



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:

Starfish Family Services

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

30000 Hiveley Street Inkster, MI 48141, Facility built with LDSI money will be located in Brightmoor Neighborhood of Detroit.

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

382230416

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$3,000,000.00

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?

Starfish Family Services proposes to purchase and renovate a vacant building in Brightmoor to create a vibrant new neighborhood space that provides early childhood education and access to behavioral health services. In recent years, Starfish Family Services received state dollars in support of a similar project in the Boynton-Oakwood Heights Neighborhood. Starfish is renovating a long vacant former school building and transforming it into a high-quality early childhood center with access to behavioral health services. In this project and with others, Starfish has made it a priority to partner with other local non-profits, in an effort to most efficiently combine resources to expand supports and services for families so that every dollar spent is maximized to its fullest potential. This new site in Brightmoor will offer a

multidisciplinary approach serving both children and caregivers, become a trusted hub for family support, health, and learning, and create up to 96 new early childhood education slots, reducing scarcity and empowering families.

- 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

\$3,000,000.00

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

Likely complete by 2031

- 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:**

Marijata Daniel Echols, Board Chair George Netschke, Vice Chair Scott Brown, Treasurer Judith McNeeley, Secretary Errol Hau Carla Burney-Jones Ron Solish

Christie Donn Wendy Dunson Emily Ford Bryan Keiler Velma Jean Overman Mark
Petroff Ann Raftery Janet Witkowski

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