



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/08/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Mary Cavanagh

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Give Merit Inc

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

10100 Grand River Ave. Detroit, MI 48204 Merit Park - 10123 Grand River Ave, Detroit, MI 48204 and will serve residents from around the city

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

452907584

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$1,000,000.00

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?

Funding will be utilized to support infrastructure and programming improvements to Merit Park

- 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:**

State

Amount

\$1,000,000.00

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

Funding will be utilized within the fiscal year for which it is appropriated

- 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:**

- President/Director: David Merritt - Secretary/ED: Kuhu Saha - Treasurer/Director: Jonathan Merritt - Chevelle Roman - John Cullen - Matthew Leverett - Niraj Kapadia - Jessie Hayes-Stallings

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 Mary Cavanagh