



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Joseph
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Pavlov
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 Jay DeBoyer, Representative Phil Green, Representative Donovan McKinney
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Approximately 20 Recovery Community Organizations across Michigan - MARCO (Michigan Association of Recovery Community Organizations)
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
No one address due to 20 different organizations
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
Arenac County, Bay County, Berrien County, Emmet County, Genesee County, Gladwin County, Grand Traverse County, Huron County, Ingham County, Isabella County, Lapeer County, Leelanau County, Livingston County, Macomb County, Marquette County, Midland County, Monroe County, Muskegon County, Saginaw County, Shiawassee County, St. Clair County, Tuscola County, Wayne County
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Arenac County 99 Mike Hoadley Bay County 96, 97 Matthew Bierlein, Timmy Beson Berrien County 37, 38, 39 Brad Paquette, Joey Andrews, Pauline Wendzel Emmet County 107 Parker Fairbairn Genesee County 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72 Phil Green, David Martin, Jasper Martus, Cynthia Neely, Brian DeGole, Mike Mueller Gladwin County 95, 99 Bill Schuette, Mike Hoadley Grand Traverse County 103, 104 Betsy Coffia, John Roth Huron County 98 Greg Alexander Ingham County 73, 74, 75, 77 Julie Brixie, Kara

Hope, Penelope Tsernoglou, Emily Dievendorf Isabela County 92 Jerry Neyer Lapeer County 65, 67, 98 Jamie Greene, Phil Green, Greg Alexander Leelanau County 30, 31, 34, 35 William Bruck, Reggie Miller, Nancy Jenkins-Arno, Jennifer Wortz Livingston County 48, 49, 50, 72 Jennifer Conlin, Ann Bollin, Jason Wolford, Mike Mueller Macomb County 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66 Paiz, Veronica, Donovan McKinney, Kim Edwards, Mai Xiong, Mike McFall, Thomas Kuhn, Ron Robinson, Doug Wozniak, Joseph Aragona, Denise Mentzer, Alicia St. Germaine, Jay DeBoyer, Jamie Greene, Josh Schriver Marquette County 109 Karl Bohnak Midland County 95 Bill Schuette Monroe County 28, 29, 30, 31, Jamie Thompson, James Desana, William Bruck, Reggie Miller Muskegon County 87, 88, 89, 102 Will Synder, Greg VanWoerkom, Luke Meerman, Curtis VanderWall Saginaw County 71, 93, 94, 97 Brian DeGole, Tim Kelly, Amos Oneal, Timmy Beson Shiawassee County 71, 75 Brian DeGole, Penelope Tsernoglou St. Clair County 63, 64, 65 Jay Deboyer, Joe Pavlov, Jamie Greene Tuscola County 67, 97, 98 Phil Green, Timmy Beson, Greg Alexander Wayne County 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 28 Tyrone Carter, Tullio Liberati, Alabas Farhat, Karen Whitsett, Regina Weiss, Natalie Price, Tonya Myers Phillips, Helena Scott, Joe Tate, Veronica Paiz, Donovan McKinney, Kimberly Edwards, Mai Xiong, Mike McFall, Erin Byrnes, Stephanie Young, Laurie Pohutsky, Jason Hoskins, Samantha Steckloff, Noah Arbit, Peter Herzberg, Jamie Thompson

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.**
Purpose:

To provide grants to recovery community organizations (RCOs) as required in section 273b of the mental health code. Supplemental funding has been provided over the last several years to recognize the additional RCOs that have come online since section 273b was added.

Description of Public Benefit.

Investing in Recovery Community Organizations (RCOs) provides significant public benefits by improving public health, reducing government spending, strengthening communities, and enhancing economic stability. Here's why legislative funding for RCOs is a wise investment:

1. Cost Savings for the State

- Reduces Healthcare Costs – RCOs help individuals maintain long-term recovery, leading to fewer hospital visits, emergency care needs, and overdose-related expenses.
- Decreases Criminal Justice Spending – Supporting recovery reduces recidivism, leading to fewer incarcerations, lower court costs, and decreased law enforcement burdens.
- Prevents Expensive Relapses – Every dollar spent on recovery support saves money in crisis services, treatment programs, and law enforcement costs.

2. Strengthening Public Health & Community Safety

- Decreases Overdose Rates – RCOs provide peer support, harm reduction education, and

relapse prevention strategies, leading to fewer overdose deaths.

- Reduces Homelessness – Stable recovery leads to improved housing stability, reducing the burden on shelters and social services.
- Creates Safer Communities – Supporting recovery reduces crime rates, helping to create safer neighborhoods and workplaces.

3. Economic Growth & Workforce Development

- Gets People Back to Work – Recovery increases employment rates, reducing reliance on government assistance.
- Supports Employers – RCOs connect people in recovery to job training, workforce reentry programs, and stable employment opportunities.
- Strengthens Local Economies – More people in recovery means more taxpayers, stronger families, and a healthier workforce.

4. Long-Term Sustainability & Systemic Change

- Reduces Treatment System Overload – RCOs provide ongoing peer support, helping people stay in recovery without overburdening treatment centers.
- Promotes Self-Sufficiency – Recovery support builds life skills, financial independence, and community engagement.
- Breaks the Cycle of Addiction – Funding RCOs creates lasting generational change, giving families and future generations a better path forward.

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.

5250000

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?

Not applicable

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.'

MARCO Board of Directors / Patrick Patterson - President / Tara Mareno - Vice President / Deborah Smith - Treasurer / Allison Herrst - Secretary / Ricardo Bowden - Director / Bryan Wolf - Director / Brenda Maks - Director / Corey Winfield - Director Matthew Hill - Executive Director

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 1st, 2025 - September 30th, 2026

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

Yes