



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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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 Adult, Community and Alternative Education Association

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

2208 N. Capitol Ave, 3rd floor, Lansing, MI 48933, Funding will be utilized to support organizations across the state, including in my home county, Wayne County

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

382535790

**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?**

Funding will support the Adult Literacy Fund at the Michigan Adult, Community, and Alternative Education Association. The purpose of the Adult Literacy Opportunity Fund will be to provide additional resources for nonprofit adult literacy programs who serve historically underrepresented and marginalized populations. Participating grantees will participate in a community of practice to share national best practices on the effective delivery of adult education services. Additionally, each entity will be responsible for reporting out having adult learners meet a series of intermediate metrics to maintain award funding and to measure program success.

- 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**

\$2,100,000.00

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

End of Fy 28

- 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:**

"a. Ted Kroll, President b. Whitney Dettmer, Vice President c. Kelly Vella, Treasurer d. Tammy Brown, Past President e. Amy Lake, Region A (Prosperity Region 1) Representative f. Nicole Hatch, Region B (Prosperity Regions 2 & 3) Representative g. Tonia Castillo, Region C h. Mariah Shafer, Region D i. Chad Zitterkoph, Region E j. Michael Evans, Region F k. Joel Render, Region G l. Renae Gowen, Region H m. Karyn Gowen, At-Large Director n. Karl Khoury, At-Large Director o. Chad Gibbs, At-Large Director p. Marisol Adelman, Advocacy Committee Chair q. Heather Holland,

Networking Committee Chair"

*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*