



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Kathy
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Schmaltz
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:
Family Service and Children's Aid
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
306 W. Michigan Avenue Jackson, MI 49201
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
Jackson County
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Kathy Schmaltz HD 46, Sarah Lightner HD 45, Carrie Rheingans HD 47, Jennifer Conlin HD 48
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 Family Service and Children's Aid's (FSCA) Jackson County Guardian Services provides care and financial oversight for 250 vulnerable adults, who have been legally determined to be unable to make their own financial and/or life decisions. Guardian services focus on meeting basic human needs and sustaining the individual's assets and income, while ensuring access to medical and social services, housing, and other necessary services and activities. As the conservator or representative payee, FSCA

guarantees that their bills are paid timely, and they are protected from financial exploitation.

The Guardian Services for Jackson County and surrounding counties provides significant public benefit in that without the guardian services, these community members would become a public health crisis, and the hospitals, jails, shelters, police and other public services would become the new safety net.

Most at-risk vulnerable adults are dependent on tax dollars for their care. Allocation of tax funding for Guardian Services would be an effective and efficient use of tax dollars. Funding these services would create significant tax dollars savings. For instance, with vulnerable adults that are no longer guided and supported to proper housing, physical and mental care and treatment, an average 7-day emergency stay in a psychiatric hospital costs nearly \$40,000, and 1 year of prison with serious mental illness is approximated to be \$100,000. More importantly the quality of care and end-of-life decisions would cease for these most challenged at-risk vulnerable adults!

This request does not violate Article IV, S30, MCL in that the purpose of public funds will not be used for a locality or private entity. The sole purpose of the funds will be to provide public service to Jackson County residents and in contiguous counties. The Guardian Services will support at-risk vulnerable adults in need of stabilization and permanency planning.

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.

150000

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

["None"]

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.'

Donita Baker President, Aaron Rydjord Past President, Amrit Ahuja 1st Vice President, Harold White 2nd Vice President, Chad Perrine Treasurer, Kelsey Guernsey Secretary, Ave' Veneklasen Member-at-Large, Dr. Fredrick Bland Director, Becky Billingsley Director, Dave Goldfarb Director, Kellie Horner Director, Kylie Rydjord Director, Laura Schlecte Director, Constance Smith 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:

Given that Family Service and Children's Aid is currently running Guardian Services, the start date would be at the start of the fiscal year 2025-26 and the end date is ongoing.

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

Yes