



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/09/2026

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

Senator Mark Huizenga

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

N/A

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

Mosaic Counseling

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

Address: Headquarters @ 1703 S Despelder St. Grand Haven, MI 49417 - would service Ottawa, Kent, and Muskegon Counties (Satellite Grand Rapids Office 1001 Medical Park Dr. SE, Ste. 200 GR, MI 49456 and Satellite Holland office 503 Century Ln. Holland, MI 49423)

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

382216806

**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?**

Mosaic Counseling, a nonprofit organization founded in 1978, has received funding through five budget cycles within the DHHS budget and once through LEO, most recently in 2025 with an award of \$500,000. Over the years, Mosaic has transformed the delivery of mental health services in Michigan. Currently, Mosaic serves the mild to moderate mental health needs of individuals in Kent and Ottawa Counties by providing accessible, affordable professional counseling. The organization connects people to personalized support during their time of need - regardless of insurance or financial status - and amongst a panel of over 300 therapists. Mosaic's current

services focus on four main areas: 1. Outpatient Counseling – utilizing a unique intake and pairing process, the service that would receive state funding through expansion funding. 2. Employee Assistance Programs, 3. School Outreach Programs, and 4. Suicide Prevention Training. Depending on an individual's financial situation, the cost of care can be reduced to as little as \$6 - or even covered through community service. By addressing mild to moderate mental health needs, Mosaic helps remove barriers to professional counseling and reduces the financial strain on the state by preventing the need for more intensive, costly treatment for severe and persistent psychological disorders. Following years of successful budget support, growth, and outreach efforts in Lansing, Mosaic has gained recognition among lawmakers and committees. Its innovative model, proven effectiveness, and commitment to professional care have made a lasting impression - especially for those often turned away by other healthcare providers and community health centers. There is growing interest and demand to expand Mosaic's services to other parts of the state. Its replicable and fiscally responsible model is seen as a critical tool in addressing the mental health needs of Michigan's "missing middle" - those who fall through the cracks of traditional care systems. Expanding Mosaic's counseling services would play a vital role in improving mental health outcomes across the state through affordable and accessible care. The organization's continued growth and increasing demand for services have also outpaced the capacity of their current physical headquarters, limiting available private therapy spaces and administrative support needed to efficiently match clients with clinicians and expand into underserved areas. Part of the funding would additionally support a larger, well-equipped headquarters that would enable Mosaic Counseling to increase client access, support more staff, and better serve the mental health needs of Michigan residents, particularly youth and vulnerable populations, thereby maximizing the impact of state investment in community well-being.

**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**

\$900,000.00

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

end of fiscal year 2027

**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:**

Christine Clover, President. Joe Kozakiewicz, Vice President. Dr. Jim Walters, Treasurer. Pam VanderKamp, Past President. Michele Chaney, Claudia Berry, John Cherette, Dr. Raha Cherette-Mouzoon, Peggy Howard, Dr. Chelsea Klipfel, Jane Patterson, Sholeh Veiseh, and Jessica Tomac

*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 Mark Huizenga*