



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):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

The Detroit Youth Arts Fund at Connect Detroit

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

613 Abbott Street, Suite 410, Detroit, MI 48226

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

38-3570727

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$1,000,000.00

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?

Purpose The Detroit Youth Arts Fund will expand access to high-quality arts education and creative workforce pathways for young people across Detroit. Administered by Connect Detroit, with field coordination and community engagement from Detroit Excellence in Youth Arts (DEYA), the fund will provide grants and workforce support to nonprofit organizations serving Detroit youth. The Detroit Youth Arts Fund will provide annual grants and workforce stipends to 20–30 nonprofit arts organizations offering programs in: • music education • theater and performance • dance • visual arts • digital and media arts Funding will also support teaching artists and youth creative workforce pathways, connecting young people to careers in Michigan's growing creative economy, including performance, production, design, and media arts. Benefit Detroit is Michigan's largest cultural center and a

major contributor to the state's creative economy. Investing in youth arts programs strengthens Michigan's future workforce while ensuring young people across Detroit have access to high-quality arts education and creative opportunities. The Detroit Youth Arts Fund will:

- expand arts education opportunities for Detroit youth
- strengthen nonprofit youth arts organizations across the city
- create employment opportunities for teaching artists
- build pathways into Michigan's creative economy and cultural workforce

Expected Annual Outcomes

- 10,000–15,000 Detroit youth served
- 20–30 nonprofit arts organizations supported
- 100+ teaching artists employed
- Dozens of youth performances, exhibitions, and community arts events

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 from receipt

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:

Officers Kimberly Trent (Chair), Deputy Director of Prosperity & Equity and Inclusion Officer Labor and Economic Opportunity Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity Roderick K. Rickman (Secretary), Chairman and CEO, Rickman Enterprise Group, LLC Dennis J. Clark (Treasurer), Attorney, Clark Law Firm, PLLC Directors Arhoda Simaj Holt, Vice President-Virtual Call Center, Community Operations, JP Morgan Chase Kevin A. Smith, Deputy Treasurer, State of Michigan Dale E. Thomson, Professor of Political Science, University of Michigan-Dearborn Brandon H. Barton, Jr., D.D.S., P.C., Family Dentistry Rodney E. Cole, Sr., Vice President, DTE Foundation, Director, Community Engagement Linda Orlans, Founder & Executive Chair, Orlans P

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."

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