



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Kimberly
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Edwards
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:
Life Remodeled
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
9740 McKinney St. Detroit, MI 48224
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
Detroit, Southeastern Michigan
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Kimberly Edwards, 12th House District
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.
Led by Life Remodeled, Tech Remodeled is a comprehensive digital and technology initiative addressing major barriers to digital access, educational achievement, and workforce readiness in underserved Detroit communities. Based at our eastside Anchor Detroit campus—serving 18,000 Detroiters annually—and with satellite labs at Denby High School and the Durfee Innovation Society on the westside, Tech Remodeled provides digital literacy training, broadband access, device distribution, and career exploration in technology.

A key component of Tech Remodeled is the Esports program, developed in partnership with the Loyalty Foundation. This initiative bridges the digital divide by providing students with access to high-end gaming technology, professional coaching, and structured tournaments, while fostering critical skills such as problem-solving, communication, teamwork, and strategic thinking. The program reflects the growing role of Esports in education and workforce development. With over 170 colleges and universities offering varsity Esports programs and millions of dollars in scholarships available, Esports has become a legitimate pathway to higher education and careers in the digital economy.

Through Tech Remodeled, Life Remodeled is providing Detroit youth with transformative opportunities that extend far beyond gaming—opening doors to college and career pathways in design, programming, media, digital marketing, and so much more. This project supports long-term community growth and economic revitalization for Detroit’s far eastside by expanding access to education, promotes digital inclusion, and empowers the next generation with essential 21st-century skills.

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.

1500000

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.’

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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:

Oct 1, 2025 – Sept 30, 2026

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

Yes