



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/10/2026

**1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:**

Senator Sue Shink

**2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):**

N/A

**3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:**

Jackson College

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

2111 Emmons Road, Jackson, Michigan, 49201

**5. The recipient's employer identification number:**

38-1795703

**6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:**

\$2,000,000.00

**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?**

Across Michigan and the nation, policymakers increasingly recognize that postsecondary success is inseparable from basic life stability. National data show that a significant share of community college students experience housing insecurity at some point during their enrollment, with single parents among the most affected. These students are not failing academically; they are navigating fragile systems where one disruption, such as an eviction, a childcare breakdown, or a medical expense can derail education entirely. For Michigan, this challenge carries real economic consequences. When students stop out due to housing instability, the state loses potential credential completers, employers lose talent, and families remain economically vulnerable. Addressing housing stability is therefore not a social service add-on; it is a workforce and competitiveness strategy for the state. Jet's Village at

Jackson College directly addresses this reality. It provides safe, affordable, on-campus, independent, tiny-home housing for single-parent students within a comprehensive, intentionally designed support ecosystem. Residents live steps away from childcare services, campus dining, a mental health clinic, a Henry Ford Health medical clinic, campus safety, tutoring and academic support centers, student success navigators, campus employment opportunities, and a peer learning community. This proximity removes barriers to education and allows non-traditional students an opportunity to increase their skills while providing a stable environment for their children. Jackson College currently operates six tiny homes, all of which are fully occupied with a persistent waitlist. Demand far exceeds supply, meaning qualified, motivated students are turned away not because they lack ability, but because the College lacks capacity. Early outcomes demonstrate improved persistence and completion among residents. For some students, Jet's Village represents their first experience with independent living in a supportive environment, creating a bridge to long-term housing and economic stability after graduation. The ability for students to remain while completing bachelor's degrees through on-campus partners further amplifies the return on investment. This FY 2027 request expands Jet's Village by fourteen additional units, bringing the total to twenty homes, increasing the number of students Jackson College can serve, expanding opportunities for education for students, and possibilities for workforce development for the State of Michigan.

**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:**

10/1/26-12/31/27

**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:**

• Donna Lake, Chairwoman • Matt Heins, Trustee • Phil Hoffman, Trustee • Chris Simpson, Trustee • Teshna Thomas, Trustee • Danielle Mackey, Trustee • George Page, 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 Sue Shink*