



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. Joe Tate and Rep. Amos O'Neal
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Nation Outside
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
119 Pere Marquette Dr. 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:
Currently serving counties that include the following State House Districts: Rep. Tyrone Carter (District 1), Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2), Rep. Alabas Farhat (District 3), Rep. Karen Whitsett (District 4), Rep. Regina Weiss (District 5), Rep. Natalie Price (District 6), Rep. Tonya Myers Phillips (District 7), Rep. Helena Scott (District 8), Rep. Joe Tate (District 9), Rep. Veronica Paiz (District 10), Rep. Donovan McKinney (District 11), Rep. Kimberly Edwards (District 12), Rep. Mai Xiong (District 13), Rep. Mike McFall (District 14), Rep. Erin Byrnes (District 15), Rep. Stephanie Young (District 16), Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17), Rep. Jason Hoskins (District 18), Rep. Samantha Steckloff (District 19), Rep. Noah Arbit (District 20), Rep. Kelly Breen (District 21), Rep. Matt Koleszar (District 22), Rep. Jason Morgan (District 23), Rep. Ranjeev Puri (District 24), Rep. Peter Herzberg (District 25), Rep. Dylan Wegela (District 26), Rep. Rylee Linting

(District 27), Rep. Jamie Thompson (District 28), Rep. James DeSana (District 29), Rep. Reggie Miller (District 31), Rep. Jimmie Wilson Jr. (District 32), Rep. Morgan Foreman (District 33), Rep. Matthew Longjohn (District 40), Rep. Julie Rogers (District 41), Rep. Matt Hall (District 42), Rep. Rachelle Smit (District 43), Rep. Steve Frisbie (District 44), Rep. Sarah Lightner (District 45), Rep. Kathy Schmaltz (District 46), Rep. Carrie Rheingans (District 47), Rep. Jennifer Conlin (District 48), Rep. Ann Bollin (District 49), Rep. Matt Maddock (District 51), Rep. Mike Harris (District 52), Rep. Brenda Carter (District 53), Rep. Donni Steele (District 54), Rep. Mark Tisdell (District 55), Rep. Sharon MacDonell (District 56), Rep. Thomas Kuhn (District 57), Rep. Ron Robinson (District 58), Rep. Doug Wozniak (District 59), Rep. Joseph Aragona (District 60), Rep. Denise Mentzer (District 61), Rep. Alicia St. Germaine (District 62), Rep. Jay DeBoyer (District 63), Rep. Jamie Greene (District 65), Rep. Josh Schriver (District 66), Rep. Phil Green (District 67), Rep. David Martin (District 68), Rep. Jasper Martus (District 69), Rep. Cynthia Neeley (District 70), Rep. Brian BeGole (District 71), Rep. Mike Mueller (District 72), Rep. Julie Brixie (District 73), Rep. Kara Hope (District 74), Rep. Penelope Tsernoglou (District 75), Rep. Angela Witwer (District 76), Rep. Emily Dievendorf (District 77), Rep. Gina Johnsen (District 78), Rep. Tim Kelly (District 93), Rep. Matthew Bierlein (District 97) Planning to expand serves to counties that include the following State House Districts: Rep. Joey Andrews (District 38), Rep. Pauline Wendzel (District 39), Rep. Angela Rigas (District 79), Rep. Nancy De Boer (District 86), Rep. Joseph Fox (District 101)

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 supports Nation Outside's Trauma-Informed Peer-Led Reentry (TIPLR) program, a first-of-its-kind initiative in Michigan that offers reentry support led by formerly incarcerated persons. TIPLR bridges a critical gap between incarceration and successful community reintegration by providing mentorship, transportation, crisis intervention, and individualized reentry planning for people returning home from prison.

The TIPLR program delivers a strong return on investment and provides a public benefit by reducing recidivism, increasing access to employment and housing, and improving public safety outcomes. Peers who have walked the same path as those they serve are uniquely positioned to build trust and serve as positive role models, helping to stabilize individuals at their most vulnerable transition point. Services such as transportation from prison to housing, job interviews, and parole appointments, along with coaching and social support, directly address the barriers that contribute to re-incarceration.

By investing in peer-led reentry services, taxpayer dollars help create safer communities, reduce the cost of repeated incarceration, and support a workforce that contributes to the economic development in Michigan communities. This is an appropriate and strategic use of taxpayer funding because it reflects both fiscal responsibility and a commitment to evidence-based practices. In addition, this program reduces recidivism rates which saves additional taxpayer dollars by reducing the prison population at a time when the

Michigan Department of Corrections is experiencing a severe staffing shortage.

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.

2500000

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?

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.'

Allan Wachendorfer (Board Chairperson), Ronald Simpson-Bey (Treasurer), Debra Wright (Secretary), Monica Jahner (Director), Collin McDonough (Director), Ryan Basore (Director), Ken Toll (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:

Oct 2025-2026

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

Yes

