



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/03/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Erika Geiss

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

Erika Geiss

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Central Detroit Christian Community Development Corporation

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

1550 Taylor Street Detroit, MI 48206

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

383128822

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$1,000,000.00

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?

Workforce Training, Development, and Placement Central Detroit Christian (CDC) is committed to helping Detroit residents build the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the workforce. Through hands-on training and career readiness support, we equip community members with practical, long-term tools that open doors to stable employment. Their goal is to help individuals in low-income neighborhoods gain the freedom that comes with meaningful work and the ability to contribute to the local economy in ways that strengthen both their families and the community as a whole. Central Detroit Christian is a 32-yea- old organization dedicated to empowering Detroit residents through education, employment, and economic development. Over the years, we have launched 17 businesses, seven of which continue to operate under our umbrella today. Through these enterprises, CDC has

trained and employed residents who are low income, living below the poverty line, and experiencing housing instability. Workforce development is central to CDC's mission and has been a catalyst for opportunity for their neighbors. Participants engage in free career readiness training through CDC also receiving comprehensive, wraparound support services. These supports include housing counseling, financial literacy classes, weekly food boxes to address food insecurity, and access to mental health resources, ensuring individuals have the stability and support needed to succeed. The organization is committed to helping residents gain the tools and secure footing so that they can thrive, not merely survive, which benefits not only the individuals and families that CDC serves, but the community, city of Detroit, and state overall.

- 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:**

Completed by end of FY 2028

- 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:

Sarah Pavelko (Board Chairman) Joshua Roberson (Vice Chairman) Kevin Watkins (Board Treasurer) Chris Meagher (Board Secretary) Courtney Elledge Denise Gray Joy Greer Kenneth Hoganson Kourtney Price Jonathan Wynne

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 Erika Geiss