



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/09/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Mary Cavanagh

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Inner City Empowerment

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

21630 W. 7 mile Detroit MI. 48219

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

934114366

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$740,000.00

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 funds will be used to establish a hands-on robotics, AI, and automation workforce training program for youth and adults in Detroit. Participants will receive practical training in robot maintenance, repair, and coding using real equipment in a lab-based environment. Funds will support equipment, instruction, and program operations to prepare participants for immediate employment opportunities. This program directly addresses the growing demand for skilled robotics technicians and creates a clear pipeline into high-demand, future-proof careers.

- 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:**

Funds will be utilized in the Fiscal year for which they are 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:**

Board of Directors: Arthur Cartwright, Harvey Wilson, Ronald Colter, Margareta Morris, Kerry Lacy.

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