



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/10/2026

**1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:**

Senator Sylvia Santana

**2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):**

Mary Cavanagh

**3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:**

Citadel Community Development Corporation

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

20280 Lyndon, Detroit, Michigan 48223

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

20-3522839

**6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:**

\$7,300,000.00

**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?**

Executive Summary: Citadel Community Development Corporation, in partnership with Choose Healthy Life (CHL), Quest Diagnostics, and a statewide network of faith-based organizations, seeks a \$7.3 million, three-year investment from the State of Michigan to expand a proven, community-based public health model. This initiative addresses persistent gaps in healthcare access, chronic disease outcomes, and workforce shortages by embedding Community Health Workers (CHWs) within trusted community institutions. Through this model, residents are connected to preventative care, screenings, medical homes, and social support services—reducing avoidable emergency utilization and improving long-term health outcomes. With an initial \$1.3 million supplemental request for 2026 and \$2.0 million annually thereafter, this investment will scale an existing, results-driven program across

Detroit, Flint, Lansing, and Saginaw. Statement of Need: Michigan faces rising chronic disease rates, increasing healthcare costs, and gaps in behavioral health access. Underserved communities face barriers such as transportation, health literacy, and trust in medical systems. Without investment in prevention and navigation, costs will continue to rise through Medicaid expenditures and avoidable hospitalizations. Program Description: This initiative deploys Community Health Workers within faith-based organizations to provide screenings, navigation, and connections to care. Service Areas: Detroit, Flint, Lansing, Saginaw Core Services: - Screenings and early detection - Care navigation - Health education - Chronic disease support - Behavioral health referrals Organizational Capacity & Partnerships: Citadel CDC provides community infrastructure. Choose Healthy Life delivers the CHW model. Quest Diagnostics provides clinical services. Faith-based partners serve as trusted access points. Outcomes & Impact - 23,000+ screened - 88,000+ connected to services - 100% linkage to medical homes - 3,600+ wellness engagements Projected: - 20+ jobs created - Reduced ER visits - Improved chronic disease outcomes Alignment with State Priorities: Supports health equity, workforce development, cost reduction, and public health infrastructure. Budget Request: \$1.3M (2026), \$2.0M annually, \$7.3M total (3 years) Use of Funds: Workforce, screenings, program operations, outreach, education Conclusion: This initiative improves outcomes, reduces costs, and strengthens Michigan's public health system.

**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:**

Local

**Amount**

\$120,000.00

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

3 years

**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:**

Tracey D. Ellis, Executive Director, Judge Chandra Baker-Robinson, Board President, Erica Lyght, Board Treasurer, Marsha Pugh, Board Secretary, Steve Reeves, Board Member, Robin Christian, Board Member, Maurice Evans, Board Member, Dawn Wilson, Board Member, Soumer Crawford, Board Member and Janice Winfrey, Board Member

*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 Sylvia Santana*