



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Will
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Bruck
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:  
The Salvation Army Great Lakes Division Harbor Light
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
3737 Lawton Street, Detroit, MI 48208
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  
The Salvation Army Great Lakes Division Harbor Light 3737 Lawton Street, Detroit, MI 48208
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:  
Will Bruck, 30th House 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. Established in 1939, Harbor Light is an accredited program that serves individuals battling alcohol and drug abuse and housing insecurity, aiming for recovery, self-sufficiency, and societal re-entry. Substance abuse remains a pressing issue that affects countless lives in Michigan, as well as the stability and safety of our neighborhoods.

The Harbor Light provides several programs, including Sub-Acute Detox, Short-Term &

Long-Term Residential Care, Intensive Outpatient Care for Pregnant/Women with Children, Aftercare & Recovery Housing, and Family Supportive Services. The Harbor Light is the only non-profit in Michigan with dedicated Services for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing. These initiatives empower individuals to build healthy futures while alleviating strain on healthcare systems and local emergency services.

Michigan has provided a block grant for this purpose for the past 30 years. Continued funding is essential for our shared mission to address critical challenges facing our community. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding as The Salvation Army fills in the gaps in times of natural disasters and public health crises. Our community relies on adaptable solutions like the Harbor Light that can effectively meet urgent needs.

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.

["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.'

Lt. Colonel Steven J. Merritt - Divisional Commander (Regional Chief Executive Officer); Lt. Colonel Christine Merritt - Divisional Leader for Officer Development, Camp Administrator - Echo Grove Camp & Retreat Center; Major Charlotte M. Koehler - General Secretary and Metro Detroit Area Commander; Major Andrew B. Shiels - Associate General Secretary; Major Melissa M. Shiels - Divisional Secretary for Program; Captain

Jonathan Cooper - Divisional Youth Secretary; Major Randall Hellstrom - Divisional Secretary for Mid Michigan Area Command; Major Timothy P. Meyer - Divisional Secretary for Grand Valley Area Command; John M. Hale - Executive Director of Development; Gariann Brock - Executive Director of Social Services; Derek Kumpula - Executive Director of Finance; Jonathan Hicks - Corporate & Foundation Relations Director; Terri Butler - Senior Director of Philanthropy; Christina Holman - Director of Integrated Marketing & Mail

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:

Start Date: 10/1/2025; End Date: 9/30/2026

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

Yes