



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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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.  
Rep. Joe Tate  
Rep. Laurie Pohutsky  
Rep. Stephanie Young
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
Detroit Police Athletic League
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
1680 Michigan Ave., Detroit, MI 48216
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. This proposal requests funding to expand Detroit PAL's Out of School Time (OST) programming to 100 schools and over 7,500 students across Southeast Michigan over the next 4–5 years. For more than two decades, Detroit PAL has delivered a proven youth development model that blends academic enrichment with athletics, serving primarily students from socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds. The program uses

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) to create safe, supportive learning environments for all participants.

- In 2024, Detroit PAL served over 4,500 students across 71 schools. In partnership with the Detroit Police Department and community volunteers, the organization helps youth realize their full potential through academic, athletic, and leadership development. While many youth join through sports, PAL offers a wide range of enrichment services—including literacy support, college readiness, mentoring, and workforce development—to help students succeed in school and beyond.

- An investment in this initiative will strengthen the existing infrastructure, deepen the connection between schools and after-school programming, and expand access for students in districts facing the most significant academic challenges.

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.'

Executive Committee: Alan Huddy, E'Lois Thomas, Jerome Henson , Steve Grigorian, Wendy McIntyre-Peard, Mike Patterson, Anne Doyle ● Board Members Jessica Berry, Dwight Brown, Jr., Todd Bettison, April Diez , David Femminineo, Sterling Littlejohn,

Franklin Hayes, Danny Jaroshewich, Debbie Kenyon, Dan Ngoyi, Tony Nuckolls , Marvin Rushing, Raphael Washington

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 2025-September 2026

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

Yes

## STAKEHOLDER BUDGET REQUEST 2025

<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b>	Schools OST Connection Initiative				
<b>FIRM:</b>	Obsidian Advocacy Group				
<b>FIRM CONTACT:</b>	Tyrone Sanders Jr., Managing Director, <a href="mailto:Tyrone@obsidianadvocacy.com">Tyrone@obsidianadvocacy.com</a> , (248) 790-5620 Caryn Shannon, Associate Lobbyist, <a href="mailto:Caryn@obsidianadvocacy.com">Caryn@obsidianadvocacy.com</a> , (313) 643-3300				
<b>RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION AND ADDRESS</b>	Detroit Police Athletic League, 1680 Michigan Ave., Detroit, MI 48216				
<b>ORGANIZATION CONTACT INFO</b>	Fred Hunter, President & CEO				
<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED:</b>	\$1,500,000				
<b>PREVIOUS APPROPRIATION:</b>	FY2024-25 \$250,000 LEO Funding; \$500,000 OST Funding				
<b>CURRENT BUDGET:</b>					
<b>INTENDED BUDGET:</b>	K-12, LEO, Education				
	<b>ONE-TIME</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>ONGOING</b>	
<b>SPONSORSHIP:</b>	Rep. Tyrone Carter (House Sponsor), Rep. Timmy Beson (House Co-Sponsor)				
<b>INTEREST: (INTERNAL USE ONLY)</b>	<b>YES</b>		<b>NO</b>		<b>UNSURE</b>
<b>NOTES/INFORMATION:</b>					
<b>PROJECT PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT</b>					
<p>This proposal is to secure funding to increase the number of schools and students in S.E. Michigan that have access to Detroit PAL's OST (Out of School) programming. Over the last 24 years, Detroit PAL has created a comprehensive youth development infrastructure that works with schools, students, parents, and volunteers to provide academic enrichment and athletics programming in an after-school setting. Participants taking advantage of these worthwhile programs are primarily from SEDI (Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individuals) households and have unique academic challenges. This highly effective OST model utilizes Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), a framework for supporting schoolwide practices to promote a safe school setting by supporting the social, learning, behavioral, and emotional needs of all student participants with and without individualized education programs.</p> <p>In 2023, there were 62 unique schools in this partnership network that reached over 2,800 students through a variety of youth development programs. In 2024, there were 71 unique schools that reached over 4,500 students. This grant award will allow Detroit PAL to grow its OST footprint to include 100 schools and 7,500+ students over the next 4-5 years.</p>					

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT'S PUBLIC BENEFIT**

In partnership with the Detroit Police Department and community volunteers, Detroit PAL is helping youth find their greatness through athletic, academic, and leadership development programming. While many of our program participants initially become involved with Detroit PAL through sports, we are more than just sports. Through a robust array of youth enrichment program offerings, we provide supplemental services for youth and their families to help influence student-athletes to be school and life ready. We focus on literacy enrichment, leadership development, academic enrichment, and college readiness, mentoring, workforce development, partnerships, and collaboration.

