



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:
Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
2425 E Grand River Ave, Lansing, MI 48912
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
Project SEARCH programs are statewide and currently active in 10 counties.
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Rep. Dievendorf, District #77. However, this is a statewide initiative for development and implementation. 19 current sites are in operation in Oakland County (7), Wayne County (3), Macomb County (1), Calhoun County (1), Ingham County (1), Monroe County (1), Lenawee County (1), Chippewa County (1), Genesee County (2) and Berrien County (1).
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. Project SEARCH is a school to work training program for young adults with disabilities. It equips young adults with job skills, real life experience, empowering them to become self-sufficient and productive members of society. This reduces dependency on

governmental assistance and is an economic solution that connects Michigan businesses with trained workers. The program adds to the workforce, creates choices for families and creates savings for communities. Project SEARCH programs strengthen our talent pipeline and train young adults to become independent employees in their communities.

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"]

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.'

MAASE Board of Directors: Concetta Lewis, Lauren Eardley, Kirsten Myers, Tina Lawson, Karlie Parker, Sue Toth, Crystal Cutler, Mary Zann, Tammy Nyen, Britt Pionk, Jessica Carrier

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:

Oct 1, 2025 - Sep 30, 2026

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

Yes



What is Project SEARCH?

A Proven School-to-Work Program

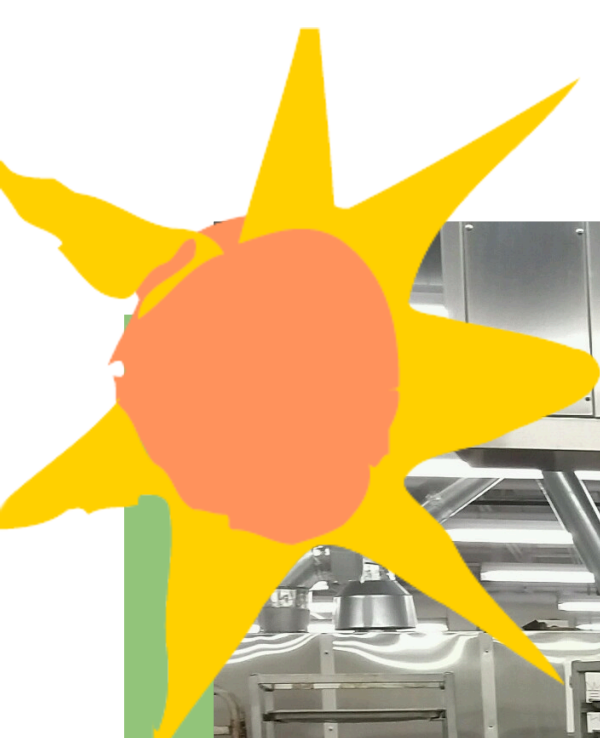
Project SEARCH is a business-focused, one-year internship program designed to help young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities transition successfully into the workforce.

Through total workplace

immersion, participants experience: **Classroom Instruction**

Career Exploration

Hands-on Training



Proven Success in Michigan!

85%
Employment
Success Rate

85% of Project SEARCH graduates in Michigan secured competitive, integrated employment compared to a 19% national employment rate for people with disabilities

The Challenge

Preparing young adults for competitive, integrated employment in their communities.

The Solution

Project SEARCH programs provide a statewide, data-driven and research-backed partnership between Michigan businesses and school districts, creating benefits for participants and employers alike.



Learn More: www.maase.org/project-search




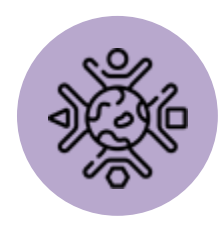


Join Michigan's Leading Organizations

Our State Partners



Why Become a Project SEARCH Host Business?



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Access a Skilled Talent Pipeline:
Fill open positions with job-ready interns trained to meet your business needs.
- 
Develop Michigan's Labor Pool:
Interns develop skills that are transferable to many industries.
- 
Contribute to Economic Growth:
Creates tax payers and consumers that contribute to the economy and their communities.
- 
Business & Education In Action:
Creates practical partnerships between local schools and industry.

How To Get Started

- ✓ Contact Sarah or Michael
- ✓ Visit Our National and Michigan Websites to Learn More
- ✓ Consider becoming a Project SEARCH partner



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www.maase.org/project-search



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