



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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:
TalentFirst and the Detroit Regional Workforce Partnership
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
TalentFirst, 833 Kenmoor Ave SE Suite B, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
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.
TalentFirst and the Detroit Regional Workforce Partnership are two of Michigan's leading workforce research organizations, offering data-driven insights and policy solutions to address both regional and statewide talent challenges. With a strong track record of collaboration—with each other, the state, and private employers—they play a vital role in advancing employment opportunities and driving economic growth across Michigan.
This funding will sustain ongoing research efforts that inform smarter decision-making

and support better outcomes for Michiganders, Michigan employers, and state policymakers alike.
www.talentfirst.net
www.detroitregionalpartnership.com

Funds would be split between TalentFirst and the Detroit Regional Workforce Partnership 50/50.

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.
1000000
11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.
["Federal", "State", "Private"]
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.'
Mark White, Matt Biersack, Jay Preston, Ginny Seyferth, John Kennedy, Rick Keyes, Brian Kraus, Amy Kraal, Bill Pink, Michael Davenport, John Wilson, Tracie Morris, Victor Sturgis, Franco Bianchi
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:

10/1/25 - 9/30/26

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

Yes