



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Julie
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Rogers
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:  
Kalamazoo Community Foundation
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
402 E Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  
333 E. Alcott Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49001
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:  
Representative Julie M. Rogers - House District 41
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. This appropriation will help fill a funding gap to construct Kalrecovery, a 48-unit permanent supportive housing development in Kalamazoo. Kalrecovery is designed to address the ongoing opioid crisis and improve outcomes for individuals facing chronic homelessness, substance use disorders, and mental health challenges. Developed through a public-private partnership, Kalrecovery will combine affordable housing with onsite recovery support, helping residents stabilize and work towards independence.

Kalrecovery is a collaboration between Edison Community Partners, LLC, Integrated Services of Kalamazoo, and the Kalamazoo County drug treatment courts, which will

refer eligible participants and support their long-term stabilization. The total development cost is approximately \$20 million, funded through a mix of tax credit equity, private capital, public funding, foundation investment, and soft financing sources. The Kalamazoo Community Foundation will act as the fiduciary for state grant funds in addition to providing other capital to the project.

Communities across Michigan are grappling with the long-term impacts of the opioid epidemic. Many individuals involved in drug treatment court programs or other recovery pathways lack access to stable housing, which is a critical foundation for long-term health, employment, and reduced interaction with emergency and justice systems. At the same time, housing projects serving this population often face financing gaps that make projects difficult to complete without flexible support.

Kalrecovery will offer intensive case management, peer recovery supports, and community-based health and employment services. By creating a dedicated pathway to housing stability for some of the highest-cost users of emergency services and the justice system, the project will significantly reduce public expenditures over time.

This one-time state investment supports a lawful, mission-driven affordable housing partnership and aligns with Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution. No funds will benefit religious organizations or private individuals, and the project clearly advances the public interest by creating new housing, improving community health, reducing criminal recidivism, and enhancing public safety.

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.**

1000000

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

["Federal","State","Local","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?

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 Upjohn, Artrella Cohn, Denise Crawford, Dr. Jorge Gonzalez, Dr. L Marshall Washington, Dr. Martinson Arnan, Jim Escamilla, Kama Mitchell, Lucas Mansberger, Lynn Chen-Zhang, Matthew Babbitt, Sydney Parfet, and Xiaoan Li  
Leadership: Dr. Grace Luwama, CEO; Joshua Sledge, Chief Investment Officer

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:

Start: November 30, 2025, End: December 31, 2026

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

Yes



April 22, 2025

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Kalrecovery Project. At the Kalamazoo Community Foundation (KZCF), we recognize the significant value this initiative brings to the greater Kalamazoo community.

To help ensure the successful completion of this important effort, KZCF is willing to serve as the fiscal sponsor for Edison Community Partners in connection with state appropriation funds. We are committed to supporting their access to critical funding needed to move the project forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Kuntz". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Todd Kuntz  
Senior Investment Officer  
Kalamazoo Community Foundation