

## HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

- 1. The sponsoring representative's first name: John
- 2. The sponsoring representative's last name: Roth
- 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: Six Feet Over
- 5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for: 5203 Loraine St., Detroit, MI 48208
- 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:

  Statewide
- 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 Lemon Aid program with the non-profit organization Six Feet Over, is a statewide postvention program designed to serve individuals and families impacted by the traumatic loss by suicide. It provides immediate financial relief, resource navigation, and individualized emotional support during the most vulnerable periods of grief, helping prevent further trauma, mental health crises, or suicide risk among survivors. As Michigan faces increasing rates of suicide deaths, Lemon Aid meets a critical public need by reducing the burden on emergency services, mental health systems, and social service agencies. The program operates in partnership with established non-profit organizations and is available to residents in all counties, ensuring access to care regardless of

frontier/rural, suburban, or urban residency. Appropriated funds would be used solely for direct support and service delivery to Michigan residents after a loss to suicide and would not be disbursed to any religious or sectarian institution, ensuring full compliance with Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution. This investment in rapid response and postvention care is a responsible, compassionate, and cost-effective use of taxpayer funding.

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. 1500000
- 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:

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?

- 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.'
  - Benjamin Capaul- President Carlos Padilla- Treasurer Elizabeth Brindley- Secretary
  - David Aro Lisa Klein Ian Boyle Mike Pierce Doug Jones Ryan Keller Ryan Engle Dr. Nicholas Capaul
- 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:

10/2025-9/2026

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