



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:
VFW National Home
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
3573 South Waverly Road, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
This project will take place on campus located in Eaton Rapids, MI
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
HD 73- Julie Brixie
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 VFW National Home was born out of a desire to honor those who served our country by helping their families and has been doing so since 1925. The National Home has 43 single family homes, all located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. They are predominantly funded by individuals and organizations, as well as businesses and corporations that care about the well-being of veterans and their families.

This grant will be used to construct two duplexes on campus, expanding the National

Home's capacity to support four additional families through the goal-oriented Red, White, and Blue Program. This structured program is designed to guide participants toward self-sufficiency, ultimately facilitating a successful transition to civilian life. These four homes will offer essential shelter and stability for military and veteran families with children facing significant challenges. VFW National Home proudly supports veterans and military members who have served our country with honor. Many have, or choose to place, roots in Michigan, finding community as they transition to civilian life with their family.

VFW National Home has a commitment to the community and provides several resources for veterans and their families. Programs offered to Veterans are employment services, education support, an onsite Veteran Service Officer, and an onsite Veteran Navigator. The community services offered within the community are a childcare center, gymnasium, playgrounds, library hiking trails, 4H barns, and computer and science labs.

VFW National Home is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that relies solely on donor support. With an annual budget of \$5.5 million, they can meet the full spectrum of our families' needs.

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.**

1100000

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.'

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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 2025 to September 2026

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

Yes