

### HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN

# Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name: Rylee

2. The sponsoring representative's last name: Linting

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.

Jamie Thompson

4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:

Downriver Career Technical Consortium

5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for: 32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston, MI 48164

- 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:

Rylee Linting, District 27; Jaime Thompson, District 28; James DeSana, District 29

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 Downriver Career Technical Consortium (DCTC) is a consolidated career technical education (CTE) program that serves nine school districts in the Downriver area. The DCTC offers more than two dozen different CTE courses that help prepare Downriver students for the workforce and future careers.

Currently, the DCTC operates programs at multiple different locations across Downriver, and many of the facilities they use are dated or barely operational. Due to the lack of a

central location for their programs, the nine districts are excessively spending on transportation and operational costs.

Previously, the DCTC was given \$10.7 million for a new CTE center. They used that money to purchase the Trenton Athletic Center (TAC) and begin renovations. So far, \$1.9 million has been spent on renovation and implementation costs, but the rising costs of construction have greatly increased the amount required to finish the project. Additionally, Wayne County does not have a CTE millage, so outside of any state funds, the current DCTC operational costs are being paid by the contributions of each school district out of their respective general funds.

The requested \$5.89 million would enable the DCTC to complete construction of their new center and cover their operating costs for their first three years of operation, providing a stable, high-quality technical education to thousands of Downriver students, and helping to prepare the next generation of Michigan's workforce.

#### 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. 5890000
- 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:

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:

Est. Start: October 1, 2025; Est. End: July, 2029

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



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#### RYLEE LINTING

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Michigan House of Representatives Business Office

Attn: Doug Simon

P.O. Box 30014

Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Mr. Simon,

Rep. Jamie Thompson has my permission to co-sponsor my legislatively directed spending request that funds the Downriver Career Technical Consortium (DCTC).

Sincerely,

Rylee Linting

State Representative, Michigan's 27th District





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## JAMIE THOMPSON STATE REPRESENTATIVE

April 9, 2025

#### RE: Request for funding new DCTC Center

As the representative for the 28<sup>th</sup> Michigan House District, I would like to join Rep Rylee Linting, (HD 27) in the request for \$5,890,000 to finish renovating the new DCTC Center (4 million) and for operational costs for the 26-27, 27-28, and 28-29 school years (\$630,000 for 3 years).

We are requesting operational costs because the new location will require new maintenance and custodial staff, utilities, insurance coverage, and other operational costs. It is important to note that most counties that operate a county-wide CTE center use a CTE millage to pay for the annual costs of running the building/programs. Wayne County cannot do a county-wide CTE millage based on the size of the county and other factors.

We are asking for ongoing operational costs because otherwise, all nine districts within the CTE consortium would have to share in this expense, and not having a funding source identified could cause financial hardships to a district(s) in the future, which could jeopardize the consortium. The current location of the DCTC is at the Ford plant, which is rent-free and can only hold the DCTC office staff (based on size and the very poor condition of the building).

As the anticipated completing of the project is September 2026, our offices request that this funding be included in the current budget.

Should you have questions regarding this request please do not hesitate to direct them to either office.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Thompson

Jamie Thompson, State Representative 28<sup>th</sup> House District Michigan Legislature

