



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/10/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Kevin Hertel

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

The Anton Art Center

4. Physical address of legislatively directed spending item recipient and the intended location of the project or activity:

125 Macomb Pl, Mt Clemens, MI 48043

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

237065452

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$100,000.00

7. What is the purpose and how does the legislatively directed spending item provide a public benefit that is an appropriate use of taxpayer money?

The Anton Art Center is dedicated to providing exceptional arts programming and services to our community. Our elevator, an essential part of ensuring access to our classrooms, galleries, office, and programs, has reached a point where it can no longer be reliably repaired and must be replaced. This creates a significant accessibility challenge and may impact some visitors' ability to fully experience the Art Center. Accessibility is not optional, it is central to our mission and values. The Art Center, housed in a historic Carnegie Library building, is designated as a Michigan Historic Site and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2021. A 2005 addition included the installation of an elevator, allowing the Art Center to make the historic building fully accessible for the first time. Because the Art Center does not have a zero-step entry, access to all galleries, classrooms, and program

spaces depends on either stairs or the elevator. Completion of this project will restore full access to The Art Center's galleries and instructional spaces, ensuring that all visitors, regardless of age or mobility, can participate fully in exhibitions, classes, and programming. By removing a critical barrier to access, the elevator replacement will directly enhance the quality, inclusivity, and reach of artistic and cultural experiences at the Anton Art Center.

- 8. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received or been awarded any of the following types of funding in the past 5 years? If so, how much? Check all that apply:**

N/A

Amount

N/A

- 9. Estimated time frame for completion of the legislatively directed spending item project:**

Completed by June 2026

- 10. Is the recipient a nonprofit corporation?**

Yes

Additional Information for Nonprofit Corporations (if applicable)

The answer to questions 1 to 3 must be "Yes" for the nonprofit corporation to qualify for a legislatively directed spending item.

- 1. Has the nonprofit corporation continuously operated in this state for the preceding 36 months?**

Yes

- 2. Has the nonprofit corporation had a physical office in this state for not less than the preceding 12 consecutive months?**

Yes

- 3. Does the organization have a board of directors?**

Yes

4. List all of the officers and active members on the board of directors:

Sandra Tornberg, President Patricia Woodstock, Past President Mark Sandri, Treasurer San Juanita Barajas, Trustee Michael Daitch, Trustee Laura Fournier, Trustee David Galli, Trustee Jenclare Gawaran, Trustee Kathryn Diamond, Trustee David Serio, Trustee Denise Mentzer, Trustee

Certification By Sponsoring Legislator

"I certify that my immediate family members, legislative staff members, and I have no direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the requested legislatively directed spending item."

"I certify that the intended recipient of this legislatively directed spending item is not a for-profit entity."

"I certify that the information in this form is true to the best of my knowledge."

Senator Kevin Hertel