



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Jasper
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Martus
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.
To be added
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Centers for Independent Living (CILs). CILs are private, non-profit organizations. Their funding is overseen by the Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) agency within the state Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO).
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
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6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
 - Disability Network Southwest Michigan (Berrien/Cass) and Disability Network Southwest Michigan, 517 E. Crosstown Parkway, Kalamazoo, MI 49001 • disAbility Connections, 409 Linden Avenue, Jackson, MI 49203 • Disability Network Washtenaw, Monroe, Livingston, 3941 Research Park Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 • Disability Network Wayne County Detroit, 7800 W. Outer Drive, LL01 - Lower Level, Detroit, MI 48235 • Disability Network Eastern Michigan (Oakland/Macomb) 1709 John R Road, Troy, MI 48083 • Disability Network Eastern Michigan (Thumb Region), 4351 24th Avenue, Suite 1, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059 • The Disability Network, 3600 S Dort Highway, Suite 54, Flint, MI 48507 • Disability Network Mid-Michigan, 1705 South Saginaw Road, Midland, MI 48640 • Disability Network Capital Area, 901 East Mount Hope Road, Lansing, MI 48910 • Disability Network Lakeshore, 442 Century Lane, Holland, MI 49423 • Disability Network West Michigan, 27 E. Clay Avenue, Muskegon,

MI 49442 • Disability Network Northern Michigan, 415 East Eighth Street, Traverse City, MI 49686 • Superior Alliance for Independent Living (SAIL), 1025 W. Washington Street, Suite C, Marquette, MI 49855

7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:

This funding is intended to benefit services and resources provided state-wide.

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. With this important state investment, CILs provide vital services and resources to assist people with disabilities—services and resources which empower people with disabilities to lead independent and fulfilling lives. Resources available include, but are not limited to, employment training, life skills, and peer support. The State of Michigan has a long history of investing in CILs, going back to the early 1980s. One of the cost-saving benefits to the State of Michigan for its investment in CILs include a decrease in the total cost of state Medicaid funding spent on nursing home stays for individuals who do not require a high level of care and can live independently in their own homes with a minor level of support. As a condition of the state's investment, the CILs are required to submit an annual report to the legislature on direct customer and system outcomes and performance measures. The total funding cost for CILs is \$20.5 million. This funding will help to serve a large number of Michigan's residents with disabilities.

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.

20500000

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

["Federal","State","Local"]

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.'

Disability Network Southwest Michigan: Bill McElhon, Chair; Sasha Boersma, Vice Chair; Mindy Kulasa, Past Chair and Treasurer; Sandra Calderón-Huezo, Secretary; Jordan Blough-Orr, Kevin Crittenden disAbility Connections: Michael Barczak, President; George Page, Vice President; Margaret O'Malley, Treasurer; Brenda Cavanaugh; Freddie Dancy; Jill Gaus; Pamela Gosla; Michael Jaska Disability Network Washtenaw, Monroe, Livingston: Ben Hunholz, Chair; Jodi Kreschmer, Vice Chair; Dr. Katharine Seagly, Ph.D., Treasurer; Pam McGuinty, Secretary; Dr. Carrie Pilarski, Ph.D., Past Chair; David Esau; Rebecca Lewis; Christina Lirones; Johanna Marby; Dr. Feranmi Okanlami, M.D., M.S. Disability Network Wayne County Detroit: Lindsay Harrington, Chair; Christopher Jordan, Treasurer; Marsha Florence, Secretary; Christopher Aldridge; Lilian Quickley; Maurice Sanders; Martha Toe Disability Network Eastern Michigan: Adam Roulis, Chair; Andrew Maurer, Vice Chair; Angelina Spiteri-Bender, Secretary; Mike Cho, Treasurer; Keith Holt; Randall Mansour; Andrea Reynolds; Raymond Smith; Kyle Williams The Disability Network: Molly Koroleski, Chair; Angela Benchley, Vice-Chair; Chris Warber, Secretary/Treasurer; Duncan Beagle, Traci Davis, Jim Garland, Luella Sherman, Jerry Odglen, Toyia Turner Disability Network Mid-Michigan: John Searles, President; Katie Erikson, Treasurer; Lisa Berrie, Secretary; Mary Kunz, Immediate Past President; Kellie Courier; John Ell; Jacob Kain; Eric Olgaard; Shannon Zilska Disability Network Capital Area: John Zaworski, Chair; Jan DeMarco, Vice Chair; Dan Austin, Treasurer; RoAnne Chaney, Secretary; Phil Booth, Michelle Bashore, Patrick McSherry, George Manson Disability Network Lakeshore: Terry DeYoung, President; Chris Klein, Vice-President, Michele Chaney, Treasurer; Barry Lambers, Secretary, Amber Marcy; Marge Bakker; Megan Rietman; Ryan Shine; Carrie Dattels Disability Network West Michigan: Lynne Bosma, President; Monica Turnbull, Vice President, Holly Alderink; Secretary; Tommy Foster; Amy Swope; Carl Ferguson; Pat Williams; Bridgette Zappacosta Disability Network Northern Michigan: Steve Rutowski, Chair; Jordyn Elhart, Vice-chair; Brandon Dornbusch, Treasurer; Kristen Erby Weber; Debbie Dacey; Paul Derby; Reuben Miller Superior Alliance for Independent Living (SAIL): Judy Rosemergy, President; Aaron Andres, Vice President; Allen Beauchamp, Treasurer; Dean Juntunen, Secretary; Elgie Dow, Immediate Past President; Jon Mead; Brett Way; Jessica Manier; Rita Keilholtz

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 through September 30, 2026

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

Yes



STATE FUNDING REQUEST—FY '26

\$6 million increase above Governor Whitmer's recommendation,
total: \$25.7 million

FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED

Centers for Independent Living

STATE FUNDING LINE-ITEM NAME

Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO)

STATE DEPARTMENT FROM WHICH FUNDS WOULD COME

LEO/MEDC, Senator Mary Cavanagh, Chair

LEO, Representative Nancy Jenkins-Arno, Chair

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Teri Langley, Disability Network/Michigan (DNM)

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REQUESTOR'S NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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LOBBY FIRM AND CONTACT INFORMATION

FUNDING REQUEST PURPOSE AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

On behalf of Michigan's 15 Centers for Independent Living (CILs), DNM requests a \$6 million increase above the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriation. The CILs received approximately \$19 million in state funding through an annual line-item within the FY 2025 LEO budget. With this important state investment, CILs provide vital services and resources to assist people with disabilities—services and resources which empower people with disabilities to lead independent and fulfilling lives. Resources available include, but are not limited to, employment training, life skills, and peer support.

Disability Network/Michigan's member CILs are federally created, consumer-driven, community-based, disability organizations that promote independence and self-determination for people with disabilities.