



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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Date Submitted: 04/03/2026

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

Senator Mallory McMorrow

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

N/A

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

Detroit City Lions Youth Club

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

8425 W. McNichols Rd, 48221 - Main office - Marygrove; 18100 Meyers Rd, 48235) - Northwest Activity Center; 22900 Federal Ave, Warren, MI 48089 - Warren Lincoln Center

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

382945709

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

\$1,200,000.00

**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?**

The club's mission is to empower at-risk boys and girls, ages 5 through 24, by providing access to diverse sports programs and academic support that develops both healthy minds and bodies, while providing support & creating opportunities with their families. DCL is committed to celebrating every child's voice and helping them recognize their value through opportunities that build confidence, discipline, and community. This year, DCL is celebrating its 7-year anniversary and as such, they have announced the initiative to expand services into the East side of Detroit and all the way through the Macomb County area via a partnership with Warren Lincoln school system. To date, DCL has served a total of 15,467 youth. DCL already

serves 5,000 youth through a variety of programs and initiatives on the West Side of Detroit. With this partnership and their goal of serving another 5,000 youth, it will bring their total to 10,000 youth served for the year. DCL is has also expanded their work through a variety of additional programming such as: Traditional & non-traditional sports: Football, basketball, baseball, soccer, cheer, dance, swimming, gymnastics, e-sports, lacrosse, volleyball, chess, golf Academic & life skills support: Tutoring, mentoring, STEM/STEAM, robotics, conflict resolution, leadership development, financial literacy, culinary arts, media, communications, journalism, podcasting/content creation Career readiness: Workforce development and youth employment This year, the DCL team is also launching a new program to not only help youth gain access and training to skilled trades that will help them in the future, but they are looking to help whole families with the launching of the Lion's Den Training Program: workforce training in multiple skilled trade areas, such as tree trimming, EV installation, FANUC robotics, culinary arts, cyber security, hospitality & customer service, graphic design, screen printing, and more. With programs like those DCL provide, families receive many diverse opportunities to achieve access to and to obtain stackable credentials while ultimately securing job placement. By supporting the entire household, it will give them the confidence needed to persevere through any challenges they may have, or face in the future.

**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:**

1 year

**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:**

Michelle Parizon-Board Chair Jasmine Stallworth- Vice Chair Dr. Missy Johnson-Board Member (Secretary) Ricardo Russell-Board Member Bituin Arcinas-Board Member Akil Alvin-Board Member John Vickers-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 Mallory McMorrow*