



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Jennifer
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Wortz
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:
Community Health Center of Branch County DBA: Insight Hospital and Medical Center Coldwater
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
274 E. Chicago St. Coldwater, MI 49036
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:
Jennifer Wortz District 35
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 purpose of this legislatively directed spending item is to renovate and modernize the inpatient behavioral health unit at Insight Hospital and Medical Center Coldwater, enabling the hospital to operate at its full licensed capacity of 16 beds. Currently, due to infrastructure limitations and the need to block beds for safety, the unit is frequently limited to fewer than seven patients. This investment will expand access to critically needed behavioral health services in the Coldwater region and improve patient, staff, and

visitor safety.

This request serves a clear public benefit by increasing access to mental health services in a medically underserved area, improving the hospital's ability to care for high-acuity patients, and reducing the need for patient transfers outside the community. Branch County is home to an estimated 2,000 individuals experiencing homelessness, many of whom suffer from mental illness and require inpatient care. This renovation supports statewide priorities around behavioral health access and crisis stabilization, while improving health outcomes at the community level.

The use of taxpayer funding for this project is appropriate as it strengthens essential public health infrastructure, ensures safer and more effective care delivery, and helps meet the behavioral health needs of vulnerable populations. This request does not violate Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution, as the funding will not be provided to a private entity for private purposes. The funding is intended to support public health services delivered through a hospital that provides essential care to the broader community, in alignment with the public interest.

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.

2000000

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.'

Atif Bawahab, Atiq Nakrawala, Dr. Jawad Shah

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:

2026-2027

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

Yes