



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Stephanie
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Young
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:
Detroit Parks Coalition
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
2937 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48202
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. Donovan McKinney - District 11, Rep. Laurie Pohutsky - District 17, Rep. Stephanie A Young - District 16
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. Parks improve health, vibrancy, and quality of life—and over 2 million people from across the State Michigan visit Detroit's parks each year. DPC member parks host programs such as yoga and walking groups for seniors; sports, recreation, and nature education for kids; and family reunions, picnics, and community events for all ages. The Detroit Parks Coalition improves this experience through partnerships with the Detroit Pistons, Detroit Public Library, and Detroit Public Schools Community District.

However, many of Detroit's parks have capital needs, such as poorly paved trails, outdated and inaccessible playground equipment, or nonoperational bathrooms. The purpose of this request is to facilitate capital improvements in Detroit parks, creating a healthy and accessible environment for both Detroiters and visitors to Detroit parks. Improvements may include projects such as trail resurfacing, accessibility improvements, installation of shelters for public use, expansion of park WiFi, and more. All selected locations will be near schools and/or public libraries, increasing potential for partnerships and collaboration. Funding will also be matched by private philanthropy and directed in coordination and partnership with the City of Detroit.

Because all parks in the expansion are public parks, and all citizens of Michigan would be able to enjoy the benefits of park improvements, this appropriation would not violate Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution. The proposed capital improvements will ensure that all can experience the social, economic, physical and spiritual benefits of Detroit's parks for decades to come.

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.

1500000

11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.

["State","Local","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.'

Officers • Alex Allen, President, Chandler Park Conservancy • Anthony Benavides, Vice President, Clark Park Coalition • Rachel Frierson, Treasurer, Detroit Riverfront Conservancy • Ryan Myers-Johnson, Secretary, Sidewalk Detroit Directors • Alicia Bradford, Wayne County Parks • David Cowan, Downtown Detroit Partnership • Meagan Elliott, Belle Isle Conservancy • Rochelle Lento, People for Palmer Park • Sally Petrella, Friends of Rouge Park • Todd Scott, Detroit Greenways Coalition • Laura Trudeau • Gail Tubbs, O'Hair Park Community Association

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:

Summer 2025 - Summer 2028

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

Yes