



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.
Rep. Regina Weiss
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Sheet Metal Workers Local 7
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Main Office: 4931 Contec Dr, Lansing, MI 48910 + Other locations across the state.
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:
Rep. Jasper Martus, 69th District + potentially other apprenticeship training centers across the state. Rep. Karl Bonak District 109, Rep. Sarah Lightner, District 45, Rep. Luke Meerman, District 89,
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 Sheet Metal Workers Local 7, representing dedicated and highly skilled tradespeople across Michigan, seeks a \$1.5 million investment from the State of Michigan to modernize and expand its Apprenticeship Training Centers. These centers are critical to preparing hardworking Americans for good-paying jobs in the skilled trades, while strengthening Michigan's role as a leader in American manufacturing, construction, and

energy. By investing in these facilities, the state will support homegrown talent and ensure Michigan remains strong, competitive, and self-reliant.

Currently, there is a long waitlist of students eager to enter the apprenticeship program, but due to space limitations and a shortage of instructors, we are unable to accommodate them. This funding is essential to expanding our capacity and meeting the strong demand for training 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.

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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","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.'

Chris McFarland, Gregg Johnson, Dirk Kosloski, Jeff Keeler, Jason Rix, Kevin Pegley, Mike Carpenter, Ron Moore, David Janofski, Robert Deeds

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:

Start: 10/1/2025 End: 9/30/2026

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

Yes



Proposal for State Budget Appropriation: Sheet Metal Workers Local 7 *Apprenticeship Training Centers*

Submitted by: Sheet Metal Workers Local 7

Funding Request: \$1.5 million - one-time dollars

Purpose: Expansion and Modernization of Apprenticeship Training Centers

Contact: Stephanie Glidden, Capitol Services sglidden@capitol-services.org

Request Summary: Help Train More American Skilled Trade Workers

The Sheet Metal Workers Local 7, representing dedicated and highly skilled tradespeople across Michigan, seeks a \$1.5 million investment from the State of Michigan to modernize and expand its Apprenticeship Training Centers. These centers are critical to preparing hardworking Americans for good-paying jobs in the skilled trades, while strengthening Michigan's role as a leader in American manufacturing, construction, and energy. By investing in these facilities, the state will support homegrown talent and ensure Michigan remains strong, competitive, and self-reliant.

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Background & Need for Investment

Michigan is experiencing a growing shortage of skilled trades workers at a time when our economy is regaining strength and major manufacturers are returning jobs to American soil. The reshoring of manufacturing and the landing of keystone projects across the state have created a clear need: more highly trained, dependable American workers ready to build, install, and maintain the systems that power our communities.

The Sheet Metal Workers USDOL registered apprenticeship program provides a tuition-free, earn as you learn, post-secondary career pathway for those ready to work with their hands and build a future. Our programs boast one of the highest graduation rates in all skilled trades—over 63%—The national average graduation rate for registered apprenticeships in the U.S. is generally below 35%—this high rate is a testament to the effectiveness and dedication behind our training model.

To meet industry demand and continue preparing the next generation of skilled trades professionals, some of our training centers need critical upgrades. The requested \$1.5 million will support:

- Expansion of hands-on training areas to accommodate more apprentices, including the potential purchase of a new space, depending on regional demand and availability
- Modernization of classroom and lab facilities
- Hiring of additional instructors to train the next generation of American workers
- Workforce development programs aligned with real industry needs

Training Center Locations

Sheet Metal Workers Local 7 operates five strategically located Apprenticeship Training Centers:

- Upper Peninsula: Gwinn
- Northern Michigan: Fruitport
- Southern Michigan: Marshall
- Eastern Michigan: Flint
- Central Michigan: Lansing

These centers serve communities across Michigan, ensuring that training and opportunity are available to workers in every region of the state.

Economic & Workforce Impact

This investment strengthens Michigan's workforce by:

- Expanding access to and increasing the number of students who can participate in high-quality, registered apprenticeship programs that lead to sustainable careers
- Preparing workers for jobs in the manufacturing and construction sectors vital to America's future
- Helping achieve the state's goal of increasing career training and post-secondary skill attainment
- Closing the rapidly expanding skilled labor gap by training Michigan residents to fill jobs right here at home

