



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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:

Center for Civil Justice

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

436 S. Saginaw St., Suite 400 Flint, MI 48502; Flint, MI

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

38-1859780

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$500,000.00

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 Center for Civil Justice is committed to ensuring that low-income individuals and families can access the basic resources necessary to survive and thrive. Too often, systemic barriers prevent people from obtaining essential benefits, stable housing, and healthcare—leaving them without meaningful recourse. CCJ responds on multiple fronts. We provide MDHHS navigator assistance to help individuals secure critical benefits while pursuing strategic litigation to challenge unlawful practices and drive systemic change. At the same time, we advocate for equitable state and federal policies that remove barriers and expand access to housing and healthcare. This work is urgent. As policies shift and safety nets strain, vulnerable communities face an increased risk of losing access to essential supports. Through legal advocacy,

policy reform, and community partnership, CCJ is working to ensure that equity is not just an ideal but a reality.

- 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

\$1,500,000.00

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

n/a

- 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:**

Antwan Edson, Board President Ameer Rutherford, Secretary Samuel Angus Amy Hendrickson Kevin Hayes Psalm Bingham Mary Ellen Kenney

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*