There is great public benefit in strengthening and growing systems that connect our neighborhood schools and their students to robust after-school programming. An investment in Detroit PAL's OST initiative will help sustain and grow the infrastructure necessary to expose youth to the skills and attributes needed to propel them into higher education or the job market. But there is an existing system that needs infrastructure support so that this unique school connection can be sustained, and it can increase the numbers of schools and students. The investment will reach students in the districts that have the most challenges with academic performance.

Contractors	\$160,000
Equipment & Supplies	\$435,000
Facilities	\$175,000
Lease/Indirect expenses	\$185,000
Program Staff	\$250,000
Staff Support	\$295,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>



**DETROIT POLICE  
ATHLETIC LEAGUE  
OVERVIEW**



## **PROGRAMS & IMPACT FOR THE STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**March 27, 2025**





# STARTING WITH WHY

**Detroit's Future is Kids First!**

## CHALLENGE

Too many Detroit youth face poverty, crime & violence, educational barriers, trauma, and hopelessness. Without the support of healthy adults and a strong community...

## MISSION

In partnership with the Detroit Police Department and community volunteers, **Detroit PAL helps youth find their greatness** through athletics and youth enrichment programs.

**Investing in youth is preparing for our best future**



# DETROIT POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

## PRESENT

- **55<sup>th</sup> anniversary having served 300,000+**
- **Trusted and respected in the community**
- **29 Full-Time Staff, 1 DPD Sergeant, 3 DPD Officers, plus 15 Interns, Contractual, and Part-time Staff**

## FUTURE

- ***Scaling Quality Youth Development Sustainably***





# FY 2025-2026 STRATEGY

- **Grow # of students and schools**
- **Strengthen the infrastructure**
- **Improve mentor training**
- **Expand Girls Opportunities**





