



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/06/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Sam Singh

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

Sam Singh

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast Michigan

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

301 W Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

260344984

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$2,000,000.00

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?

The purpose of this legislatively directed spending request is to expand access to evidence-based mentoring for young people across Michigan through the statewide network of Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies. Mentoring is increasingly recognized as essential social infrastructure that supports healthy youth development, strengthens communities, and prepares the next generation of Michigan's workforce. Research consistently shows that young people with mentors are more likely to graduate from high school, pursue postsecondary education, and develop the skills needed to succeed in the workforce. Mentoring is also a cost-effective prevention strategy, reducing the likelihood of risky behaviors and helping young people stay connected to school and community. Across Michigan, Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies currently serve nearly 3,000 youth annually, yet demand continues to exceed

available capacity, with many young people on waiting lists for a mentor. A statewide investment of \$2 million would allow agencies to expand services, reduce waiting lists, and ensure more Michigan youth have access to the supportive relationships that help them succeed in school, careers, and life. Investing in mentoring strengthens Michigan's talent pipeline, supports families, and builds safer, more resilient communities, making it a responsible and forward-looking use of taxpayer resources.

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:

Federal

Amount

\$2,000,000.00

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

FY 27

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:

Adam Williams Amit Singhi Chao Sun Derek Shinska Gregg Hammerman Jehan
Crump-Gibson Jigisha Pardanani Jocelyn Coley Kathie Patterson Kendall Cislo Knox
Cameron Kris Kerns LaTonya Woods Laura Trospen Micky Bly Raechel Conyers Renee
Hawkins Sheri Mackey Terrance Thomas Terry Murphy

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 Sam Singh