



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:
Highfields, Inc.
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
5123 Old Plank Rd, Onondaga, MI 49264
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
Gratiot, Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Livingston, Calhoun, Jackson, Branch, Hillsdale, and Lenawee counties
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
All Reps from Gratiot, Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Livingston, Calhoun, Jackson, Branch, Hillsdale, and Lenawee counties
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. Highfields' mission is to provide opportunities to children, youth, and families to become more responsible for their own lives and to strengthen their relationships with others. The founders of Highfields truly believed that with the right opportunities and resources, people can change their lives for the better.

Highfields provides a full range of programs designed to meet people at their earliest point of need to equip them with skills to escape the child welfare and justice systems – and stay out. Organizationally, there are three divisions: residential treatment, in-home counseling programs, and educational services. Offered programs address issues that break families apart including school truancy, disruptive and defiant behavior, abuse and neglect, delinquent behavior, substance abuse and domestic violence. Highfields' client families are at risk of abuse, neglect, family violence and having their children placed outside the home. They work with agencies, families and children to identify their needs and concerns and work alongside them to create solutions.

These funds will help provide quality support for children and families in Highfields' programs. Funds will support intensive training for staff to deliver effective treatment, competitive salaries to hire and maintain staff, therapeutic programs and activities, and infrastructure improvements.

By building stronger families, they are creating stronger communities.

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.**

500000

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.'**

o Chad Karsten, Chairperson, Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC o Robert Saxton, Chairperson-Elect, Accident Fund o Robert Easterly, Past Chairperson, Easterly Law

PLLC o Sam Davis, Secretary, Michigan High School Athletic Association o Carol Giacoletto, Treasurer, JP Morgan Chase o Dr. Carol Beals, Beals Institute o Robert Burgee, Fraser Trebilcock o Kellee Christensen, Board of Water and Light o Mark DeLuca, Bank of America o Amanda Denney, Elements Financial Credit Union o Jorma Duran, WLNS 6 News o Carrie S. Freeman, Grua, Freeman, Tupper & Young, PLC o Brian Gallagher, Miller Canfield o Ashley Higginson, Miller Canfield o Dan Korte, Clark Construction o Fran Loose, Michigan Department of Education o Jarrod Lynch, Plante Moran o Mable Martin-Scott, WMU-Cooley Law School o Taylor Moberg, MSU Federal Credit Union o Tom Reder, AIA, Colliers Engineering o Jeff Roman, CFP, AIF, Roman Capital Strategies o Alexander Rusek, Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC o Jacob Sabins, PE, LEED AP, Clark Trombley Randers o Gerald Sambaer, Dart Bank o Shannon Scholten, AF Group o Samantha Selleck, PHR, Jackson National Life Insurance Company o Kevin A. Shaw, LEED AP, Wieland o Capt. Anthony Stewart, Jackson County Sheriff o Amanda Toy, Michigan Chamber of Commerce o Elisabeth Yeider, Independent Bank

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 – October 1, 2026

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

Yes