



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Jason
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Morgan
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.
Representative Jennifer Conlin, Representative Carrie Rheingans, Representative Morgan Foreman
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Washtenaw Community College
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
4800 East Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105-4800
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:
Representative Jason Morgan (D-23)
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 Workforce and Community Development Department at Washtenaw Community College (WCC) is proposing the establishment of an open-entry/open-exit lab designed to increase workforce foundation skills, particularly math, that are needed for occupational success.

Establishment of the lab will allow residents of Washtenaw County free access to

instruction Monday – Saturday. Through the assistance of a training facilitator in a computer-assisted environment, the Workforce and Community Development Department will be able to assess each student’s level of knowledge and ability and create a customized learning pathway that will lead him/her to competency. Once competency is obtained, the student will be able to pursue occupational training and/or education, as well as employment opportunities.

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.

68458.47

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.’

Christina M. H. Fleming (Chair), Angela Davis (Vice Chair), Ruth A. Hatcher (Secretary), Dave DeVarti (Treasurer), Diana McKnight-Morton (Trustee), William G. Milliken Jr. (Trustee), Eileen Peck (Trustee)

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:

April 2026-

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

Yes

WCC's Center for Success and Innovation: Boosting Student Success and Economic Prosperity

Washtenaw Community College seeks funds to transform its current Student Center into a **Center for Success and Innovation** -- intended to enhance WCC's ability to boost student success while fulfilling workforce demands for highly skilled and educated talent in current and emerging fields. WCC's **Center for Success and Innovation will be a** convenient hub of flexible and innovative interdisciplinary instructional labs, comprehensive wrap-around supports, advising and career services to help students achieve their education and career goals and to respond to regional workforce demands.

Student Success + Workforce Success = Regional Economic Prosperity

WCC is an engine for regional economic development and prosperity, playing an essential role in educating and training Michigan's workforce. Michigan's job outlook for Southeast Prosperity Region 9, estimates that 53% of Michigan jobs by 2030, in this region, will require either an associate degree, some college, a postsecondary non-degree or credential, moderate on-the-job training (such as apprenticeship) or a bachelor's degree.

A critical driver of economic prosperity is student success and the college's ability to connect skilled talent with industry demand. **WCC's Center for Success and Innovation** will house immersive, hands-on learning experiences, enhance student and community engagement, and support workforce development, positioning the college at the forefront of educational innovation. The new Center will be a welcoming and dynamic space that will house these services as a catalyst for student, employer and community success:

- **Interdisciplinary instruction labs** for hands-on, real-life training across multiple academic programs including but not limited to game and software development, event/program marketing, operations and logistics, animation and Esports management and arena programming.
- An **Innovation Station** for instruction and active learning opportunities for students, faculty, K-12 and industry partners to collaborate and explore diverse career paths using emerging and innovative technologies, such as Virtual and Augmented Reality and Artificial Intelligence.
- A comprehensive **Wellness Center** with professional counselors, the Student Resource Center, Success Coaches and health services in partnership with Trinity Health.
- A **Pathways Partnership Office** to help students navigate to direct employment or university transfer. It will house WCC's University Transfer Center and university partners including EMU, UM, and HBCUs, among others, and a Michigan Works! Satellite.
- An expanded **Center for Career Success**, with one-stop services to support student, employer, workforce and community needs including access to employment, apprenticeship, internship and co-op opportunities.
- **Instructional lab space for retail management programs** in partnership with local businesses.
- Expanded **Veteran's Center** which serves 500 actively military and student veterans with collaborative study space, resources and support.

Approximate Square Footage to be Renovated: 80,000 square feet

Total Estimated Cost: \$19,180,000

Duration of Project: Construction start: July 2026;
Use and occupancy: July 2028



*What do you call someone
who attended WCC? Employed.*