



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Tim
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Kelly
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:
Flint Center for Educational Excellence
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
540 Saginaw Street Suite 101 Flint, MI 48502
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. Cynthia Neeley – 70th District Rep. Jasper Martus – 69th 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 Parent Collaborative is focused on ensuring that the voices of parents, caregivers, and supportive adults (hereafter “parents”) are heard related to key decisions affecting the educational success and opportunities for their children.
The Michigan Department of Education's Top 10 strategic plan highlights families as “essential partners” to student success, however, Flint families are not served by a single school system, but by an educational ecosystem. To engage parents in the decision-making process across this ecosystem, there needs to be a common point of connection.

The Flint Family Collaborative is that connection point. It brings together parents from multiple school districts, the home-school network, special education, early childhood, and even families of children in the juvenile justice system to become advocates and ambassadors for high quality education for their children.

As a group, the Flint Parent Collaborative gives parents the training, structure and resources to identify barriers to their children's academic success and leverage their collective impact to achieve solutions.

A dedicated Director and Parent Navigator will provide continuity in organizing this parent-led group, enabling them to access opportunities for support and partnerships from community organizations and government entities as a collective, versus as individuals. Full time staff positions also ensure qualified oversight for recruitment, programming, training, and advocacy events.

The Parent Navigator will provide additional support by connecting parents to resources in the community that support economic stability, such as employment and training opportunities, transportation, housing, and food. Economic stability has a profound impact on families, influencing their health, well-being, and ability to thrive. Helping parents access basic necessities enables them to engage in their communities and plan for the future.

Expense	Description	Total
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Administrative Expenses	Finance, Accounting, and Liability Insurance	\$ 39,800
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Salaries & Benefits	Director (1FTE) & Parent Navigator (1 FTE)	\$174,570
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Programming & Events	Parent & Family Networking, Advocacy Programming, Resources and Training	\$ 40,315
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Communications & Marketing	Marketing, photography, communications	\$ 25,000
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Meeting Expenses	Membership convening costs	\$ 20,315
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Total		\$ 300,000
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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.

300000

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

["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.'

Rafael Turner – Chair of the Board Carma Lewis – Vice Chair of Board Thomas Parker – Treasurer Latrese Brown – Secretary Ja'Nel Jamerson – President & CEO

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:

FY 26

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

Yes