## OUR G.R.E.A.T. MODEL



**G**

**Goal-Setting**



**R**

**Resilience**



**E**

**Embracing A  
Healthy Lifestyle**



**A**

**Accountability**

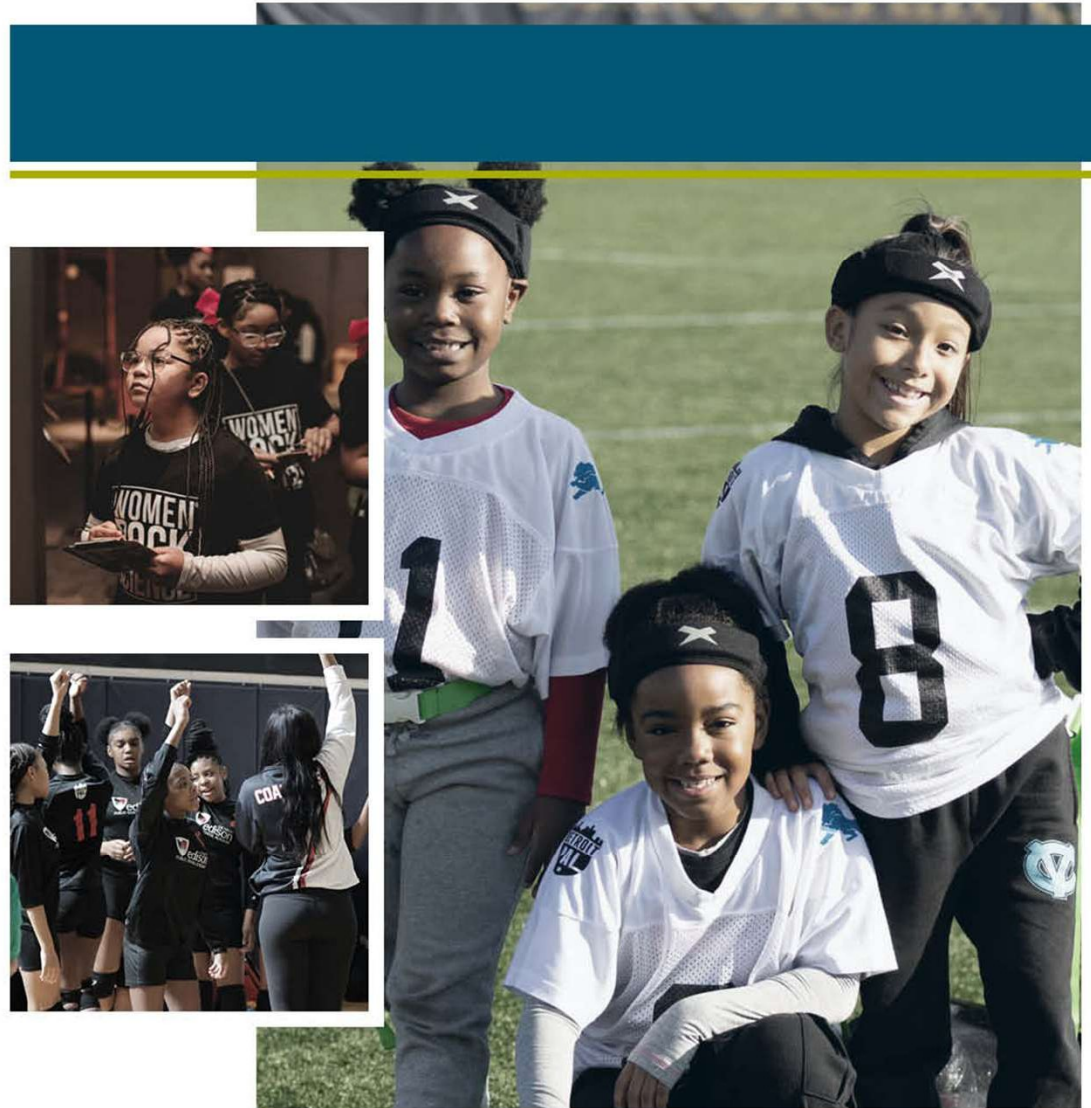


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**Teamwork**

# GIRLS CHANGING THE GAME

- **More girls in PAL programs**
- **Increase quality of programs**
- **Game Changers Committee with board & community leadership**
- **Girls who change the game become women who change the world!**





# 1- ATHLETICS



- **12 Sports**
  - **Football, Cheer, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, T-Ball, Volleyball, Soccer, Hockey, Tennis, Golf, Track & Field**
- **Scalable**
- **Positive Culture**
- **Community Enriching**
- **Holistic youth development**



## 2 - YOUTH ENRICHMENT



- **EDUCATION**

- Literacy Initiatives
- Summer Engagement
- **STEM & STEAM Programs**
- Career & College Exposure

