



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/10/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Kevin Hertel

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

State-Wide Care Home Association d/b/a Michigan Assisted Living Association (MALA)

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

Michigan Assisted Living Association (MALA) 37125 White Tail Ct. Farmington Hills, MI 48335 The proposed transition best-practice training initiative will be delivered fully on-line and accessible 24/7 from any computer or phone. The training will be hosted by MALA through its LearnDash Learning Management System, allowing broad, convenient access for providers.

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

800838651

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$621,000.00

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?

Founded in 1967, Michigan Assisted Living Association (MALA), a 501 (c) 6 , tax exempt non-profit organization, is Michigan's leader in advocacy, training and education, and resources for providers of residential, assisted living, and other community-based services. Its members serve more than 30,000 adults statewide, including older adults and people with intellectual or developmental disabilities, mental illness, substance use disorders, traumatic brain injuries, and physical disabilities. Across settings such as Homes for the Aged, Adult Foster Care, and

other supportive living environments, families rely on these services when a loved one's needs can no longer be safely met at home. Transitions into new settings are among life's most vulnerable moments—often marked by loss of familiarity, routine, and control—and carry real risks for residents, including falls, elopement, anxiety, withdrawal, and medical or psychiatric crises that can lead to hospitalization and increased use of publicly funded services, particularly Medicaid. MALA is proposing a 24/7, on-line, on-demand transitions training program, offered statewide at no cost to all providers, as a critical step forward. When transition training is limited by time, access, or resources, avoidable crises can increase, driving reliance on emergency rooms, crisis services, and institutional care—placing growing pressure on state resources. MALA's accessible transitions training has the potential to strengthen the skills of more than 100,000 Michigan caregivers, support safer and more informed transitions, protect vulnerable individuals, strengthen the direct care workforce, and help reduce preventable public costs—especially within Medicaid-funded systems.

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:

3-6 month

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:

MALA Board of Directors John Williams, President Barbara Fowkes, Vice President Arthur Mack , Secretary and Treasurer General Members: - Carl Simcox - Donald Schuster - Lisa Beedon - Scott Brown - Chris Milowe

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 Kevin Hertel