



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:
Urban Development Corporation
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
19209 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48234
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
19209 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48234
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
State Representative Donovan McKinney, 11th House 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.
Urban Development Corporation (UDC) is the owner of a 10,000 sq. ft. industrial building located within the Mt. Elliott Business Corridor. We are seeking funding to support the rehabilitation of this building into a resilience hub, community gathering space, employment center, and microenterprise/business incubator.

The poverty rate among residents in the surrounding area is 36.5%, compared to the national average of 12.5%. Alarming, 82.9% of children under the age of 18 live below

the poverty line, compared to 16.7% nationally. This level of poverty is not sustainable in the long term. An Integrated Strategic Plan for the Mt. Elliott Employment District revealed the need for a nonprofit organization to serve as a community anchor, bridging the gap between residents and the business community. Additionally, the plan found that only one in four jobs in the District are held by City of Detroit residents—and this proportion is even lower (16%) for manufacturing jobs.

Our goal is to provide residents with the resources and tools they need to move out of poverty through gainful employment and the development of transferable skills. The public benefit of supporting our project lies in reducing residents' dependence on government assistance and increasing their contribution to Michigan's economic growth through employment.

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.

350000

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.'

Julius Debardeleben, Kevin Haywood, Derrick Morgan, and Vanessa Peake

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:

1-year from date of received funds

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

Yes