



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Kara
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Hope
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.
Rep. Angela Witwer
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Lansing School District
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
400 N Pennsylvania Ave, Lansing, MI 48912
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:
Emily Dievendorf District 77, but benefits all of the House districts within the Lansing School District (Dievendorf, Hope, Witwer).
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 funding would go to the Lansing School District to renovate the Don Johnson Fieldhouse, which would allow them to expand the Lansing Student Development Program (LSDP). This program offers free, year-round access to crucial academic resources, skill-building opportunities, nutritious meals, and mentorship.

Students face many challenges, including financial hardships or limited access to

extracurricular activities. LSDP is working to remove these barriers and provide resources for students. All services are offered at no cost to families. Since its inception in October 2022, LSDP has served over 3 thousand students, completed more than 72 thousand training sessions and served over 80 thousand meals.

However, LSDP's growth has outpaced its current capacity, and to meet the increasing demand, further expansion is necessary. The renovation of Don Johnson Fieldhouse will allow the program to support an additional 100 students daily and provide dedicated space for tutoring, sports courts, and other essential services. This renovation will be a critical step in ensuring the program can continue to grow and meet the needs of the community.

The renovation of the Don Johnson Fieldhouse and expansion of the LSDP program benefits the public by equipping students with the resources, mentorship, and opportunities they need to succeed in school and reach their full potential. Investing in our students will help them build resilience, improve academic performance, and acquire the tools necessary for success in life.

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.

5200000

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.'

Robin Moore (President), Guillermo López (Vice President), Dr. Deyanira Nevárez Martínez (Secretary), Dr. Caitlin Cavanagh (Treasurer), Keturah Bouyer (Trustee), LaVontè L. Heard (Trustee), Dr. Nino Rodríguez (Trustee), Cirea Strode (Trustee), Rosalyn Williams (Trustee)

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:

April 2026-September 2026 for construction, and the facility should be utilized for decades after

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

Yes