



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Emily
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Dievendorf
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.
Penelope Tsernoglou and Angela Witwer
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Housing Servies Mid Michigan
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
319 S. Cochran Ave. Charlote, MI 48813
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
319 S. Cochran Ave. Charlote, MI 48813
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Emily Dievendorf, 77th 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.
Housing Services Mid Michigan (HSMM) is the main housing agency in Clinton and Eaton counties.
There has been a 20% increase in those experiencing homelessness in Clinton and Eaton counties between 2023 and 2024. There is lack of emergency shelter in both counties. In Clinton County, the only shelter specializes in domestic violence so not everyone who is homeless may qualify.

This past winter, there were no 24-hour warming centers available during “code blue” conditions in either county. It has been the same scenario for cooling centers in the summer. These individuals and families are forced to sleep in their vehicles, on the streets or go into the Lansing shelter system to try to find shelter. This creates an issue with transportation to work and school and removes families from their support systems.

Currently, there is a waiting list of individuals and families who are literally homeless in Clinton and Eaton counties. There are 68 households on the waiting lists who meet the criteria of being literally homeless and high risk. 14 of these households are chronically homeless. These households need immediate emergency shelter. HSMM can provide motel assistance when funding is available. This year, we received a \$20,000 decrease in our Emergency Shelter Grant for motel. The temporary motel assistance would provide shelter while our Housing Navigators could assist households with housing search, budgeting and referrals. First month’s rent and security deposit assistance are needed to move them into housing quickly and get them out of the shelters or streets. Landlord incentives would assist in getting them housed quickly and increasing landlord participation. Homelessness continues to rise in Michigan and there are no signs of it slowing down. Rent prices increased by 12.47% from 2023 to 2024 and the eviction rate was 15% in 2022 and 23% in 2023 according to the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness. HSMM has over 20 years of experience in providing services in the proposed programs. These services would be additions to HSMM’s infrastructure which would make implementation quick and efficient.

We are requesting \$300,000 in emergency housing funding to shelter and house all 68 households on the waitlist within one year.

- Emergency motel assistance=\$50,000
- Housing Navigator full time staff (housing search, landlord coordination, etc.) =\$55,000
- First month’s rent and deposit assistance=\$161,000
- Landlord incentives for half=\$34,000

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.

300000

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

["Federal","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.'

JULIE HALES-SMITH, KAREN LEIF, RICHARD G. BALLARD, JAMES A. DEXTER, CHRISTIE HARRY, DAWN BENSON, ROBERT G. BROWN, JESSICA MAAS, JANE O'CONNELL, JASON WHITE, EMMA SWINTON, TOM L. REICH

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:

Upon receiving funds, spending can begin immediately to provide housing and shelter.

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

Yes