



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. Natalie Price and Rep. Sharon MacDonell
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Aging, Community Living, and Supports Bureau
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Funding will be distributed statewide.
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
Entities are located throughout the state and administered by local service providers. Funds are administered by the Aging, Community Living, and Supports (ACLS) Bureau through Area Agencies on Aging and to service providers. These are pass-through funds to community organizations.
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Statewide
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. I am requesting a permanent increase of \$8 million for in-home services and \$2 million for home-delivered meals in the Aging, Community Living, and Supports (ACLS) Bureau FY2026 budget.

This funding request was brought forward by the Silver Key Coalition, a coalition of more than 40 individuals and agencies working towards making Michigan a “no-wait state” by advocating for additional funding to support older adults on waitlists statewide for in-home services and home-delivered meals.

At the end of FY2024, there were 6,970 older adults on waitlists for in-home services and home-delivered meals through the ACLS Bureau. The Silver Key Coalition found that older adults who remain on the waitlist for these crucial services are five times more likely to end up in a nursing facility within two years. If these crucial services kept only 96 older adults out of Medicaid-funded nursing homes for one year, the increase would have paid for itself. These nursing facilities can be costly for the state’s budget, with the state spending anywhere from \$85,000 to \$132,000 per year, per person on nursing home Medicaid beds. The state spends just \$2,258 on those receiving both in-home services and home-delivered meals.

Close to 90% of older adults want to age at home and in their communities instead of institutional settings. ACLS Bureau in-home services and home-delivered meals are designed to help these individuals age in place, with the services and supports they need. In addition to the public benefit to these older adults receiving these services, the entire state will benefit from the amount of money saved by keeping these individuals out of nursing home beds.

These services are funded under the Community Services, Nutrition Services, and Respite Care line items of the ACLS Bureau budget and include things such as personal care, homemaking, respite, home-delivered meals, chore/minor home repair, adult day care, personal emergency response system, and medication management.

These services also increase support for family and other informal caregivers, with informal caregivers of those who received services being three times more likely to report that their caregiving responsibilities no longer interfere with their ability to work. Data shows that 4 of 5 family caregivers report that these services delay a forced move of their loved one. Sixty percent of such moves are to a nursing home. It only requires a four-day delay of a forced move to a nursing home before savings to taxpayers are achieved due to the lower cost of ACLS services.

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.

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

["Federal","State"]

12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:

Aging, Community Living, and Supports Bureau within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

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:

Recurring cost to address individuals on the waitlist.

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

Yes