



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/08/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Mary Cavanagh

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

LIFE Leaders Inc

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

19185 Wyoming St Detroit MI 48221

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

832198567

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?

LIFE Leaders, Inc. - Workforce Development & Training Program LIFE Leaders Inc. is seeking an appropriation in the FY26' budget to support sustainable impact and growth of its innovative workforce development training program to serve 2000 youth in Southeast Michigan by 2026. In 2025 LIFE with the support of State Funding, is doubling our youth served from 300 to 600 with a target of serving 2000 youth by 2026. LIFE is successfully developing the interpersonal and professional skills of Detroit youth. The program allows participants to identify their strengths, weaknesses, fields of study they are interested in, and careers they want to pursue. Each LIFE student creates a comprehensive post-secondary plan that includes their postsecondary goals, desired post-secondary credentials, career interests, and a proposed career track. As students develop their post-secondary plans, they are

encouraged to connect with the over 200 organizations, professionals, and educational institutions within LIFE's network of individuals interested in empowering Detroit youth. These connections serve as introductions to career and academic paths our students want to pursue and the individuals interested in supporting their goals.

- 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

\$1,250,000.00

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

Funding will be utilized throughout FY27 and 28

- 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:**

"Officers 1. President: Amy Nederlander, 2019 - present 2. Secretary: Leslie Andrews, 2019 - present 3. Treasurer: Jack Llewellyn, 2025-present Directors 4. Jane Goodman, 2022 - present 5. Michael Eidelman, 2020 - present 6. Paul Jones, 2024 - present 7. Mitchel Krieger, 2018 - present 8. Michelle Lytle, 2025 - present 9. Lisa Phillips, 2025 - present 10. Linda Schlessinger, 2021 - present 11. Kenyatta Stephens, 2025 - present 12. Jeremiah Steen, 2024 - present 13. Josh Thompson, 2018 - present 14. Camille Walker-Banks, 2022 - present"

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 Mary Cavanagh