- **GREATNESS**

- Empowerment
- Leadership
- **GREAT Model**



## 3 - COMMUNITY POLICING



- **Detroit Police Department Roots**



- **Bridging Gaps Proactively**

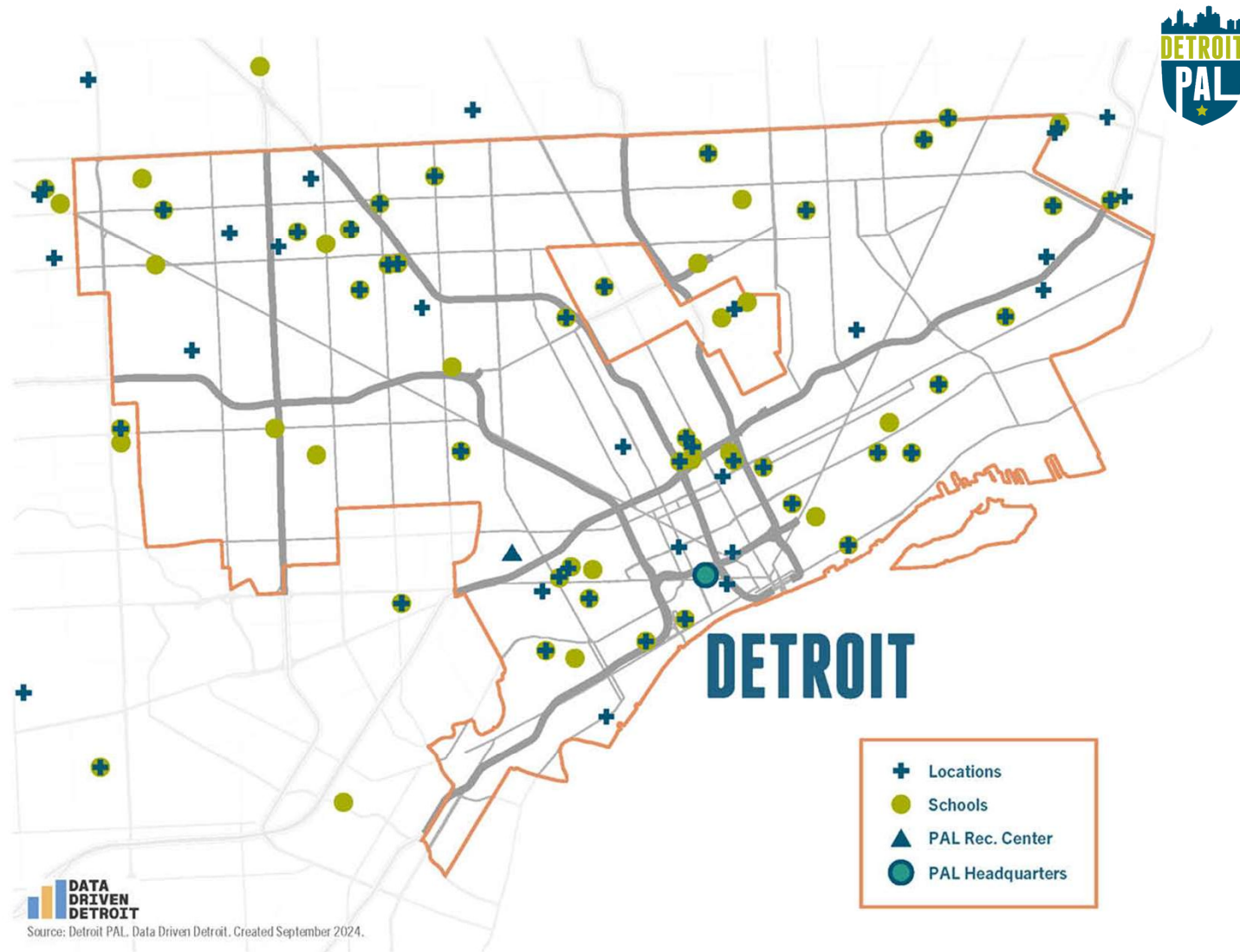


- **State of MI grant support for Detroit PAL & program expansion in Grand Rapids & Flint**



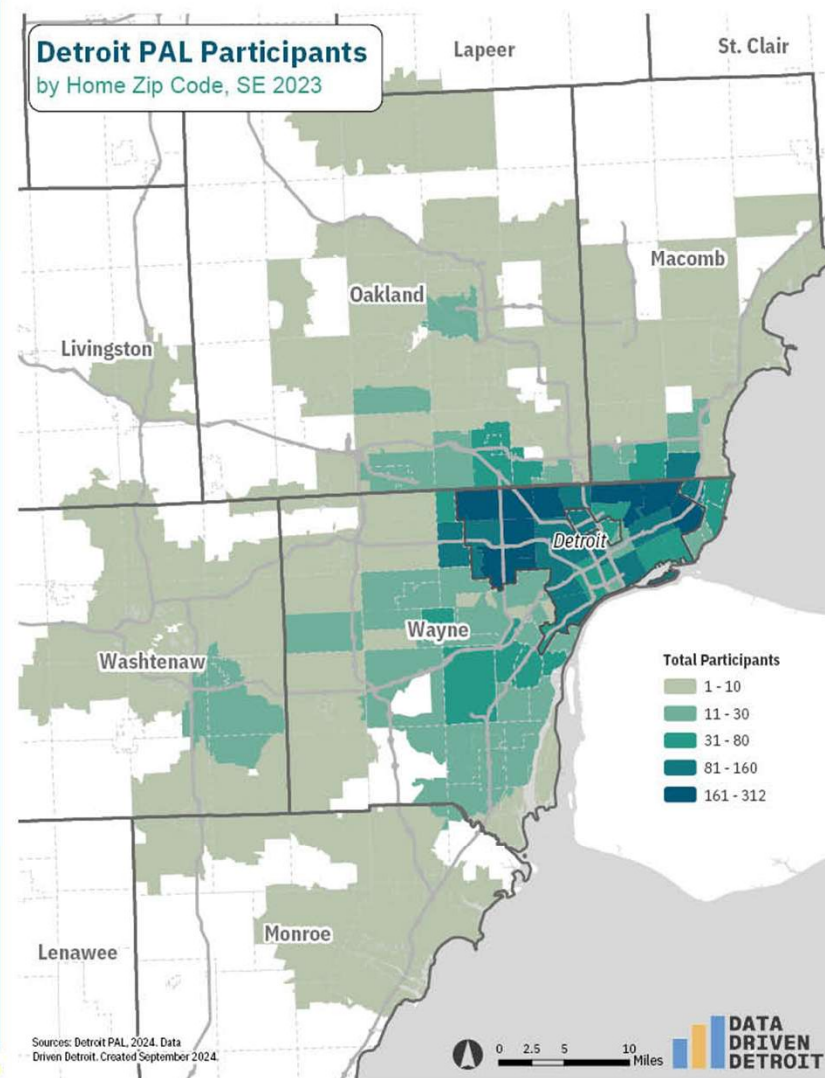
## CITY WIDE LOCATIONS FOR PROGRAMS

- Youth ages 4-18
- 88%+ children are Black, Hispanic, or Multi-Racial
- Partnerships with schools, cities, nonprofits, community organizations, corporations and facilities.



