



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:

CultureSource

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

2937 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48202

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

261476029

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$1,500,000.00

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?

Creative businesses in Michigan contribute significantly to the state's economy and vibrancy. A 2025 report by the US Bureau of Economic Analysis shows that the arts add \$20.5 billion in value to the Michigan economy, employing 144,279 workers with compensation over \$11 billion. To keep these businesses competitive and able to attract state visitors and residents, CultureSource will run programs and offer services that allow them to modernize, in particular, the capacity of their digital technology. These programs and services will include technical trainings, seminars for executives, grants for equipment and infrastructure upgrades, and access to learning tools and expert project consultants. As these businesses improve their digital infrastructure and increase their digital offerings, they will increase access to their distinctive and important work, keep their businesses safe and secure, and

continue to meet the demands of customers and communities expecting digital connectivity across their creative experiences. They will also be able to create and launch innovative products and experiences that generate new revenue and special recognition. This is an appropriate use of Michigan taxpayer funding because it invests in businesses central to the economic vibrancy of Michigan communities and in mission-based businesses that prioritize public benefit and community engagement in their work. Michigan is known worldwide for its arts, design, and creative businesses. That awareness drives professionals to work in the state and families to live in the state. This investment will make it possible for those businesses to do even more in enabling prosperity in and for Michigan.

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:

Funds will be utilized in the Fiscal year for which they are appropriated

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:

Brent Ott, Chair Marianne James, Treasurer Elliott Broom Mark Clague Tiffany Ford
Phil Gilchrist Maria Rosario Jackson Peter Katz Tom Lewand Dustin McClellan
Hayley Murphy Angelique Power Peter Robinson DeLashea Strawder

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