



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Jimmie
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Wilson Jr.
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:
Our Community Reads
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
1239 Hull Ave, Ypsilanti, MI, 48198
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:
Jimmie Wilson Jr, District 32
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.
This funding will support Our Community Reads, a grassroots, women of color-led nonprofit dedicated to advancing educational equity through literacy programming, mentorship, and family engagement. This investment will expand community reading events, support sustainability efforts, secure a part-time Administrative Assistant, and strengthen our mentorship college readiness programs including workshops and out-of-state college visits. This initiative provides a clear public benefit by improving literacy, promoting academic success, and increasing equitable access to educational

opportunities.

The requested funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars, as it enhances community well-being and workforce development. Our Community Reads contributes to workforce development by fostering early and sustained engagement in literacy, mentorship, and college readiness - critical building blocks for long-term academic and professional success. Through our targeted programming, we support youth from underrepresented communities in developing the foundational reading, communication, and critical thinking skills that underpin workplace readiness. Our mentorship and college readiness initiatives help students navigate the transition from high school to higher education or vocational pathways, equipping them with the confidence, exposure, and planning tools necessary to pursue fulfilling careers. It does not violate Article IV, S30 of the Michigan Constitution, as it supports a nonprofit organization offering public educational services without direct aid to private individuals or corporations.

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.

250000

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

["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.'

President Pamela Glover, Vice President/Secretary DiOnna Jordan, Treasurer Kallista Fernanders, Board Members: Katie Kinter, Aquilla Robinson, Felicia Brabec, Marie Scott

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:

10/01/2025- 09/30/2026

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

Yes