



# 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:  
City of Detroit
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
2 Woodward Avenue Detroit, MI 48226
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  
City of Detroit
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 Cultural Center underground parking deck, owned by the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA), is in critical condition and in urgent need of redevelopment. This facility will play an essential role in ensuring accessible, affordable parking for all residents and visitors to the Cultural Center. Its reconstruction is foundational to implementing the broader Cultural Center Planning Initiative (CCPI) —a coordinated, multi-institutional vision that will transform this district into a cohesive, walkable, and inclusive destination for learning, culture, and community engagement. The CCPI is overseen by the Detroit

Cultural Center Association (DCCA), a nonprofit entity representing 12 leading cultural and educational institutions, including the DIA, The Wright Museum, Michigan Science Center, College for Creative Studies, Wayne State University, University of Michigan, Detroit Public Library, and others.

Redeveloping this underground deck offers broad and lasting public benefit:

- Equity and Accessibility: The new facility will provide affordable parking options that are critical for equitable access, especially for families, students, seniors, and residents from across Detroit and the region. Reliable parking is a prerequisite for the success of cultural programming that serves thousands annually, particularly underserved communities.
- Catalyst for Economic Development: The deck's reconstruction will unlock adjacent parcels for future public and private development aligned with the CCPI master plan. This will stimulate job creation, support small businesses, and increase tax revenues, all while advancing place-based revitalization in Midtown Detroit.
- Environmental Resilience: The redeveloped structure will incorporate a green roof and enhanced stormwater management infrastructure. This is vital for the DIA, which sits between two of Detroit's worst Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) points. These green infrastructure improvements will support the Cultural Center's climate resilience goals and reduce strain on municipal systems.
- Cultural and Educational Vitality: The Cultural Center hosts over 1.3 million visits annually and provides year-round educational and cultural programming. Safe, functional infrastructure—especially parking—is essential to sustaining this level of public engagement.

This investment is a prudent and appropriate use of taxpayer funding because it addresses deteriorating public infrastructure, supports community-serving institutions, and improves access to cultural resources for Michigan residents. Furthermore, this funding request complies with Article IV, S30 of the Michigan Constitution. The project is not a grant of public money to a private entity, but rather an infrastructure improvement managed in partnership with a nonprofit (DCCA) serving clearly defined public purposes. The parking facility will serve the general public and is a vital component of a comprehensive district-wide improvement plan with regional impact.

**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.**  
8000000

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

["State","Private"]

12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:

Local unit government

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:

March 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027

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

Yes