



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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:
Diversified Community Services, Inc. (DCS)
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
19185 Wyoming, Detroit, Michigan 48221
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
19185 Wyoming, Detroit, Michigan 48221
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Representative Weiss, District 5
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.
DCS provides after school and summer programming to approximately 300 Wayne County youth with 90% being from Detroit and Highland Park.

The purpose of the legislatively-directed spending item is to support the expansion of prevention and diversion programming for youth in Detroit and Highland Park, Michigan. DCS' interventions support local county juvenile justice department efforts to provide services and supports to youth at risk of involvement in the Wayne County

juvenile justice system. Funding will allow the organization to continue to progress towards the achievement of the following goals:

1. Improved school day attendance
2. Improved attitudes toward school
3. Increased positive behaviors
4. Improved academic outcomes
5. Increased skill development
6. Improved decision-making
7. Increased family engagement
8. Reductions in involvement with law enforcement and the juvenile justice system

Through our programs, DCS has achieved the following:

1. 92% youth retention rate in our program services (program attendance data)
2. 78% of student participants increased their grade point average (report card data)
3. 91% of parents reported that our program improved their child's critical thinking capacity (parent satisfaction survey data)
4. 70% of tutors reported an increase in student's writing skills (Reading Rockets assessment data)
5. 43% reduction in out-of-school suspensions for participating students (PBIS data review)
6. 28% reduction in chronic absenteeism by participating students (PBIS data review)
7. 78% of program participants demonstrated an understanding of risky behaviors and their impacts at program closure (youth satisfaction survey data)

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.

["None"]

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.'

Marcine Karmo; Board Chairman, Tarence Wheeler; Vice-Chair, Van Tatum; Treasurer, Maria-Adams Lawton; Secretary, Dr. Heshimu Lee Green; Member

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:

October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026

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

Yes