



# 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.  
n/a
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
Child and Family Charities
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
407 W. Greenlawn Avenue, Lansing, MI 48917
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:  
Rep. Rachelle Smit (District 43), 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), and Rep. Tim Kelly (District 93)
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. Child and Family Charities (CFC) offers a full spectrum of prevention and treatment services with outreach to children, youth, and families each year in the mid-Michigan area, and statewide. They are seeking funding to renovate the former McLaren Hospital Education Center into a drop-in and educational center designed specifically for vulnerable young people in the Greater Lansing region of Michigan. Although the

property has already been purchased by CFC, many renovations need to be completed to create a space appropriate for the needs of those they intend to serve.

The drop-in center will be a way to connect with and help youth living on the streets, couch surfing, living in unstable or unsafe housing situations, or experiencing human trafficking and yet are reluctant to move into a shelter. Homeless youth will be provided with a place to shower, wash their clothes, eat a hot meal, get access to basic needs, and connect with staff who can help them access safe shelter and community resources. Surrounding the youth drop-in and education center is an expansive green space that CFC seeks funding to transform into a space where youth, young people, and families can picnic, enjoy lawn games, and play on a completely accessible playground.

Both the Jackson House Youth Shelter and the youth drop-in/education center will significantly increase CFC's service to the community, specifically runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth. Annually, CFC anticipates reaching over 1,000+ youth in the mid-Michigan region who are at risk of being trafficked, experiencing violence on the streets, or incarcerated and who are falling through the cracks with limited or no parental figures. Additionally, CFC expects to provide direct services and a haven to more than 250 youth each year through shelter and housing services. The drop-in center will serve as a feeder for those housing programs.

The public will benefit from this building because it will house programs that will work directly with youth who would otherwise have little to nothing to assist them through the dangers and difficulties of living on the streets, in unsafe housing situations, or couch surfing. Bettering these vulnerable youth's lives and prospects will inevitably lead to a safer, more prosperous community.

**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.**

550000

**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.'

CFC 2025 Board of Directors Ashleigh Ashbrook, Dr. Nicole Beard, Dr. Stanley Chase, Bishop Samuel Duncan, Jeff Fett, Steve Fitch, Sam Hosey, Jr., Chad Jordan, Derek Miller, Olufemi "Fam" Olowolafe, Molly Poorman, Ian Richardson, Jessica Starks, Tracey Taylor, David Thomas, Missey Trudell

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 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

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

Yes