



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Matt
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Longjohn
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.
Representative Julie Rogers, District 41
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) of Kalamazoo
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
353 E. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
N/A
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Representative Julie Rogers, District 41 Representative Matt Hall, District 42
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.
This \$4 million investment is in support of YWCA Kalamazoo's continued work to meet the urgent and growing needs of survivors of violence, infants, children, and families across Kalamazoo County and Southwest Michigan.

Of this request, \$2.5 million would address the critical service gap projected for 2026, when YWCA Kalamazoo anticipates it will be unable to support over 700 survivors of human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual assault without state investment. The

remaining \$1.5 million would bolster maternal and child health programming, including YWCA's leadership in Cradle Kalamazoo—a community-driven initiative that has contributed to a 12% reduction in infant mortality in Kalamazoo County, even as national rates have increased.

YWCA Kalamazoo is the region's sole provider of comprehensive emergency services for survivors of violence, operating a 50-bed shelter alongside specialized crisis response, legal navigation, and economic empowerment programs. It also operates the YWCA Dreamery—Southwest Michigan's only 24/7 early childhood education and drop-in care facility—and the WISH program, Kalamazoo County's only restriction-free, perinatal home visitation model that serves families regardless of income, insurance status, or transportation access.

This funding request supports services that are essential, effective, and broadly accessible to the public. The programs reduce long-term societal costs, improve public health and safety, and help families thrive—yielding measurable returns for communities and taxpayers alike. As a nonprofit organization providing direct, nonsectarian public services and operating under state oversight, YWCA Kalamazoo's work qualifies as a constitutionally sound investment under Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution. This one-time funding will help sustain life-saving services while positioning Kalamazoo as a statewide leader in violence prevention, early childhood education, and maternal health equity.

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.

["Federal","State","Local","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.'

Dr. Regena Nelson, Artrella Cohn, Susan Springgate, Katie Paauwe, Elisabeth Von Eitzen, Lakeysa Ivy, Dr. Nakia Baylis, Dr. Deveta Gardner, Sonya Datta-Sandhu , Dr. Glinda Rawls, Margaret Patton, Kimberly Brinkman, Kimberly Peterson, Cathy Wortham, Samantha Phillips, Leigh Ann Sayen

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 1st, 2025 – September 30th, 2026

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

Yes