



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Jamie
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Thompson
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:  
Autism Alliance of MI – Autism Navigator program
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
26913 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, MI 48033
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  
Same as above.
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:  
N/A Statewide program
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.  
Please see Appendix A
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.  
2025000

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

["Federal","State","Private"]

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.'

See Appendix B

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:

Oct 1, 2025 – Sept 30, 2026 (FY 2026)

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

Yes

# APPENDIX A



## AAoM State Funding Request – FY 2026 State Budget Navigator Program

### **Background Information and Key Issue**

The Autism Alliance of Michigan's Navigator program was created in 2014 to help families living with autism across Michigan struggling to secure services, supports and professional guidance when faced with an autism diagnosis. It is a statewide, central resource offered at no cost to any Michigan family. Our professionals are skilled in multiple areas of autism/disability related fields in order to adequately and comprehensively address the multiple, varied needs our families experience across the lifespan. Since inception, we have served almost 20,000 families directly and thousands more through our community education and training initiatives.

### **Current (2025) Funding and Capacity**

- In the FY2025 budget the navigator program is currently funded by a \$2.025M DHHS grant, within the Autism Services budget line, matched at 25% by AAoM's private fundraising, creating a successful public-private partnership
- *The program is currently staffed by 8 navigators, 5 specialists, and 3 outreach professionals to serve the entire state*
- This funding level has allowed AAoM to serve 3,500-4,000 individuals and their families in every region, addressing a multitude of varied, complex cases

### **2026 Executive Budget**

- The 2026 Executive budget includes navigator funding again, at the \$2.025M level
- *We are asking the Michigan legislature to continue the \$2.025M level to support this critical program for our state*

## **Appendix B: AAoM Board of Directors**

### **Board of Trustees**

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