



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/09/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator John Cherry

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Boys & Girls Clubs Michigan Alliance

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

8431 Sherwood Dr. Grand Blanc, MI 48439; locations across Michigan

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

38-3636955

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$9,000,000.00

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 requested legislatively directed spending item will support the continuation and expansion of life & workforce development programs across Michigan at its 16 Boys & Girls Club organizations, spanning 28 communities in the Upper and Lower Peninsulas. The impact of this funding will provide youth at Boys & Girls Clubs in Adrian, Alpena, Bay City, Benton Harbor, Bridgman, Brimley, Detroit, Douglas, Eastpointe, Essexville, Flint, Grand Rapids, Highland Park, Holland, Hudson, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Menominee, Muskegon, Pinconning, and Saginaw with life and workforce development programming. This funding will support youth in our rural, suburban, and urban communities. Importantly, this funding will also provide crucial support to our youth development organizations that serve over 40,000 youth across our state. This funding will ensure that a significant number of youths have access to

these vital programs. Examples of programs that Clubs will engage youth in include, but are not limited to: Career Launch (helps teens explore careers), Money Matters (Financial Literacy), Up Next (in-Club work-based learning program), paid internships, and other locally developed programs. These programs will provide significant benefits and be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds for several key reasons. A study commissioned by Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, found that every dollar invested in Boys & Girls Clubs returns \$10.32 in economic benefits to Club members, their families, and their communities. These include social benefits, such as mental health, education, and healthy behaviors, not accounted for in a purely financial ROI. Clubs contribute to savings by lowering costs associated with crime, healthcare, and public assistance. Based on this study, this request could yield \$103,200,000.00 in economic benefits to communities across Michigan. Boys & Girls Clubs' workforce development programs equip young people with valuable skills, training, and certifications relevant to current and future job markets. This investment will create a more skilled workforce across Michigan. Boys & Girls Clubs often have strong community support and partnerships, which can only ensure that programs are tailored to local needs. The Michigan Alliance is uniquely positioned to engage multiple communities and make a significant impact on youth across the state. We have a proven track record in our state and nationwide, demonstrating our ability to deliver high-quality programming and effectively manage funding. Boys & Girls Clubs will provide comprehensive programming—job exploration, skill-building, academic success, and transition acumen—that promotes a reliable workforce, strengthens workforce readiness, and creates a talent pipeline in our state. A strong workforce is vital for the future of the state of Michigan, and our organization is uniquely positioned to partner with the state to meet this goal.

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:

n/a

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:

Leon Bell Jennifer Calery Karen Englert David Ferszt Walter Graff Dustin Krasny Ilana Levinson Ray Lipscomb Brian Manderfield Chelsey Tabakian Odom Patrick Placzkowski Matt Watrous

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 John Cherry