



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Timothy
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Beson
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.  
Rep. Ken Borton
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
Double Up Food Bucks
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
Double Up's Headquarters are: 1442 Brush St, Detroit, MI 48226
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  
Double Up is available at 240 farmers markets and grocery stores in 69 Michigan counties. Double Up is only available for the purchase of fruits and vegetables from retailers committed to buying Michigan-grown produce.
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:  
69 Counties
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. Making America healthy again (MAHA) is Double Up's purpose. Double Up creates a market-based economic tool for Michigan fruit and vegetable farmers and grocers. Double Up increases SNAP (Michigan Bridge Card) shoppers' ability to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables grown by Michigan farmers. The program provides a dollar-for-dollar match at participating farmers markets, on-farm stands, and grocery stores and can

only be used for produce. Double Up is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it enables low-income Michiganders eat more nutritious diets and in-so-doing lowers healthcare costs that would otherwise be borne by the taxpayer through Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP.

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.

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

["Federal","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.'

Board of Directors: Gary Appel Kiff Hamp Benita Melton John Stewart Dan Warmels, Kwaku Osei DeWayne Wells Sarah L. Wixson CEO: Kate Krauss

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 to October 1, 2026

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

Yes