



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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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:**

Flint Fresh

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

3325 E Court St, Flint, MI 48506

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

81-2840219

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

\$3,000,000.00

**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?**

Expansion of Flint Fresh's operational capacity through the development of the unutilized 10,000 sq ft portion of its existing facility. The project will double the organization's storage and working space, which is currently at capacity within the already renovated portion of the facility. This targeted infrastructure investment will also build regional capacity for distributing local products, particularly between the Saginaw Bay/Thumb region and Central Michigan. Construction will include building restoration, large walk-in cold storage and freezer space, temperature-controlled working areas, commercial kitchen/co-packing space, and lot improvements for staff and fleet vehicles. Flint Fresh's continued growth has a direct impact on market access for farmers throughout Southern Michigan while simultaneously improving access to healthy, local foods for institutions and individuals in Genesee County. Each

of these factors generate broad economic benefits while also improving public health outcomes. Most significantly, this added capacity will allow Flint Fresh to expand existing support for the local procurement and nutritional improvement efforts of Michigan schools, bolster Michigan's Medicaid In Lieu of Service efforts as an established regional provider for Health Plans, and dramatically increase the aggregation, storage, and distribution of local products through existing supply chain partnerships.

- 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:**

18-24 months

- 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:**

Amarachi Wachuku (President), Richard Sadler (Vice-President), Samantha Farah (Treasurer), Nigel Tate (Secretary), Joel Arnold (Member)

*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*