



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Steve
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Frisbie
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:
Bronson Health Foundation/Sexual Assault Services
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
4625 Beckley Rd, Building 300, Battle Creek, MI 49015
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
Prevention Education throughout Calhoun County, MI
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Steve Frisbie, District 44 and Sarah Lightner, District 45
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 the legislatively directed spending item is to support classroom-based child abuse prevention education to students in pre-K through high school across Calhoun County. This education is designed to prevent sexual abuse and assault before it happens and to ensure early intervention when it does. Educational presentations are evidence-informed, developmentally appropriate, and tailored to meet the needs of each age group and audience. Pre-K and elementary children learn they are in charge of their body, parts of their body are private, how to say no to touches that make them uncomfortable, and

how to get help from a trusted adult. Middle and high school students are educated on healthy relationships, warning signs of abuse, sexual consent, how to support friends, what to do if they are sexually harassed or assaulted, and how to intervene as bystanders.

These programs matter to all community members because the long-term effects of child sexual abuse are significant and far reaching. Victims are more likely to experience higher rates of depression, substance use, obesity, dropping out of school (Trickett, Noll, & Putnam, 2011). Victims of sexual abuse also face increased risk of teen pregnancy and domestic violence. In fact, teen girls who experience dating violence are 4-6 times more likely to have been pregnant (Silverman, Mucci, Hathaway, 2001). Early prevention and intervention not only protect children but also reduce the long-term burden on public health, education, and child welfare systems. By investing in these services, we reduce future costs and improve the well-being and safety of Calhoun County residents.

All services provided by Sexual Assault Services are provided free of charge to survivors and to the community. Public investment ensures equitable access for all children, regardless of income or school district, and supports an evidence-informed, cost-effective approach to public health and safety. Bronson Health Foundation (Sexual Assault Services) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, therefore this investment would not be in violation of Article 4, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution

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.

30000

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.'

Chair Donald Williamson, Vice Chair Anita Mehta, Rachel Worgess, Secretary Derek Rowe, Treasurer Ron Foor, Director Dannie Alexander, Director Becky East, Director Steve East, Director Tracy Gauthier, Director Norman Hamann, Director Philip Hamilton, Director Nelson Karre, Director Zach Klipsch, Director James Liggins, Director Bill Manns, Director Terry Morrow, Director Steve Polega, Director Consuelo Shank, Director Carolyn Stiles, Director Katharine Werme Hermsen

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 through September 30, 2026

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

Yes