



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Joe
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Tate
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:  
Downtown Boxing Gym (DBG)- Detroit
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
6445 E. Vernor Hwy., Detroit MI 48207
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  
Downtown Boxing Gym- Youth Program (DBG)
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:  
Representative Joe Tate, 9th District
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 item is to increase capacity at DBG Detroit in order to expand services to students across Michigan and to double enrollment at our Detroit Campus. Supporting the future of workforce development in Michigan through the cultivation of a talent pipeline that provides DBG graduates with generative employment opportunities with a particular focus on careers in STEM. The expansion of place-based learning opportunities and the increased student enrollment capacity through the construction of a state-of-the-art Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) lab on our

Detroit campus. Expanding DBG Detroit's youth development programming in order to facilitate an expanded continuum of care that attenuates the needs of families with children ages 5 to sustainability. Dissemination of proprietary evidence-based approach with mission aligned community leaders and organizations—Shared Power Mentorship Methodology—through franchise model.

How it provides public benefit:

DBG establishes honest and equitable relationships with each student and family, identifies and co-develops a unique plan for student success and assembles a comprehensive set of resources and supports based upon the individual needs of each child. As a result of our individualized, whole-child approach, DBG has maintained a 100% high school graduation rate since its inception, with 98% of our program graduates going on to pursue postsecondary education. Our present facility delimits enrollment to approximately 250 students and we are incredibly close to reaching maximum capacity. While we serve students from 41 zip codes across Detroit, greater Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties, demand for access to our innovative programming has resulted in a waitlist that spans into the thousands.

Our replication will center on the construction of a state-of-the-art science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM) learning building that will allow us to expand access to our most popular academic programming work while also creating space to serve more students and families.

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.**

1000000

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

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

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.'

Board Chair: Jeri Fishman, Vice Chair: Gary Wilson, Treasurer: Joe Schmidt, Secretary: Deidra Wilson, Board Members: Jeff Addison, Clifford Brown, Julie Lodge-Jarrett, David Moss, Shawn Riley, Matt Rossetti, Todd Sachse, Brian Vieaux, Robert Young

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:

1 October 2025 through 30 September 2026

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

Yes