



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Phil
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Skaggs
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:  
City of Kentwood/ Kentwood Parks and Recreation Department
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
4775 Walma Ave SE, Kentwood, MI 48512
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:  
Phil Skaggs - HD 80
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.  
Purpose and public benefit of the project: The purpose of the Kentwood Community Center project is to create a state-of-the-art, fully inclusive facility that serves as a vibrant hub for health, wellness, education, and community connection. Designed to meet the needs of Kentwood's growing population, the 67,000-square-foot center will offer access to high-quality programs for residents of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. The project will significantly expand early childhood and youth enrichment options, provide critical wellness and social engagement opportunities for seniors, and build upon Kentwood's nationally recognized leadership in adaptive recreation.  
With its strategic location on a major transit route, the center will remove transportation

barriers and ensure access for low-income families and individuals with disabilities. The facility will also include a greatly expanded food pantry and host mental health workshops, nutrition classes, and accessible fitness programs. By nearly tripling indoor programming capacity, the Community Center will strengthen social bonds, combat food insecurity, and improve the physical and emotional well-being of thousands of residents. This transformational project not only addresses current facility limitations but also positions Kentwood as a regional leader in inclusive design, public health, and community engagement.

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.

["Local"]

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:

12/5/24 - 8/1/26

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