



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Pauline
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Wendzel
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:
Michigan Court Appointed Special Advocates (MI CASA)
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
660 Cascade West Parkway Suite #65 Grand Rapids, MI 49546
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
The funding will support the state association as well as 22 local programs located in 29 Michigan counties. (Some programs cover more than one county.)
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Phil Skaggs, 80th 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. The funding will support Michigan CASA and its local programs by covering costs such as administration, marketing, volunteer recruitment, screening, training, and program expansion in Michigan. Supporting children in the foster care system when they are at their most vulnerable is a crucial function of state government. The funding is used to support these children, help them find permanent care and stability in their lives, and assist them in becoming successful, productive citizens in society

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.
2250000
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.'
Aimee Nimeh, Phil Minster, Amy D'Aprile, Peter Scudder, Kathleen Brach, Brenda Baker-Mbacke', Jason Braford, Lynn Gardner, Barb Hiemstra, Winston Hofer, Dee Howard, DiAnna Solomon, Phil Stark, Josita Todd
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:
The funding would support Michigan CASA operations for FY 2026, Oct. 1, 2025 - Sept. 30, 2026
19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."
Yes