



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Luke
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Meerman
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.
Rep. Karl Bohnak
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
TRAILS (Transforming Research into Action to Improve the Lives of Students)
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
535 W. William St, Ste 302, Ann Arbor, MI 48103
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
The address in response #5 is for the program's office but it is important to note the program serves all 56 Michigan ISDs.
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Rep. Carrie Rheingans, District 47
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. As identified by the House Bipartisan School Safety Task Force in 2022, Michigan's youth mental health crisis is one of the largest and most costly public health problems affecting the state and TRAILS is an important component of the solution. Our state's healthcare sector cannot adequately meet the demand for mental health services, and as a result, our K-12 schools are now the largest de-facto provider of mental wellness services statewide. This is especially true in rural and remote districts where community-based

care is particularly limited. It is critical that prevention, early intervention, and crisis services delivered in our schools are school-appropriate and evidence-based so that limited resources are not wasted on ineffective or potentially harmful programming. Achieving this will require that all Michigan schools have access to high-quality professional development training, resources to support direct-student services, and implementation support to promote adoption and long-term sustainment.

The original legislation funded a 3-year workplan, however no schools were able to apply for funding until the 2nd year of the project, due to overly complicated federal rules. Additional funding will enable TRAILS to continue providing essential professional development, resources, technical assistance and sustainment support to our schools.

In discussion with several legislators from both parties, student mental health continues to be one of the greatest identified needs in our schools. Young people are experiencing school avoidance, anxiety, pressures from social media and peers, and delays with milestones, both developmentally and academically. TRAILS is poised to help schools feel more engaging and safe as it equips staff with the skills and resources needed to help support students. TRAILS is highly valued and consistently touted as an essential part of the fabric of a building in the hundreds of schools using its resources. Requests for expansion of TRAILS in new locations are received daily and the

The funds appropriated for this request will be available to every Michigan public school and can therefore serve all students k-12 across the state. These funds will increase school staff's access to school mental health resources for Michigan's students with a priority focus on Title 1 schools. TRAILS programming is available for all students and given its network in all 56 Michigan ISDs, this program serves the public and is not a violation of Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution.

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.**

4000000

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

["State","Private"]

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.'

Board: Andrea Cole, Board Chair; Becky Cienki, Board Member; Daphne C. Watkins, Board Member; Joan Evans, Board Member. Officers: Elizabeth Koschmann, President and Secretary; Andrea Helbig, Treasurer

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:

TRAILS began serving schools in 2021 and they hope to continue to serve kids for the foreseeable future.

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

Yes