



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/01/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Mark Huizenga

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Literacy Center of West Michigan

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

207 Fulton St E, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

382725232

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?

West Michigan is home to people from many backgrounds, languages, and life experiences. That richness becomes an asset only when every resident has access to the tools needed to participate fully in work, education, and civic life. The Literacy Center provides those tools through adult tutoring, family literacy programs, and English language instruction that help people move toward greater opportunity. Higher literacy levels strengthen families, expand pathways to employment, and support a more capable regional workforce. By supporting the Literacy Center of West Michigan, we open doors for thousands of residents and help build a stronger economic future for the entire 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:**

Federal, State

Amount

\$3,582,164.00

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

end of fiscal year 2027

- 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:**

• Kevin Vos — President • Sherril Soman, Ph.D. — Vice President • Adam Russo — Secretary • Melissa Seguin — Treasurer • Jim Ayres — Past President • Maleika Joubert Brown • Carolina C’Nol • Bill Guest • Jeff Heilman • Victor Holt • Win Irwin • Yadira Garza • Brien Marti • Lee Moyer • Casey O’Neill • Shanna Reynolds

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 Mark Huizenga