



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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:
READ Muskegon
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
26 E Broadway Ave, Muskegon Heights, MI 49444
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. By providing literacy services and resources, Read Muskegon's project directly benefits low- and moderate-income individuals and communities. Illiteracy often perpetuates cycles of poverty, limiting access to educational and employment opportunities. This project supports individuals of all ages in improving their literacy skills, thereby increasing their likelihood of academic success, employability, earning potential, and overall socioeconomic status. By targeting literacy barriers, particularly prevalent in low- and moderate-income areas, the project works to address systemic inequalities and promote economic mobility.

Read Muskegon's project entails the redevelopment of a building that has been vacant for 15 years in Muskegon Heights, an underinvested urban area. By repurposing and revitalizing this space, the project contributes to the elimination of blight and the revitalization of the community. Through this endeavor, Read Muskegon not only addresses the physical decay and disinvestment often associated with blight but also fosters a sense of renewal within the neighborhood. By transforming an older property into a vibrant hub for literacy and community engagement, Read Muskegon's project plays a pivotal role in enhancing the overall wellbeing and vitality of the area. Illiteracy poses a significant threat to the health and welfare of communities. Limited literacy skills can lead to adverse outcomes in areas such as education, employment, healthcare, and civic engagement, exacerbating existing disparities and hindering community development efforts. By targeting literacy barriers and promoting educational advancement, the project addresses the immediate threat posed by illiteracy while laying the groundwork for long-term community development and resilience.

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.**

500000

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

["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.'**

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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:

Oct. 1, 2025 - Sept. 30 2026

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

Yes