



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Penelope
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Tsernoglou
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's Kara Hope and Emily Dievendorf
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
Ingham County
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
Ingham County Courthouse, P.O. Box 319, Mason, MI 48854
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:  
Penelope Tsernoglou, 75th 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 purpose of this program is to create a pilot program in Ingham County which would serve as a critical step in addressing this issue by providing childcare solutions tailored to the unique schedules and needs of essential service workers. This pilot program would be a collaboration between public and private partners whose staff would use this program. Public safety childcare funding from the State would be crucial to the program's success. Programs similar to these are in process in Idaho, Colorado, Missouri, and the cities of Dallas and Houston. Implementing such a program would not only support Michigan's emergency responders but also lower barriers to entering the workforce, expand access to childcare, and help to attract and retain talent in essential

service fields. Investing in flexible, localized childcare solutions for emergency responders will strengthen retention, improve focus and well-being, and ultimately ensure Michigan citizens continue receiving high-quality emergency services.

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.

3000000

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:

Local unit government

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:

The program is expected to start as soon as funds are allocated. The goal is for the program to continue on in the future if the pilot is a success.

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

Yes