



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Ron
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Robinson
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. Nancy Jenkins-Arno  
Rep. Donovan McKinney
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
Team Up Academy
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
7200 Miller Drive, Warren MI 48092
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:  
Rep. Ron Robinson, 58th 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 item is to support the expansion of Team-Up Academy's workforce development initiative.

The funds will cover capital improvements and expenses for students for the first two classes, while fee revenue from employers and government reimbursement programs ramp up as students graduate. These improvements include:

Program Areas

- Transportation Program: \$62,500
- Housing and Meal Support Total: \$100,000
- Student Relocation Support: \$11,400
- LMSW Mentorship Support: \$102,500
- Major Equipment Upgrades: \$400,000
- Tool and Equipment, Supplies: \$125,000

Other Improvements/Expansions

- Enhanced Bootcamp and Intermediate/Advanced technical training
- Modern equipment for CNC, Swiss, and legacy machines, lathes, and welding labs
- Forklift and small equipment training
- Expansion of soft skills programming
- Job placement infrastructure for in-demand industries
- Integration of a nationally portable "Skills Passport" credentialing system

With legislative appropriations, Team-Up Academy and Serrato Corporation will:

- Triple annual training capacity, reaching 500+ graduates per year
- Drive national attention and enrollment into Michigan from other states
- Establish Michigan as a headquarters for the Skills Passport framework
- Connect employers to a reliable, credentialed talent pool
- Reduce recidivism among returning citizens through stable, livable employment
- Provide veterans a path to purpose, pay, and community in Michigan

100% of the state appropriation will go to Team Up Academy in Warren.

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.

801400

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:

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.'

John Bones: President, Pat Thompson: Treasurer, Mike MacDonald: Director, Mariah Manuel-Berry: Director, Brandon Andrews, Sr.: Director

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:

Start: October 1, 2025, End: N/A

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

Yes