



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/26/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Michael Webber

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

MotorCities National Heritage Area Partnership, Inc.

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

2937 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit MI 48202

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

38-3489636

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$250,000.00

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 MotorCities National Heritage Area (NHA) educates residents and visitors about the historical significance of the automobile industry and its impact on Michigan, the nation, and the world. Regional reach: The heritage area spans 10,000 square miles across 16 counties, impacting 5 million residents. By providing this one-time appropriation, the MotorCities NHA will be able to place 15 MDOT-approved signs at various locations within the heritage area. The signage helps people identify and engage with heritage sites, fostering tourism and community pride.

- 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:**

FY 27

- 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:**

Michael Bauman, Chair George Etheridge, Vice-Chair Mark Heppner, Past- Chair Mallory Bower, Secretary Cynthia Jones, Treasurer Sabin Blake Paul Corbett Russ Dore' Ken Hayward Margaret Hehr Susan Huggett Bob Kreipke Nick Nerbonne Don Nicholson Julie Pingston Shawn Pomaville-Size Amber Taylor Nancy Thompson Christopher Topham John Weyer

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 Michael Webber