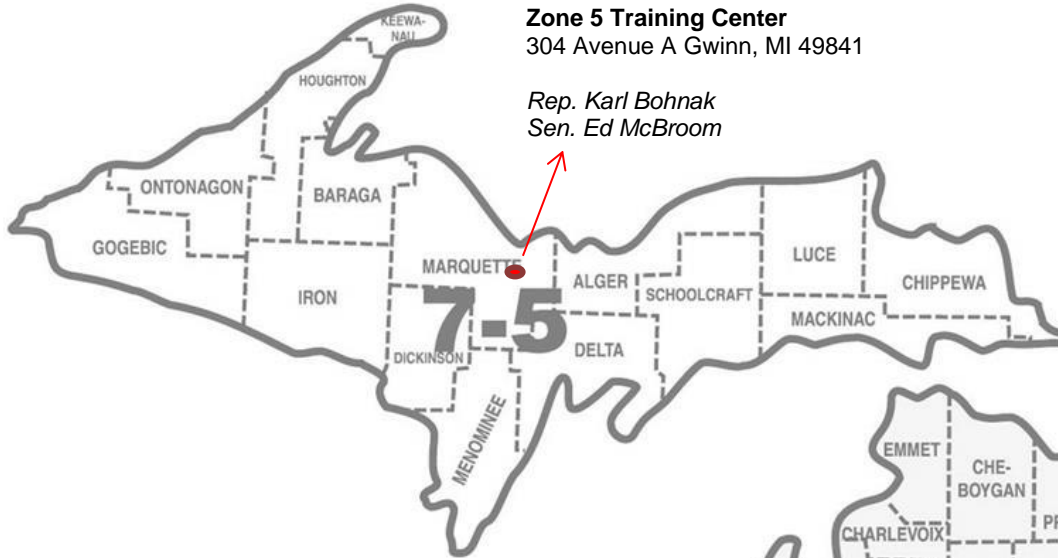
Return on Investment for Michigan

Supporting these apprenticeship training centers ensures:

- A stronger, more self-sufficient Michigan economy built by American workers
- New career pathways for working families to achieve the American Dream
- Support for small businesses and contractors who depend on a skilled workforce
- Advancement of workforce innovation while protecting taxpayer investment through proven apprenticeship models

Conclusion

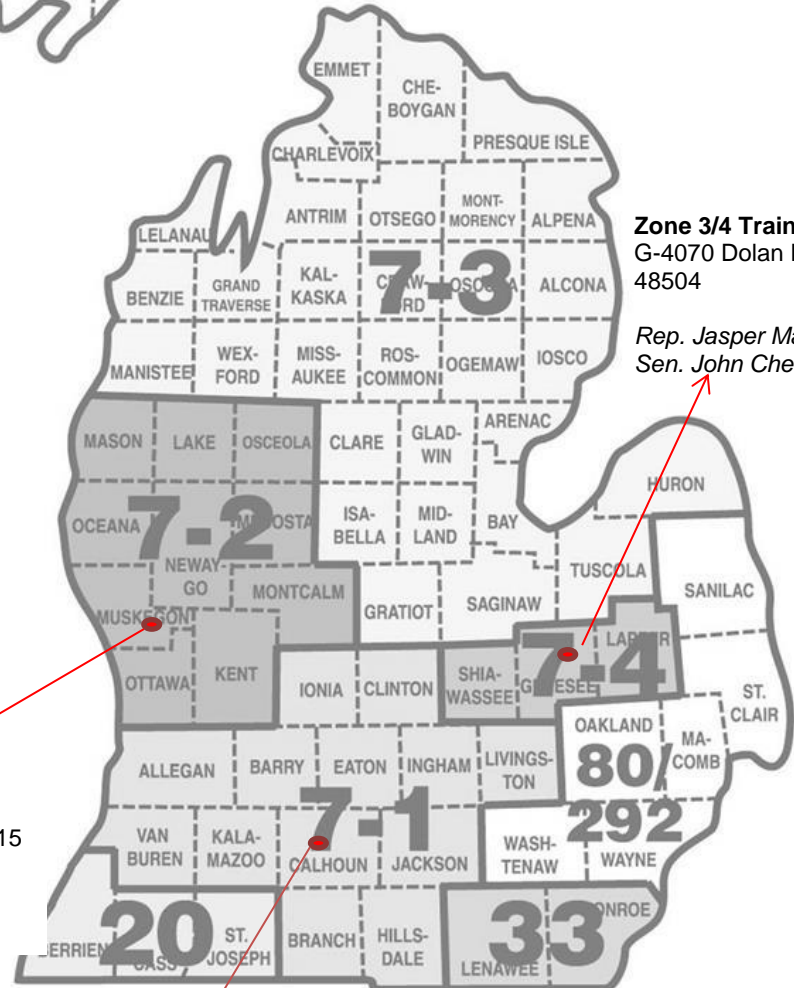
Sheet Metal Workers Local 7 respectfully requests \$1.5 million in state budget appropriations to enhance and expand their Apprenticeship Training Centers. This investment will ensure Michigan continues to lead the way in rebuilding America's manufacturing base, empowering workers, and creating jobs that strengthen our communities and our country. We are ready to continue doing our part, and we ask the State of Michigan to stand with us in building a stronger future for all.



Zone 5 Training Center
304 Avenue A Gwinn, MI 49841

Rep. Karl Bohnak
Sen. Ed McBroom

KEY
7-1 - Lansing
7-2 - West Michigan
7-3 - Saginaw
7-4 - Flint
7-5 - Upper Peninsula
Local 80/292
Local 20
Local 33



Zone 3/4 Training Center
G-4070 Dolan Dr. Flint MI 48504

Rep. Jasper Martus
Sen. John Cherry

Zone 2 Training Center
5815 S. Dangl Rd Fruitport MI 49415

Rep. Luke Meerman
Sen. Jon Bumstead

Zone 1 Training Center
1612 Brooks Dr. Marshall MI 49068

Rep. Sarah Lightner
Sen. Albert