offer affordable, accessible health services, decreasing emergency room reliance and promoting wellness.

- o Behavioral Health Programs provide culturally informed mental health and substance use services, reducing disparities and increasing access to care.

- Economic Empowerment

- o ACC offers job readiness and employment training, including participation in the PATH Refugee Program, helping clients achieve independence and contribute to the workforce.

- o Financial literacy and case management services support long-term economic stability.

- Youth & Family Support

- o Youth programs deliver academic support, recreational activities, and leadership development to keep young people engaged and on track.

- o The WIC Nutrition Program ensures that low-income women, infants, and children have access to healthy foods, fostering long-term health.

- Community Outreach & Integration

- o ACC provides food distribution, resources and referrals, translation, and culturally inclusive community events, building trust and engagement among diverse populations.

- o Provides culturally competent case managers to serve as liaisons between service systems and newly arrived families.

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.

["Private","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.'

Nancy Hanoosh Chair President, Corporate Recruiters; Samer Jaafar, 1st Vice Chair Wayne County Director Homeland Security and Emergency Management; Susan Brueckman, 2nd Vice Chair Senior Vice President, Huntington Bank; Renee Hanna, Treasurer Owner RWH Consulting; Terry Habib, Secretary President and CEO, Psychologist and Consultant Transitional Consulting Services; Greg Bockart Executive Managing Director, Market Leader Savills; Bob Ghannam Entrepreneur; Mary Kiezi Retail Development Manager MKiezi Properties, LLC.; Dannis Mitchell National Director Barton Malow

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:

10/01/2025-9/30/2026

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

Yes



America's Community Council (ACC)
Providing Core Human Needs To All People

ACC is Michigan's most trusted and comprehensive nonprofit human services organization dedicated to serving the needs of minority and multicultural populations. **Since 1979**, ACC in partnership with the State of Michigan has delivered vital services helping underserved and ethnic communities navigate an already over-subscribed healthcare system and stressed emergency room system. The **Multi-Cultural Line was established in 1984** by the advocacy work of ACC Founder, Dr. Haifa Fakhouri and the leadership of Governor Blanchard in recognition Michigan's diverse workforce demands and inclusivity. These populations are currently living in Michigan, are a part of our social fabric, and more effectively, less expensively served by ACC than by the State.

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 - ACC offers job readiness and employment training, including participation in the PATH Refugee Program, helping clients achieve independence and contribute to the workforce.
 - Financial literacy and case management services support long-term economic stability.
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 - Youth programs deliver academic support, recreational activities, and leadership development to keep young people engaged and on track.
 - The WIC Nutrition Program ensures that low-income women, infants, and children have access to healthy foods, fostering long-term health.
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Why It's a Wise Use of Taxpayer Funding

- **Cost-Effective:** Early intervention and prevention reduce long-term healthcare and social service costs.
- **Equity-Driven:** Programs close service gaps for underserved, minority populations across Southeast Michigan.
- **Policy-Aligned:** Supports federal and state objectives related to refugee resettlement, health equity, and workforce development.



- **Outcome-Focused:** Services are data-informed, accountable, and results-driven, ensuring fiscal responsibility and community impact.

ACC's programs are a smart investment in Michigan's future—strengthening health systems, promoting inclusion, and empowering communities. By meeting the needs of multicultural populations with compassion and effectiveness, ACC transforms public funding into measurable public good.

America's Community Council/ACC/Arab American and Chaldean Council

ACC's current structure for its Youth Center program is no longer suitable to meet the needs of its programming. A new structure on the site is being engineered to provide the space and equipment to successfully continue the ACC's Youth Programs.

The rough estimate for the new facility is 30,000 square feet. We are seeking \$10 Million toward construction costs.

ACC's Youth Programs provide a safe haven for hundreds of youths. Services include educational activities tailored to develop and enhance academic and social skills while promoting leadership skills to gear youth in making healthy and productive decisions to improve their quality of life.

The ACC After-School Program provides at-risk youth ages 9 -17 with the support and essential life skills needed to improve academic status, reduce risk-taking behaviors, increase accessibility to health services, and improve youth sense of self-image.

Services include academic assistance, tutoring, computer skills training, STEM activities, service-learning projects, physical education and recreation, mentoring, substance abuse prevention, violence prevention and conflict resolution.

Recreational activities for youth are provided year-round at ACC's Youth Recreation and Leadership Center in Detroit to assist in guiding youth through everyday challenges and promote healthy life choices.

Recreational services attract and engage at-risk youth while providing a safe place to be when not in school.

Activities are age appropriate and tailored to all skill levels.

Those with advanced skills and who are performing well in school, are invited to be a part of ACC's Traveling Basketball Team. ACC's travel basketball team participates in state wide competitions. These competitions provide youth with the opportunity to travel and gain exposure to new experiences. As a result of ACC's youth after school programs and recreational activities, many of ACC's students continue their education and athletic careers in college.

As part of its youth services, ACC's Mentoring Program provides at-risk youth an opportunity to develop strong and trusting relationships with their fathers and other adult mentors. The mentoring program brings together youth, fathers, and other caring adults interested in keeping families and neighborhoods together. The program works to teach youth to value respect and inspires them to stay in school and achieve. Activities include one-on-one mentoring, social enrichment workshops, motivational presentations featuring guest speakers, tutoring, field trips, and community service. As a result of individual achievement, program staff reward youth with trophies to promote successful behavior and encourage goal setting. The mentoring program's ultimate goal is to provide youth with a sense of security and establish trusting relationships to improve their future's prospects.

THE ACC YOUTH PROGRAM

We've designed our youth program to nurture and empower several hundred young people in the Seven Mile Area. Our facility is a safe haven for educational activities, enrichment, and recreation. The ACC youth mission is to promote responsible behavior to gear young people to make better choices, thrive, and improve their overall quality of life.

The ACC After School Program offers at-risk youth ages 9-17 with support and essential life skills to improve academic status, reduce risk taking behaviors and improve confidence and self-image. Our services include academic assistance, tutoring, computer skills training, service-learning projects, physical education and recreation, mentoring, substance abuse prevention, and conflict resolution. We're attentive to academic progress and areas of struggle in order to design the proper path forward for each young person within our program. These measuring tools are the ACC difference.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Recreational Program provides year-round services daily and during the summer season. Our program attracts and engages at risk youth providing them with a safe place to be during their free time.

CUSTOMIZED GENDER AND AGE-APPROPRIATE SESSIONS

ACCESS TO PARTICIPATE REGARDLESS OF SKILL LEVEL

CUSTOMIZED SESSIONS FOR ADVANCED AND HIGH-LEVEL GROUPS

BASKETBALL CAMPS

TRAVEL BASKETBALL TEAM FOR HIGH PERFORMERS & PARTICIPATION IN STATE-WIDE COMPETITIONS

ACC FATHERHOOD MENTORING PROGRAM FOR AT-RISK MALES AGES 9-19

ONE ON ONE MENTORING

SOCIAL ENRICHMENT WORKSHOPS

MOTIVATIONAL PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKERS

WEEKLY FIELD TRIPS & COMMUNITY SERVICE