



# 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:**

Insight Research Institute DBA Insight Behavioral Health

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

4800 Saginaw Street, Flint, MI 48507

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

84-1835242

**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?**

In response to longstanding behavioral health access gaps across Genesee County, Insight Research Institute launched the Insight Behavioral Health Foundation (IBHF) as a nonprofit extension dedicated to expanding mental and behavioral healthcare capacity. The foundation delivers a full continuum of services, including therapy, counseling, psychotherapy, psychiatric evaluation, and medication management through in-person visits, telehealth, and phone-based care. This multi-modal approach is designed to eliminate common barriers such as transportation challenges, provider shortages, and scheduling limitations. The service model reflects evidence-based access strategies demonstrating that hybrid delivery systems improve treatment engagement and continuity, particularly in communities facing provider scarcity and socioeconomic obstacles. Located on the Insight Flint campus,

the organization officially opened 19 medical psychiatric beds in December 2025 to address the growing need for integrated behavioral health services. Since opening, the unit has recorded 68 patients with an average daily census of 7 patients, reflecting sustained demand for dual medical-psychiatric stabilization. These specialized beds are designed to serve individuals who require both psychiatric stabilization and concurrent medical treatment, an increasingly critical need given the high prevalence of chronic illness and behavioral health conditions in the region. Insight Behavioral Health's interdisciplinary, patient-centered approach ensures that individuals in crisis receive comprehensive care in a medically supervised setting, with a focus on stabilization, continuity, and long-term recovery. To meet continued demand, Insight Behavioral Health is requesting \$3 million in state capital funding to support the next phase of its behavioral health expansion, which includes the addition of 30 new medical psychiatric beds. This initiative will further strengthen the region's behavioral health infrastructure and expand access for residents facing complex co-occurring medical and psychiatric conditions. The renovated space will not only increase inpatient capacity but will also create new jobs in psychiatry, nursing, social work, behavioral health support, and related clinical services. By increasing access to integrated care, reducing pressure on local emergency departments, and providing patients with a coordinated pathway to recovery, this project will deliver measurable public benefit. The investment supports statewide behavioral health priorities and does not violate Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution, as it advances essential healthcare services through a nonprofit institution serving a high-need population.

**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, Local

**Amount**

\$2,760,000.00

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

Approximately 10 months from receipt of funding

**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:**

Dr. Jawad Shah Atiq Nakrawala Ali Madha

*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*