



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/08/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Dayna Polehanki

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Independent Living Alliance

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

Address and project location: 51333 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton Township, MI 48188

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

35-2677943

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$2,000,000.00

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?

Faced with the reality that 75% of adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD) receive their caregiver support from their aging parents, Independent Living Alliance (ILA) took decisive action. In 2019, we created ILA — a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to building a world-class, safe, supportive, and intentional community for adults with I/DD. This community will combine inclusive housing with life-skills programming, vocational opportunities, and supportive services that help residents lead full, independent, and connected lives. We have partnered with Special Olympics of MI to ensure our residents maintain a health and wellness focus and have an opportunity to participate in Special Olympics sports. ILA has also established a partnership with Canton Township's Therapeutic

Recreation department to provide programming and life skill activities for our residents and the greater I/DD community.

- 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:**

July 2026-September 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:**

Randal P Leslie, President Larry Ott, Vice-President David D Ebner, Treasurer Daniel S Varner, Secretary MaryAnn Canary, Director

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 Dayna Polehanki*