



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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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. Emily Dievendorf and Rep. Penelope Tsernoglou
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
The funding would come to the Ingham County Health Department and be utilized for the Advance Peace retaliatory gun violence prevention program that has been operating in Ingham County since 2021.
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
Ingham County Health Department, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, MI 48911
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:  
Kara Hope (District 74), Emily Dievendorf (District 77)
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.  
Retaliatory gun violence has been a crisis in Ingham County, and the city of Lansing specifically, for a number of years. Since the Advance Peace program began, deaths by retaliatory gun violence have been reduced in Lansing.

The Ingham County Health Department began their partnership with Advance Peace in

2021. Advance Peace is a national organization focusing on ending cyclical and retaliatory gun violence in cities across America. It uses a public health model to reduce gun violence.

The Advance Peace Peacemaker Fellowship Program identifies at-risk individuals and enrolls them in an intensive program that works to make these individuals mentors in their community with a goal of breaking the cycle of gun violence.

Funding for this program would go to the Ingham County Health Department, who disperses it to Advance Peace Lansing for evidence-based practices of street outreach, mentoring, intensive case management, life skills training, cognitive behavioral therapy, and employment. In the 24-month period after the launch of the first Lansing Advance Peace fellowship, the city saw a 19% decrease in shooting incidents, with a 52% reduction in fatal shootings and a 10% reduction in non-fatal shootings.

Advance Peace reduces crime – specifically gun violence – thus reducing the law enforcement, court, and health care costs associated with fatal and non-fatal gunshot injuries. The overarching public benefit is a safer community with less gun violence.

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.**

2000000

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:**

Local unit government

13. **For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?**

Not applicable

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?**

Not applicable

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.'

n/a

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 2025-September 2027

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

Yes