



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/07/2026

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

Senator Sylvia Santana

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

N/A

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

Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan

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

5303 S. Cedar St., Building 1, Lansing, MI 48911; statewide

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

38-2662698

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

\$5,000,000.00

**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?**

Michigan's 1.7 million caregivers are the backbone of our long-term care system—providing unpaid support that saves billions in public spending. We depend on unpaid caregivers to meet home and community-based needs of our growing aging population. Yet these caregivers face many challenges, and without stronger support, the system they sustain is at risk. The Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan requests a \$5 million appropriation to expand AAA caregiver support programs, providing respite, and education, to sustain the unpaid workforce that underpins Michigan's long-term care system.

- 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:**

1 year from receipt

- 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:**

Jason Maciejewski, President Kendrick Heinlein, Vice President Andrea Radel, Treasurer Donald Saldia. Secretary Ronald Taylor Michael Karson Kara Lorenz-Goings Stacy Wines Laura Sutter Christine Vanlandingham Yaushica Aubert Dayne Altom Laurie Sauer Kandi Lannen Jonathan Mead Pam Curtis

*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 Sylvia Santana*