



# 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 Erika Geiss

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

Erika Geiss

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

Dream of Detroit

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

The impact area is the Dexter-Linwood neighborhood on the Westside of Detroit. The impact area is approximately 0.6 square miles and starts at Davison Freeway on the North, Linwood Avenue to the West, Webb Street to the South, and the Lodge Freeway to the East. The physical location of the DREAM Center is the intersection of Woodrow Wilson and Tyler Street, Detroit, 48238.

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

46-4246696

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

\$2,482,820.00

**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?**

Dream of Detroit seeks \$2,482,820.00 to complete funding for the DREAM Center, a multifunctional community hub in Detroit's Dexter-Linwood neighborhood. Since 2013, the organization has revitalized the area through affordable housing, entrepreneurship training, and resident engagement, renovating 16 homes, acquiring 35 parcels, and launching a Community Land Trust. The DREAM Center will expand these efforts by providing space for services, workforce development, small business support, and community gathering. Located in a historically disinvested

neighborhood facing displacement pressures, the project promotes long-term affordability, economic opportunity, and resident-led development, delivering clear public benefit and responsible use of taxpayer funds.

- 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:**

12 months

- 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:**

Namira Anani, ProInspire (President) Subhan Chaudary, Oracle (Secretary) Damon Thomas, Quinn Evans Architects (Treasurer) Clarence Archibald, Great Lakes PMG

Hazel Gomez, Independent Teresa Clarington, Independent Malika A. Shabazz,  
Independent

*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 Erika Geiss*