



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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Date Submitted: 03/27/2026

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

Senator Mallory McMorrow

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

N/A

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

BuildOn, Inc

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

2200 Hunt Street, Detroit, MI 48207

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

223128648

**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?**

In partnership with buildOn, DPSCD high schools will raise their graduation rates. This is because students who participate in buildOn attend 15 more days of school annually than their peers and graduate high school at an average rate of 98%. buildOn youth are more civically engaged than their peers, they gain confidence and leadership skills and leave high school with skills that prepare them to transition into college, trade school or the workforce. Students who graduate from high school earn \$500,000 more over the course of their lifetime than those who do not. Key outcomes for students are: Civic Engagement • Responsibility: Students feel responsibility for the wellbeing of their community • Agency: Students view themselves as and act as agents of change in their communities Personal and Community Development • Positive Identity: a sense of purpose, positive view of

personal future, self-esteem, and personal power • Expanded Sense of Possibilities: hope for local and global communities College and Career Readiness • Increased academic engagement: They miss 15 fewer days of school than their peers and 98% graduation rates • Increased 21st century skills: Ready for college and the workforce Current buildOn Detroit partner schools: East English Village Preparatory Academy; Western International High School; Martin Luther King Jr Senior High School; Renaissance High School State funding will allow for expansion to the following DPSDC high schools: Cass Tech High School; Henry Ford High School; Southeastern High School; Northwestern High School.

- 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:**

1 year

- 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:**

Detroit Board of Directors: - Neil Armstrong (Chair) - Daryl Brown (Co-Chair) - Patti Foit - Oscar Ford - Patrick Frederick - Dana Greene - Michael McKeown - Latonya Riddle-Jones - Michael Smith - Sean Wessman - Jon Diewald - Ernest Adams

*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 Mallory McMorrow*