



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Darrin Camilleri

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

Darrin Camilleri

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Downriver Community Conference

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

2121 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte, MI 48192

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

38-2160259

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$1,200,000.00

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?

Utilizing past state granted funds, the Downriver Community Conference was able to purchase, renovate, and relocate into an updated, state-of-the-art building in Wyandotte. Unfortunately, due to cost increases and the funding pause put in place by the Michigan House of Representatives in Fall 2025, the project went over-budget by \$560,000. This cost overage removed any additional projects and expansions that the DCC had originally planned for our Economic Development Department, and the original intent of the appropriation. The original goal was to expand economic development services to the remaining 15 DCC member communities now that department operations are underway for the first phase of redevelopment in the five riverfront cities. DCC plans to continue serving as a clearinghouse for available properties and sites while also expanding small business services and grant offerings,

as well as initiating other new regional projects and providing capacity-building support.

- 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

\$8,500,000.00

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

Within 12 months of funding disbursement

- 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:**

Allen Park, Mayor Gail McLeod Councilman Gerald Barr, Jr. Brownstown Twp., Supervisor Sherry Berecz Brian Peters, Township Manager Dearborn, Fire Chief Joseph Murray Mayor Abdullah H. Hammoud Dearborn Heights, Mayor Mo Baydoun

Hussein Saad, Chief of Staff Ecorse, Mayor Lamar Tidwell Mayor Pro-Tem LaTonya Lamb Flat Rock, Mayor Steven Beller Councilman Albert Frond Gibraltar, Mayor Garrett Shumate Councilman Patrick Valentine Grosse Ile Twp., Supervisor Joseph Porcarelli Trustee Margaret Shelton Huron Twp., Police Chief Everette Robbins Supervisor Kelly Trombly Lincoln Park, Mayor Maureen Tobin Council President Carlos Salcido Melvindale, Mayor Nicole Shkira River Rouge, Mayor William Campbell Karl Laub, Community Development Director Riverview, Mayor Andrew Swift Councilwoman Rita Gunaga Rockwood, Mayor Troy Cox Councilwoman Marcie Grzywacz Romulus, Kevin Krause Mayor Robert McCraight Southgate, Mayor Joseph Kuspa Dan Marsh, City Administrator Taylor, Mayor Tim Woolley Dan Bzura, Chief of Staff Trenton, Mayor Steven Rzeppa Councilman Rick Benedetti Woodhaven, Councilwoman Jan Sikes Councilman Robert Toth Wyandotte, Mayor Rob DeSana James S. Perry, Executive 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 Darrin Camilleri