



# 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:  
Snyder
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:  
Mediation & Restorative Services
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
888 Terrace St. Suite 200A Muskegon, MI 49440
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:  
Will Snyder, 87th 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.  
Reduces Recidivism  
By addressing the root causes of criminal behavior through job training, education, mentorship, therapeutic interventions, and life skills development, EXIT helps individuals successfully reintegrate into society—decreasing the likelihood of reoffending and reducing the long-term costs of incarceration.

Promotes Public Safety

EXIT participants receive structured support that emphasizes personal accountability, positive decision-making, and conflict resolution. This leads to fewer crimes and safer communities for everyone.

#### **Builds Workforce Readiness**

EXIT equips participants with essential literacy development, hands-on trade training, and college preparation, alongside GED/High School Completion support and job readiness skills. Program participants are assisted in obtaining necessary documents to be eligible and to remove barriers to employment such as State ID, Social Security Cards, Birth Certificates etc. By connecting individuals to employment opportunities and continued education, the program promotes financial independence and helps meet the talent needs of local businesses.

#### **Supports Families and Children**

Reentry programming helps stabilize family units and encourages healthy parenting, reducing the impact of incarceration on children and improving generational outcomes. We host a monthly Family Night that allows incarcerated individuals the opportunity to maintain relationships with their loved ones in a structured and safe environment. Program participants are assisted in navigating family court matters through family mediation and other conflict resolution opportunities further strengthening their involvement in their children's lives.

#### **Efficient Use of Resources**

It costs significantly less to provide reentry services than it does to incarcerate someone. Investments in EXIT saves taxpayer dollars by preventing costly re-incarcerations and reliance on public assistance. In collaboration with state probation, local community providers, and circuit court, we provide a circle of support preventing duplication of services and cost provide efficient services.

**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.**

600000

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

["Federal","State","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.'

Mediation & Restorative Services Board of Directors: i. DJ Hilson, President, Muskegon County Prosecutor ii. Hon. Jenny McNeill, Vice President, Muskegon Circuit Court iii. Paul Gilbert, Treasurer, CPA with Brickley Delong iv. Carolyn Smith Gerdes, Secretary, Retired Special Education Administrator v. F. Remington Sprague, MD, Medical Doctor with Hackley Community Care vi. William Sininger, Attorney vii. Dee Carlson, Retired from MPS viii. Kelley Allard, West MI Works ix. Chief Dean Roesler, Shelby Police Department x. Rebecca St. Clair, HealthWest xi. Will Wilson, Disability Network West Michigan

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:

10/1/25-9/30/26

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

Yes