



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/08/2026

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

Senator Mary Cavanagh

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

N/A

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

Michigan Minority Supplier Development Council

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

100 River Place, Suite 300 Detroit, MI 48207

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

382292187

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

\$4,000,000.00

**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?**

This request will expand MMSDC's statewide mid-stage business growth infrastructure to accelerate job creation, strengthen Michigan's tax base, and support long-term economic stability for families and communities. As Michigan competes in emerging sectors such as healthcare innovation, applied AI, aerospace, defense, and advanced mobility, growth increasingly depends on the ability of second-stage companies to access capital, technology, and commercialization pathways. Many high-potential firms remain undercapitalized and lack the strategic infrastructure required to scale. Through prior state investment, MMSDC has demonstrated a 41,000% return by supporting business expansion, revenue growth, and job creation across key industries. This \$4M investment will scale proven programming to impact approximately 300 Michigan businesses across capital access, technology adoption,

commercialization, and market expansion pathways. The expansion will strengthen Michigan’s innovation pipeline by enhancing incubator and accelerator services, launching new Nav/Tech verticals that integrate financial navigation and technology adoption, and expanding the Plug and Play Mobility accelerator into Western Michigan —broadening advanced industry access beyond Southeast Michigan. These initiatives will position high-potential firms to enter and compete in high-growth sectors while reinforcing the resilience of Michigan’s manufacturing, healthcare, mobility, and technology supply chains statewide. By accelerating mid-stage business growth, this initiative directly increases high-quality job creation, strengthens local tax revenues, and improves income stability for Michigan families—contributing to housing affordability and long-term community stability. Each scaled firm generates ripple effects through supply chains, workforce expansion, and regional economic activity. Without expanded public-private partnership, many promising Michigan firms will remain constrained in their ability to compete nationally and globally. With this investment, Michigan positions itself as a national leader in responsible growth, advanced industry competitiveness, and scalable economic opportunity. This legislatively directed investment represents a strategic use of taxpayer dollars to strengthen commercialization pathways, expand high-wage employment, and grow the state’s long-term tax base through sustainable business scale.

**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**

\$2,000,000.00

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

Funding will be utilized within the fiscal year for which it is appropriated

**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:**

Tracy Joshua, Jim Roberts, Arthur Dudley, Sylvester Hester, Ryan Grimm, Michelle Sourie Robinson, Tarolyn Buckles, Marcus Lewis, Jacquie Munson-Gaines, Lori Rush Lancaster, Jacquelyn Burnley, Manuel Fernandez-Gonzalez, Theresa Harrison, Jaspreet Singh, Varchasvi Shankar, Kim Cunningham

*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 Mary Cavanagh*