



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 07/01/2026

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

Senator Chedrick Greene

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

N/A

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

Reaching Our Community Kids (The ROCK)

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

6201 Eastman Avenue, Midland, MI 48640

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

38-3541096

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

\$1,000,000.00

**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?**

Discover You™ is an evidence based education and workforce readiness program designed to help students in grades 6 through 12 and early post secondary education develop the soft skills needed for long term success in school, the workforce, and their communities. The program focuses on strengthening communication, problem solving, teamwork, conflict resolution, and self management, skills that employers consistently identify as critical for hiring and retention. By improving these abilities, Discover You™ helps strengthen Michigan's workforce pipeline, increases student engagement in school, and supports stronger academic outcomes such as improved attendance, better relationships with peers and teachers, and higher graduation rates. The program also serves as a preventative investment by helping students build resilience, emotional regulation, and supportive networks, which can reduce

risky behaviors such as bullying, substance misuse, and other challenges affecting youth today. Through its cost effective train and impact model, schools can implement the program without adding additional burdens to educators or long term staffing costs. Independent academic research conducted in 2024 found that students who participate in Discover You™ show statistically significant growth in relationship skills and developmental assets, outcomes linked to improved school engagement, workforce readiness, and reduced involvement in high risk behaviors. Overall, Discover You™ helps prepare Michigan students to succeed academically, professionally, and personally while strengthening the state's future workforce.

- 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:**

October 2026-September 2028

- 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:**

Chairperson, Taylor Trapani – President and Owner, Trapani Communications Vice  
Chairperson: Eric Blackhurst – Retired Associate General Counsel, Dow Chemical  
Treasurer: John Schmitt – Vice President and Senior Commercial Loan Officer,  
Horizon Bank Secretary: Emily Bolesky – HR Consultant, Allied HR Solutions Cody  
Basala – Financial Advisor, Benjamin F. Edwards Colin “Kelly” Buell – Retired, Dow  
Chemical Amy Jaster - Lecturer, Delta College Chris Wenzell - Administrative  
Lieutenant City of Midland Police Department

*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 Chedrick Greene*