



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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:

Littlefield Community Association

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

Littlefield Park, 12416 Indiana Street, Detroit, Michigan 48238

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

113815914

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$400,000.00

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 item is to support the Phase 2 development of a public skatepark that provides a safe and accessible recreational space for youth, families, and residents in the community. The skatepark will be open to the public and serve as a positive gathering place where young people can participate in healthy physical activity, develop athletic skills, and build supportive peer relationships. The Phase 2 infrastructure extension plans are youth-driven and by providing funds to see the project come to fruition, the legislature is showing that it values our youth, their ideas, and vision for their community. Additionally, the organization plans to include youth in building thus fostering valuable work skills, communication skills, community building, and building longevity. This project provides significant public benefit by expanding recreational opportunities for youth,

promoting active and healthy lifestyles, and creating a constructive environment that encourages mentorship, leadership development, and community engagement. Continued partnerships with local schools and community organizations will allow for organized programming that promotes responsibility, teamwork, and positive personal development. For example, for Phase 1 of the skatepark, the organization engaged in partnerships with Nobel Elementary and Middle Schools. The skatepark will also contribute to neighborhood revitalization by transforming underutilized space into a vibrant public asset that attracts families, encourages community pride, and strengthens connections among residents and local partners. Providing a designated facility for skating will help reduce unsafe or unauthorized skating in streets, sidewalks, and commercial areas, improving safety for both participants and the broader public. The skatepark will be a publicly accessible recreational facility available to all residents, ensuring that state funds support a community asset that promotes youth engagement, public health, and neighborhood safety while delivering broad benefits to the surrounding community. By investing in public infrastructure that promotes youth engagement, health, and neighborhood improvement, this project represents a responsible use of taxpayer funds and will deliver long-term benefits to the community. Of note, the skatepark plan was initiated by community youth and is located in an over 100-year-old park that is along the Joe Louis Greenway.

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:

April 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:

Anthony E. Henry, Board Chairman, Director Freda White, Board Secretary, Director of Community Relations Sandra D. Pickens, President, Executive Director Carol A. Pickens, LCA Secretary/Community Relations Director

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