



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Stephen
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Wooden
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.
John Fitzgerald, Carol Glanville, Phil Skaggs, Jimmie Wilson Jr.
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Children's Healing Center
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
1580 East Beltline SE, Grand Rapids MI 49546 and 7400 Kalitta Ct, Ypsilanti MI 4819
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
Serving families in Southeast, Central and West Michigan
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Kristian Grant, House District 82 and Jimmie Wilson Jr., House District 32
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.
With an appropriation of \$500,000, Children's Healing Center will serve more than 100 medically complex children, providing programming to improve social and mental health of the children and their families. The funding continues an innovative partnership with payers and the State to explore healthcare cost savings resulting from Center programs in a germ-free environment.

In FY2026 partnerships with Priority Health, HAP, and Children's Special Healthcare

Services will expand services to more families across Southeast, Central and West Michigan. State funding will be used to provide therapeutic programming in safe and infection-controlled environments for kids with weak immune systems and their families. Demonstrated outcomes include increased movement and healthy lifestyle, social connectedness and a community of support, improved cognitive and developmental skills, parent respite and reduced stress, and improved well-being and satisfaction with life for families. Funding also supports psychosocial and healthcare outcome studies of participating children and families.

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.

500000

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:

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.'

Director: Amanda Barbour – CEO, Board: Chris Koontz – Chair, Mark Scott – Vice Chair, Beth Kurt, MD – Medical Advisor, Stevie Kovanda – Secretary, Mark Periard – Treasurer, Kelly Jandernoa, Julie Piazza, Emily Tuesday, Pat Waring, Shannon Wilson, Scott Winn, Jian Yu.

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:

October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026

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

Yes