



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Jerry
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Neyer
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:
Central Michigan University
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
1200 S Franklin St, Mount Pleasant MI, 48859
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:
Jerry Neyer, District 92
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.
Rural Michigan faces persistent challenges in healthcare delivery. Many counties in our state suffer from limited access to essential health services due to nursing shortages, geographic isolation, and hospital closures. It's now become more convenient for myself and my family to receive healthcare from a nurse, rather than a doctor. Central Michigan University has made a strong commitment to support underserved populations. They have developed a Rural Nursing Program that recruits students from those same rural areas, trains them with rural-focused clinical experiences, and prepares them to serve their

home communities after graduation.

This funding request would allow CMU to scale these efforts by providing tuition support and stipends to students pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. It would also fund wraparound services to help pre-nursing students prepare for successful admission, support full-semester rural clinical placements and nurse residency programming, and invest in simulation technology and equipment to ensure students receive high-quality, hands-on training. These initiatives directly support the public's interest by increasing the number of qualified nurses in high-need rural communities and improving health outcomes across our state.

In a time when healthcare disparities are widening and workforce shortages are placing strain on our systems, this request represents a fiscally responsible step toward a healthier Michigan. It also reflects our commitment as lawmakers to invest in programs that yield long-term positive results.

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.

950000

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:

University/College

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?

Not applicable

14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?

Not applicable

15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?

Not applicable

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.'

N/A

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:

Next fiscal year

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

Yes

Rural Nursing Workforce Initiative

Central Michigan University Proposal: \$950K in One-time funding

Over the past several years, there has been a significant increase in the demand for nursing, especially in the state's rural and historically underserved areas. CMU's Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program was created in response to this need. We are requesting one time state support our efforts to build the rural nursing workforce pipeline.

Proposed Concept:

Central Michigan University requests support for efforts to engage students and faculty in CMU's Nursing programs around its mission for rural health. Eligible uses for funds should include:

- (a) Providing tuition support/ stipend for incoming students wishing to pursue a BSN degree.
- (b) Wrap around services for pre-nursing students to prepare them for admission.
- (c) Full semester clinical placements and nurse residency programming.
- (d) Nursing program and student support platforms, simulation technology, and equipment.

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