



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Tyrone
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Carter
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:
Southwest Detroit Business Association
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
7752 W. Vernor Hwy. Detroit, MI 48209
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:
Tyrone Carter, District 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.
The Southwest Detroit Business Association (SDBA) respectfully requests a \$2.25 million state appropriation to support two high-impact, community-led initiatives designed to stabilize and grow Southwest Detroit's small business ecosystem, revitalize key commercial corridors, and transform underutilized properties into economic and cultural assets. These efforts will benefit over 90,000 residents and 1,700 businesses—350 of which are located in Business Enterprise Zones.

Project Components:

- Project 1: Community Economic Development & Corridor Revitalization

This project strengthens SDBA's neighborhood-based programming, small business support infrastructure, and corridor activation efforts. The investment directly responds to increased service demand and recent funding gaps caused by the HUD Section 4 freeze and rising operational costs.

- Project 2: El Dorado Commercial Redevelopment

El Dorado addresses both economic and quality-of-life needs—bringing jobs, services, and community-centered space to a previously blighted site. The integration of TA services ensures businesses are not only located there—but equipped to succeed.

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.

2250000

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

["Federal", "Private", "Local"]

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.'

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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:

November 2025- January 2028

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

Yes



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