



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
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2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
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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. Tom Kunse
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Central Michigan University
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
1200 S. Franklin St., Mount Pleasant, MI 48859
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
Central Michigan University
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Rep. Jerry Neyer, District 92
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 funding would help Central Michigan University (CMU) establish a Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF) on their campus. A SCIF is a room or installation certified and accredited as meeting Director of National Intelligence security standards for processing, storage, and/or discussion of sensitive compartmented information. This facility would provide for skilled workers in intelligence and defense areas, enable classified research, and support work with the federal government.

Building this facility at CMU would help spur an area of economic growth the state has been pushing for: intelligence and defense. This would be a strategic investment in our nation's national security while also providing opportunity for more federal and private investment in Michigan.

As a public university in Michigan, CMU receives state funding on a yearly basis. An additional appropriation would not be in violation of Article IV, Section 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.

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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:

University/College

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?

Not applicable

14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?

Not applicable

15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?

Not applicable

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.'

n/a

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 - September 30, 2026

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

Yes

Proposal: Housing a SCIF at Central Michigan University

\$341K Appropriations Request

Purpose:

Establishing a Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF) at Central Michigan University (CMU) aligns with national security interests, academic innovation, and regional development. This facility would enable classified research, support federal partnerships, and prepare a skilled workforce in areas critical to intelligence and defense sectors. It would spur innovation and foster existing and growing industry in the region.

What is a SCIF:

A room or installation certified and accredited as meeting Director of National Intelligence security standards for processing, storage, and/or discussion of sensitive compartmented information.

Strategic Rationale:

1. Strategic Location

CMU is home to leading programs in cybersecurity, data science, engineering, and public administration. A campus location would provide proximity to talent and research, allowing for engagement in classified research and projects. Access to a SCIF would elevate the university's role in national security-related work and in attracting high-caliber talent and funding, while at the same time supporting the workforce development pipeline.

2. Economic and Regional Impact

A SCIF isn't just about intel and tech—it's a spark for regional economic growth. Mid-Michigan stands to benefit economically from investments in secure infrastructure. A SCIF at CMU will provide access to those in the region with clearance, catalyzing partnerships with defense contractors and tech companies, spurring innovation, job creation, and federal investment in the area. Access to a SCIF would enable local businesses to compete for classified contract work, creating high paying jobs and new ventures around secure R&D. SCIF-based projects also provide a natural landing spot for veterans, reservists, and displaced defense workers.

3. Support for Government and Military Collaboration

CMU maintains relationships with federal and state agencies, and many of its students and alumni work in government, military, and intelligence roles. A SCIF would enhance CMU's capacity to participate in government-sponsored research and contracts that require secure handling of classified information. Proximity to Camp Grayling and Fortune 500 companies is another strong consideration for housing a SCIF at CMU.

Conclusion:

Establishing a SCIF at Central Michigan University is a strategic investment in national security, academic excellence, and economic growth for the region. It will empower researchers to contribute meaningfully to classified missions, reinforce partnerships with government and industry, and strengthen the university's position as a forward-looking institution serving both state and national interests.

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Central Michigan University Research Corporation (CMU-RC) Headquarters

Proposed Location

