



# 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.  
Representative Donovan McKinney, 11th District
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
L!fe Leaders, Inc.- Workforce Development and Training Program
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
1620 Michigan Ave, Suite 120, Detroit, MI 48216
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  
L!fe Leaders, Inc.
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.  
We connect L!FE Leaders with the opportunities they seek, and the resources they need to thrive in their lives, careers, and within their community! L!FE Leaders supports youth in navigating workforce and educational constraints for Detroit's young people by ensuring they have the paid work experience, skills, personal networks, adult mentorship, and belief in themselves that is necessary to succeed in post-secondary education and employment.

With no GPA or academic prerequisites required, our organization develops life-long learners and leaders who have the confidence and the audacity to achieve their post-secondary goals and beyond. Our program is open to students without regard for their prior academic record. L!FE Leaders meets youth where they are and helps them to develop the foundational leadership experience and character traits necessary to build on in their personal success journeys. Our programs bring immersive, experiential workforce and leadership development experiences to Detroit youth. Employment and workforce development experiences are integrated and aligned so that students are not subjected to the pressure of balancing both after-school activities and a job, while also attending to academic and family responsibilities.

L!FE Leaders Inc. is a 501c3 founded in 2018 with a mission to empower youth to empower their future and the future of Detroit. Co-founders, Amy Nederlander and Michaela Murphy, envisioned a flourishing Detroit where we invest in our youth by offering them workforce development training that fosters the next generation of Detroit professionals, entrepreneurs, and community leaders. Our founders' vision has advanced through two experiential youth development programs, Excellence Corps and Youth Summit. In just a few years, L!FE Leaders has scaled its programs exponentially.

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.

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

["State"]

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 of Directors ○ Amy Nederlander (Co-Founder, L!fe Leaders) ○ Leslie Andrews (Co-Chair) ○ Howard Handler (President, 313 Presents) ○ Michael Eidelman (Shareholder, Vedder Price) ○ Jane Goodman (Freelance Chief Strategy Officer) ○ Josh Thompson (Co-Founder & CEO Civics Unplugged) ○ Mitchell Krieger (Data Scientist, Middesk) ○ Linda Schlessinger (Owner & Founder, Skinnytees) ○ Mary Messena (Vice President, Communications & Community Strategic Staffing Solutions) ○ Camille Walker (Banks Community & Technology-Driven Economic Development) ○ Angelique Peterson-Mayberry (Founding Board Member, Emeritus) ○ Paul Jones (Development Analyst, Century Partners Development Company) ○ Kenyatta Antoinette Stephens (CEO, Black Family Development) ○ Lisa Phillips (Principal, Cass Technical High School) ○ Jack Llewellyn-Karski (Jack Karski Design)

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:

● Anticipated Start Date: October 1, 2025 ● Anticipated End Date: September 30, 2026

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

Yes