



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Erin
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Byrnes
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. Tonya Myers Phillips
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Wayne Metro Community Action Agency
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
7310 Woodward, Suite 113, Detroit, MI 48202
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:
Erin Byrnes, District 15 and Tonya Myers Phillips, District 7
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. The purpose of this legislatively directed spending item is to allocate funding to Wayne Metro Community Action Agency for essential infrastructure upgrades and shelter services that support some of the most vulnerable populations in Michigan. Specifically, the funds will be used for HVAC improvements, asbestos remediation, and parking lot repairs at Head Start facilities in Dearborn Heights and Hamtramck, as well as for shelter services including temporary housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

This spending provides a clear public benefit by investing in critical services for low-income families and individuals. The Head Start program supports early childhood education and development for children in need, and ensuring these facilities are safe, functional, and accessible is vital to protecting the health and well-being of children and staff. Asbestos remediation and HVAC improvements address environmental safety and indoor air quality, while parking lot repairs improve access and safety for families utilizing the sites.

Additionally, funding for temporary shelter services directly supports individuals facing housing insecurity. By providing safe, stable, and immediate shelter, Wayne Metro helps reduce the harms associated with homelessness and connects individuals with services that promote long-term stability.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding because it addresses urgent community needs, reduces public health risks, and supports equitable access to foundational services. These investments ultimately reduce longer-term costs to the state by mitigating crises before they escalate.

This item does not violate Article IV, § 30 of the Michigan Constitution, as the funds are directed to a public purpose through a nonprofit agency that delivers services under public oversight and accountability. The expenditures benefit the public broadly and do not support private gain, thereby complying with constitutional requirements.

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.

17500000

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

["None"]

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.'

Alisha Bell, Michael Bowdler, Raymond Solomon II, Andrew Kandrevas, Mark Kibby, Martha, Scott, Eric Sabree, Kirby Burkholder, Jennifer Gasiecki, Ron Hendrichs, Mike Irvin, Jametta Lilly, Barbara Rykwaldler, Donnell White, Shamayim Harris, Timothy Jackson, Shawn Forman, La Nita Pickett, Delores Flowers, Joshua Wheeler, Brittany Morgan

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:

October 1, 2025-September 30, 2026

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

Yes