# DETROIT PAL PARTICIPANTS

- By Home Zip code
- Southeast Michigan





## COMMUNITY IMPACT FOR 2023

47

Enrichment &  
Athletics Programs

120+

Program, Event,  
Game Locations

7,076

Youth  
Participants

925

Coaches &  
Volunteers

62

School Partners

467

Teams





## COMMUNITY IMPACT FOR 2024

**50**

**Enrichment &  
Athletics Programs**

**120+**

**Program, Event,  
Game Locations**

**9,374**

**Youth  
Participants**

**1,024**

**Coaches &  
Volunteers**

**70+**

**School Partners**

**475+**

**Teams**



## SCHOOL PROGRAM PARTNERS

- **62 School Partners in 2023**
- **Growing to 100+ School Partners by 2027**
- **Afterschool Partnerships**
  - **School-Based Athletics**
  - **Education & Literacy Enrichment**
  - **Community Policing**

**62**

**School Partners**

**8**

**Programs**

**2,826**

**Youth Participants**

**41**

**Detroit Schools**



## SCHOOL PROGRAM PARTNERS

- **71 School Partners in 2024**
- **Growing to 100+ School Partners by 2027**
- **Afterschool Partnerships**
  - **School-Based Athletics**
  - **Education & Literacy Enrichment**
  - **Community Policing**

71

**School Partners**

10

**Programs**

4,518

**Youth Participants**

47

**Detroit Schools**





**STRONG AND STEADY FOR OUR CHILDREN**

**Partnerships & investing in Detroit's youth and their future!**



Helping youth find  
their greatness.

## **DETROIT PAL: GROWTH & IMPACT & LEGACY**

- 2022 - 5,559 Participants, 55+ School Partners, 704 Trained Volunteers
- 2023 - 7,076 Participants, 62+ School Partners, 802 Trained Volunteers
- 2024 - 9,374 Participants, 71+ School Partners, 1,024 Trained Volunteers
- 2024 featured 50 Programs, 120+ Locations, Youth from 93 Municipalities
- PAL Recreation Center in SW Detroit renovated and opens in August 2025
- Redeveloped The Corner Ballpark at Michigan & Trumbull in March 2018
- 56 Years serving Greater Detroit, impacting 300,000+ youth in Michigan

## **PAL STATEWIDE & NATIONAL IMPACT WITH COMMUNITY POLICING**

- Model PAL for Flint, Pontiac, Kalamazoo, SW Michigan, and other Cities
- Developed national model of Community Policing
- A signature program, Critical Conversations, for 5+ years has successfully engaged youth and law enforcement leading to demonstrated improvement in trust, respect, feeling safe, and positive view of law enforcement
- Critical Conversations piloted successfully in Buffalo, Memphis, and Houston
- Training model created with first Michigan Statewide session April 22, 2025 with Flint PD, Grand Rapids PD, and Michigan State Police
- Critical Conversations program launching in Flint & Grand Rapids in 2025
- Training program developed to grow and train officers in other Michigan cities
- Detroit PAL is a national leader in effective Community Policing Programs

## **PAL STATE OF MICHIGAN FUNDING**

- 2021 Press Conference for \$15M grant to Detroit PAL for State Expansion, but funding was never awarded or received
- FY 2023, PAL was awarded a 4-year reimbursement grant for \$7.5M to support programs and grow community policing in Flint & Grand Rapids
- FY 2024, PAL received \$3M reimbursement grant for renovation and program expansion at the PAL Recreation Center in SW Detroit
- FY 2025, PAL received \$500K for School OST programming and \$250K reimbursement grant for renovation support at PAL Recreation Center
- PAL has leveraged the State of Michigan investments to garner additional support from foundations, corporations, and individuals to develop a strong, sustainable model that can serve more than 18,000 youth in SE Michigan and impact thousands more throughout the State of Michigan