



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Karen
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Whitsett
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:
Horatio Williams Foundation
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
1010 Antietam Ave., Detroit, MI 48207
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:
Joe Tate, District 9.
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. The Horatio Williams Foundation is dedicated to transforming the lives of underserved youth and adults in Detroit through education, workforce development, and leadership training. Our comprehensive programming addresses critical gaps in academic achievement, career readiness, and economic independence, ensuring long-term success for participants. By integrating academic enrichment, life skills training, and workforce development, we provide a seamless pathway from education to employment. Our two core enrichment initiatives include(s):

1. Academic Enrichment & Life Skills Program
 - Support 3rd through 8th grade students with enrichment programming after school and on Saturdays in reading, writing, and math to strengthen academic foundations.
 - Prepare high school students with financial literacy, career readiness, and leadership training to ensure successful transitions into adulthood.
 - Current Locations: Greater Oaks Academy in Warren, Detroit Edison Public School Academy, and the Horatio Williams Foundation Main Campus.
2. Detroit Empowerment Hub (DEH) – Workforce Development Initiative
 - Provide career training in Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), skilled trades (construction, HVAC, electrical, and carpentry), and entrepreneurship.
 - Serve young mothers, returning citizens, and Detroit youth (6th-12th grade) by equipping them with marketable skills and job placement assistance.

Provide wraparound services, including childcare, transportation, and mentorship to remove barriers to employment and self-sufficiency.

The programs proposed for funding provide significant public benefits by addressing critical social and economic challenges in Detroit and S.E. Michigan.

1. Detroit faces significant academic and economic challenges:
 - 35.7% poverty rate (vs. 10.5% national average)
 - 8.9% unemployment rate
 - Low literacy and math proficiency among students, limiting future opportunities.
 - Skilled labor shortages, particularly for women and minorities in the trades.
2. Providing Holistic Support
 - Both programs offer mentorship, workshops, and structured learning environments to ensure students and participants receive academic, career, and personal development support.
 - DEH includes wraparound services such as childcare and transportation to eliminate barriers to employment for young mothers.
3. Long-Term Community Impact
 - Increased graduation rates, career placement, and financial literacy will contribute to economic stability and social mobility within Detroit.

By fostering entrepreneurship, DEH will stimulate local business growth, creating self-sustaining economic opportunities.

9. Attach documents here if needed:

N/A

10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item.

1,000,000

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

[State]

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.'

Executive Committee

- a. James F. Dicke (Chairman-CEO, Crown Equipment Corporation)
- b. Barbara M Barrett (Former Secretary, U.S. Air Force & Owner, Triple Creek Guest Ranch)
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- e. Matthew Rose (Retired Chairman-CEO, BNSF Railway Company CrossTie Capital, Ltd)
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- qq. Frederick Schaufeld (SWaN & Legend Venture Partners)
- rr. Patrick Lee (Patrick P. Lee Foundation & Lee Capital)
- ss. Leon Cooperman (Omega Family Office, Inc.)

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:

Anticipated Start Date: October 1, 2025

Anticipated End Date: September 30, 2026

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

Yes