



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/10/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Kevin Hertel

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

AAUW Grosse Pointe Education Program

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

Recipient Address: 32 Lakeshore Dr, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 Location: Grosse Pointe Communities

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

87-1243507

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$100,000.00

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?

Grosse Pointe Robotics and Innovation Center is the result of area robotic coaches recognizing a need for comprehensive engagement and skill development in the area of robotics and innovation among students in the Grosse Pointe community. Drawing upon experience and expertise, the Center aims to provide year-round opportunities for students to excel in STEAM academic skills, with a focus on robotics education and innovation and how it applies to life today and in the future. The robotics programs in the Grosse Pointes have grown in the past few years from three to thirteen teams due to student and community interest. This growth mimics how the field of robotics has experienced remarkable growth and development, fueled by advancements in artificial intelligence, machine learning, and cutting-edge

technologies, and it continues to evolve at an accelerated pace in the 21st century. Multiple interactions with hundreds of community members indicate a strong interest in growing robotics and other innovative programs. Despite the demand, several of the robotics teams in the Grosse Pointes are faced with a pressing challenge: the scarcity of adequate space to support teams in many of the school buildings in which the teams are currently based. Objectives: The key objectives of the Robotics Center include:

- Providing a dedicated space for students to engage in robotics education and training outside the traditional classroom setting.
- Giving the opportunity for teams to share resources such as tools, volunteers, and instruction for skill development.
- Fostering collaboration between students, educators, industry professionals, and the community to advance robotics technology and education.
- Promoting STEAM education and interdisciplinary learning through robotics competitions, workshops, and outreach initiatives.

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:

6-12 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:

President: Mary Ellen Burke Director: Carolyn Barth Treasurer: Ann
Nicholson Director: Eva Habib Secretary: Carol Erickson
Director: Roseanne Horne

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 Kevin Hertel*