



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Timothy
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Beson
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. Matthew Bierlein, Rep. Bill G. Schuette, Rep. Jasper Martus, Rep. Amos O'Neal, Rep. Tim Kelly
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Saginaw County Business and Education Partnership DBA PartnerShift Network
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
1 Tuscola St. Suite 100A Saginaw, MI 48607
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:
Multiple Districts: 96th (Bay County) 95th (Midland County) 94th & 97th (Saginaw County)
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. Legislatively directed funds will be used to provide barrier removal, employment stabilization services to those who fall within the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) population in Bay, Saginaw, and Midland Counties through PartnerShift Network's (PSN) Workforce Success Initiative program.

As proposed, \$400k will be utilized for PSN's Community Health Workers to provide success coaching services, utilizing the Bridges out of Poverty framework, at no cost to participants to increase employment retention. Services include budgeting and financial literacy, resource navigation, career development, and mental health navigation.

As proposed, \$200k in funding will be utilized as supportive service funding for direct barrier removal. This supportive service funding will be utilized to provide one-time financial assistance for things that may jeopardize employment stability like vehicle repairs, eviction prevention, etc. Prior to a participant receiving financial assistance it is required that the participant do budgeting and financial literacy training and will require the participant to provide part of the expenses cost.

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.

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

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.'

Kevin Summy, member. Tanya Blehm, Secretary. Jeremy Bockleman, Vice Chair. Jenny Geno, member. Terecina Jackson, member. Jessica Rohlfe, treasurer. Chris Vieau, Chariman. Rachelle Hilliker, Executive Director.

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:

FY26

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

Yes

PartnerShift Network Board of Directors - 2024						PSN Staff		
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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
FILING ENDORSEMENT

This is to Certify that the CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME

for

SAGINAW COUNTY BUSINESS & EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

ID Number: 800822434

to transact business under the assumed name of
PARTNERSHIFT NETWORK

received by electronic transmission on July 10, 2019 ***, is hereby endorsed.***

Filed on July 10, 2019 ***, by the Administrator.***

The document is effective on the date filed, unless a subsequent effective date within 90 days after received date is stated in the document.

Expiration Date: December 31, 2024



In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Department, in the City of Lansing, this 10th day of July, 2019.

Julia Dale

Julia Dale, Director

Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing Bureau

Dear Chair Bollin,

We are writing to express our support for PartnerShift Network's Workforce Success Initiative and their request for \$600,000 from the LEO appropriations subcommittee to further their efforts in Saginaw, Bay, and Midland Counties. Addressing workforce retention issues and employment barriers is a critical step toward ensuring economic stability for both workers and businesses in our region.

The Workforce Success Initiative provides a comprehensive approach to tackling employment barriers by working directly with both employers and employees while leveraging community resources. This program is especially vital to individuals in the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) population, who often struggle with challenges that threaten their ability to maintain stable employment. Through an evidence-based success coaching model, Community Health Workers at PartnerShift Network offer financial literacy training, assistance in managing life's challenges, and direct financial support to address barriers such as transportation, housing, childcare, and utilities.

The program's impact speaks for itself. In 2024 alone, PartnerShift Network assisted over 3,168 individuals and provided more than \$213,000 in direct financial support, helping them stay employed and achieve financial stability. Furthermore, their services have been contracted by major regional employers—including Hemlock Semiconductor, Morley Companies, Nexteer Automotive, and Great Lakes Bay Health Centers—who collectively represent over 9,000 employees. These partner employers report a 98% retention rate among employees who utilize PartnerShift Network's services, a testament to the program's effectiveness in reducing turnover and strengthening business operations.

The requested \$600,000 in funding would directly support the expansion of the Workforce Success Initiative, with \$400,000 allocated toward program execution and \$200,000 designated for direct financial assistance to remove employment barriers. This investment will not only enhance workforce retention but also contribute to regional economic vitality by increasing productivity and reducing reliance on public assistance programs.

We strongly urge you to approve this funding request, as it will have a profound and lasting impact on both individuals and businesses in our community. We stand ready to support this initiative in any way possible and welcome the opportunity to discuss this further at your convenience.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

Rep. Timmy Beson
Rep. Matthew Bierlein
Rep. Amos O'Neal
Rep. Jasper Martus
Rep. Tim Kelly
Rep. Bill G. Schuette



March 27, 2025

Dear Representatives Beson, O'Neal and Martus,

I am writing to express our support for state funding for the Partnershift Network. This invaluable program plays a crucial role in our community by providing a wide range of services that enhance the lives of individuals and contribute to the well-being of our workforce. As a member of their Business Resource Network, we have found their services essential to many of our employees.

The Partnershift Network acts as a connector, helping people locate and access community resources such as transportation, childcare, and other basic needs. This has been a great service to many of our employees, particularly at the entry level.

The Partnershift team will be expanding their support to HSC to include career coaching for employees seeking new roles or engaged in training and apprenticeships. This personalized guidance will help our employees navigate their career paths and achieve their professional goals. Additionally, performance coaching will be provided to those struggling with workplace challenges, ensuring timely intervention and support to address underlying issues.

Education support will also be offered, assisting employees in accessing essential systems and resources. This one-on-one assistance will empower our workforce to effectively utilize available resources and improve their lives.

Furthermore, the Partnershift team will assist with goal setting, support to employees transitioning to new roles, and provide work-life balance coaching. These services will foster a sense of purpose, enhance job satisfaction, and promote a healthy work-life balance.

Skill development support, including "soft skill" development, will be available to ensure our employees have the necessary skills to succeed and advance in their careers. Employee workshops, such as financial literacy, will equip individuals with essential knowledge and empower them to make informed decisions.

In conclusion, the expansion of the Partnershift team's services at Hemlock Semiconductor is a valuable initiative that will greatly benefit our employees and contribute to the overall success of our organization. We wholeheartedly support this initiative and look forward to its positive impact on our workforce.

Thank you for considering this request for state funding for the Partnershift Network.

Kind regards,

Sherri Jones

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Human Resources

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Cc: Representatives Green and Kelly