



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 03/19/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Mary Cavanagh

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

City of Detroit, Right to Counsel, Office of Eviction Defense

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

Coleman A. Young Municipal Center: 2 Woodward Avenue | Detroit, Michigan 48226

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

386004606

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$1,500,000.00

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 Detroit Right to Counsel program provides full legal representation and outreach to low-income residents who are facing eviction in 36th District Court and in other housing related administrative proceedings which threaten the resident's occupancy. Right to Counsel provides such representation and outreach through local legal services organizations who specialize in advocating on behalf of residents. Right to Counsel also collaborates with community partners to teach residents about their eviction rights. An additional \$1.5 million in State grant funding will allow Right to Counsel to continue post ARPA funding in July 2026, with providing full legal representation to approximately 1500 tenants who need it and necessary outreach. There are over 20,000 eviction filings in the City of Detroit each year.

- 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:**

Federal, State

Amount

\$22,000,000.00

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

Since this funding is for programming, funding will be used to support demand, so likely will support the program through CY 2028

- 10. Is the recipient a nonprofit corporation?**

No

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?**

No

- 2. Has the nonprofit corporation had a physical office in this state for not less than the preceding 12 consecutive months?**

No

- 3. Does the organization have a board of directors?**

No

- 4. List all of the officers and active members on the board of directors:**

N/A

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