



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:
Trinity Health Ann Arbor
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
5301 McAuley Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48197
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
"The Farm" at Trinity Health
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
HD 46 - Kathy Schmaltz, HD 47 - Carrie Rheingans, HD 48 - Jennifer Conlin, HD 33 - Morgan Foreman, HD 32 - Jimmie Wilson Jr., HD 31 - Reggie Miller, HD 23 - Jason Morgan
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. Established in 2010, The Farm is a Food is Medicine program that provides healthy, locally grown food and education to address food insecurity and improve health outcomes for all our community members. Trinity Health Michigan is committed to continued investment in Food is Medicine, offering multiple programs across a spectrum of intervention in Ypsilanti (est. 2010), Pontiac (est. 2020) and The McLaughlin Grows

Urban Farm at Trinity Health (est. 2010, acquired in 2024.) From the beginning, Trinity Health has been committed to sourcing the food for their programs exclusively from Michigan farms.

The Trinity Health Food is Medicine initiative provides nutritious produce grown locally at "The Farm." Food grown at The Farm is donated to clinics, supplies on-campus food pantries, farm stands, and the Farm Share. The Farm Share is a 36-week program that sources local fruits and vegetables for a five-day pickup window on a subscription-based model that is accessible by everyone in the community. The Farm is also open and accessible to summer camps, field trips, classroom visits, workshops, medical student rotations, medical nutrition therapy, and culinary medicine, creating opportunity for students of all ages to learn about the medical and economic benefits of locally grown produce and learn about the value of healthy eating. People engaged in this program share that they have experienced changes in behavior, and positive changes in fruit and vegetable consumption.

Preliminary results show that participants in the programs have experienced statistically significant increases in food security, increases in average daily fruit and vegetable consumption, and an overall positive change in health status. The Food is Medicine Education Center would allow Trinity Health to offer programming to an additional 1,500 students per year, increase the number of class participants by 40%, triple the number of summer camps and lessons available and create a multi-use space for more than 12 other local non-profit educational organizations.

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.**

2000000

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.'

Wayman Britt, Dr. Jean Nagelkerk, Suzanne Mellon, PhD, W. Howard Morris, Shannon Striebich, Spencer Maidlow, Sara Dolan, Dr. Eric Ferguson, Ed Hodge, Linda Werthman, RSM, Ph.D., Michael Williams

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, through duration of FY '26 appropriation

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

Yes

Trinity Health Michigan Food is Medicine

Statewide Advocacy Proposal

The Farm at Trinity Health provides community-centered food programs designed to improve health.

The
Farm
at Trinity Health

Appropriation Request:

Food is Medicine Education Center at Trinity Health Ann Arbor

\$2 Million

Investment in this infrastructure would:

- Increase the number of class participants by 40%
- Triple the number of summer camps available to local students
- Expand the types of lessons available from 40 to 120
- Create a multi-use space for more than 12 other local non-profit educational organizations

Food Hub at Trinity Health Muskegon

\$3 Million

This processing, packing, and education space would include:

- A demonstration kitchen and classroom
- Wash/ Pack facility
- 4,000 cu. ft cold storage
- Accessible restrooms
- Increased capacity for Farm Share membership (from 1,800 to 26,000)
- \$774,000 in additional revenue generated for local agriculture

Evaluation & Outcomes

The Farm, through partnership with the Michigan Health Endowment Fund, evaluates change in behavior, changes in fruit and vegetable consumption, and changes in food security. Preliminary results determined that participants in our programs experienced statistically significant 1) Increase in food security 2) Increase in average daily fruit and vegetable consumption 3) Positive change in health status.

Total Request: \$5 million



The 3,000 sq ft Education Center would allow us to offer programming to an additional 1,500 students per year.



The Food Hub (pictured in Ann Arbor) would expand our program capacity by more than 10x.

Background & History:

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Trinity Health Michigan Food is Medicine

A Statewide Strategy

Trinity Health Michigan Investment to Date: \$12 Million

Solving for Nutrition Security: Spectrum of Intervention

SIOH Screening



Increase Access



Intervention



Produce to Patients

Food grown at The Farm is donated to clinics weekly, intended to be a tool for providers to build trust and connection with their patients. Thus, allowing them to more effectively screen for food insecurity and other SIOH.



Food Pantry

Healthy, on campus food pantries are open to patients and the public weekly.



Farm Stand

Vegetables, fruits, greens and other seasonal goods are available at our weekly market. We accept cash, credit, payroll and SNAP.



The Farm Share

A 36-week program that sources local fruits and vegetables, offers a five-day pick-up window, and a weekly newsletter with information about the week's food, where it was grown, as well as storage, prep, and healthy recipes. This subscription-based model is open to everyone.

Education & Empowerment



Summer Camps, Field Trips, Classroom Visits, Workshops, Medical Student Rotations, Medical Nutrition Therapy, Culinary Medicine



Patient Experience

"I think because I'm eating more fresh fruits and vegetables, I don't have cravings for junk food or processed food as much. And because I'm eating healthier, that affects my mental health. I'm sleeping better. I have more energy."

-2024 Farm Share Member



Our strategy aligns with the state of Michigan's / MDHHS In Lieu of Services initiative that is a part of MDHHS' continuous commitment to deliver Michigan residents equitable, coordinated, and person-centered care, MDHHS encouraged Michigan's Medicaid Health Plans (MHPs) participating in the Comprehensive Health Care Program (CHCP) to offer in lieu of services (ILOS) that address Medicaid members' health-related nutrition needs in the most recent Medicaid Re-bid last year. ILOS are services the state deems to be medically appropriate and cost effective when provided as substitutes for other Medicaid covered services. MDHHS has recently designated a set of federally approved ILOS that MHPs may offer starting January 2025.

This initiative builds upon and complements MDHHS's existing food and nutrition strategies in Michigan. MDHHS' goal for ILOS is to improve health and reduce the future need for medical services by reducing food insecurity and ensuring enrollees have access to nutritious foods.