

# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Matthew
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Bierlein
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:  
State Alliance of Michigan YMCA's
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
400 West Washington, Ann Arbor, MI 48103
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:  
Carrie Rheingans House 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.  
How it provides a public benefit:  
YMCA Michigan Youth in Government is a hands-on civics education program that gives Middle and High School students the opportunity to interact with students from across the state of Michigan and learn about the different topics important to others. Students from across Michigan come to Lansing for a four-day conference where they debate bills and proposals that they wrote to solve issues they see in their community. These students become active citizens within our communities, state and country.

Why is it an appropriate use of taxpayer funding:

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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.

1200000

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

["Private", "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:

10-1-2025 - 9-30-2026

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

Yes

# The Statewide Alliance of Michigan YMCAs

## Youth In Government



### BUDGET REQUEST 2025-2026

The Y's **Youth in Government Program** provides hands-on leadership training and civic education to students in middle and high school to help them develop an understanding and awareness of Michigan state government and national issues.

Youth in Government is a **student run, student led** model-government program and serves teens across the state of Michigan. The Y provides the content and resources for delegations to organize locally to prepare for regional and statewide events.

#### PROGRAM DETAILS

Through their participation in Youth in Government, students simulate the Michigan Government and are each responsible for writing a bill they could see becoming a law. Throughout the program, the students, acting as legislators, discuss their bills in Committee and Session and, if passed, their bills are then sent to the Youth Governor's desk.

Additionally, the high school program starts the year with a regional Fall Training Conference, ends the year with a Spring Conference at the Lansing Capitol, and includes programs emulating the Governors Cabinet, the Press corps, Lobby corps, and others.



#### BOILERPLATE REQUEST

Boilerplate: (e) \$1,200,000 to the State Alliance of Michigan YMCAs to provide students in grades 6 to 12 with hands-on civics and model-government programs that offer statewide engagement with peers for the purpose of expanding opportunities for those students' to increase their social studies knowledge, critical thinking skills, and intellectual processes and dispositions required for active engagement in fulfilling responsibilities of civic participation.

# ABOUT THE PROGRAM

## OUR MISSION

To provide leadership training to meet the needs of a civil society and to develop an understanding and awareness of Michigan state government and national issues through peer driven opportunities.

## DELEGATIONS

Airport High School  
Airport Middle School  
Athens High School  
Avondale Middle School  
Battle Creek Lakeview  
Beal City High School  
Black River High School  
Black River Middle School  
Boyne Middle School  
Bronson High School  
Bronson Middle School  
CA Frost High School  
CA Frost Middle School  
Cadillac High School  
Caro High School  
Cass Tech High School  
Centreville High School  
Chandler Park High School  
Cheboygan High School  
Cherryland Middle School  
Clague Middle School  
Clarenceville High School  
Cody High School  
Coldwater High School  
Cranbrook High School  
Crockett High School  
Dexter High School  
Dowagiac High School  
East Grand Rapids Middle School  
East Kentwood High School  
Eaton Rapids High School  
Elk Rapids High School  
Everett High School  
Foreign Language Immersion  
Forest Hills Eastern  
Fruitport High School  
Gaylord St. Marys  
Gladstone High School  
Grand Blanc High School  
Grand Rapids Christian  
Grand Rapids City High School  
Grand Rapids City Middle School  
Grand Rapids Museum  
Habor Springs High School  
Harbor Beach High School  
Hasting Middle School  
Hastings High School  
Holland High School

Huron High School  
Inland Lakes High School  
Interlochen High School  
Ithaca High School  
L'Anse High School  
Lakeshore Middle School  
Legg Middle School  
Loy Norrix  
MacDowell Middle School  
Manistee High School  
Manistee Middle School  
Marshall High School  
Mason Consolidated  
Mason High School  
Metro Youth YMCA  
Mid Peninsula  
Mill Creek High School  
Mio AuSable High School  
Mumford High School  
Munising High School  
Notre Dame  
Notre Dame Marist Academy  
Novi High School  
Onsted High School  
Onsted Middle School  
Petoskey High School  
Portage Northern  
Quincy High School  
Quincy Middle School  
Reading High School  
Reading Middle School  
Renaissance  
River Rouge High School  
Rochester Adams  
Saginaw Heritage  
Sexton High School  
Strong Middle School  
Sturgis High School  
Sturgis Middle School  
Superior Central  
Union City High School  
Union City Middle School  
Vassar High School  
Vassar Middle School  
Wayland High School  
Western High School  
White Pigeon High School  
White Pigeon Middle School

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**2,337**  
Middle and High  
School Youth  
Participants



**99**  
Participating  
Middle and  
High School  
Delegations



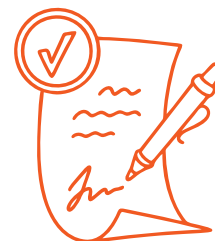
**337**  
Middle and High  
School Advisors  
and Volunteers



**\$1.2M**  
Granted to Schools to  
Support the Program  
and Operations



**1,050**  
Bills Introduced by  
Youth Participants



**153**  
Bills Signed Into Law  
by Youth Governor

This data represents the 2024-2025 school year information as of March 2025

For more information please visit  
**MYIG.org**  
or contact Kellie Rankey at [KRankey@michiganyymca.org](mailto:KRankey@michiganyymca.org)

# Appropriations Request Form

## Needs:

- Name of the Entity - State Alliance of Michigan YMCA's
- Address - 400 West Washington, Ann Arbor, MI 48103
- Intended Location of Project or Activity - Statewide / Michigan State Capitol
- Purpose of legislatively directed spending item
  - How it provides a public benefit
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  - Demonstrate it does not violate Article IV, S30, MCL
- Any Documents
  - See attached
- Dollar value of state funding request
  - \$1,200,000
- Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.
  - Federal
  - State - \$1,200,000 in FY 2025 Budget, \$3,750,000 in FY 2022 Budget
  - Local
  - Private - Yes, fundraising donations as well as individual program fees

- None
- Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:
  - For-profit organization
  - Non-profit organization - X
  - Local unit government
  - University/College
  - Other, explain
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