



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Helena
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Scott
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.
Natalie Price
Carrie Rheingans
Karen Whitsett
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Making It Happen Foundation
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
220 South Main Street, Royal Oak, MI 48067
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:
Natalie Price, 6th 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. The HEROES Tech Program, led by the nonprofit Making It Happen Foundation (MIHF), equips underserved Michigan youth (ages 14–24) with in-demand skills in music production, digital media, film, and IT. By offering credentialed training, workforce readiness, and career placement—particularly for low-income and marginalized students—the program delivers measurable educational and economic benefits. These outcomes align with the Michigan Innovation Industries Initiative and

help build a diverse, future-ready workforce.

b. The \$2 million funding request will establish HEROES Tech Innovation Hubs in Oakland and Wayne Counties, providing expanded access to training, certifications, and industry professionals. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds, as it supports public workforce development and economic opportunity. As a certified workforce training agency, MIHF's program complies with Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution, as funds will be used for a public purpose—not as a gift or loan to a private entity—benefiting Michigan communities and employers statewide.

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.

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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.'

a. Sheryl Little b. Xavier Gillon Jr c. Dr. Felicia Randolph d. Margo Walker e. Judge Donald Coleman

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:

a. Anticipated Start Date: October 1, 2025 b. Anticipated End Date: September 30, 2026

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

Yes