



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 03/27/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Mallory McMorrow

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

Mary Cavanagh, Stephanie Chang, Jeff Irwin, Jeremy Moss, Paul Wojno

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency (Wayne RESA)

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

Wayne RESA's address is 33500 Van Born Road, Wayne, MI 48184. Wayne RESA would serve as the fiduciary for the Women of Tomorrow Mentor & Scholarship Program, which provides programming at 54 high schools throughout Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne Counties. Their current office address is located at 26913 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 155, Southfield, MI 48033. Women of Tomorrow operates within Senator McMorrow's district and benefits the residents of the district at Clawson High School, Oak Park High School, and Renaissance High School.

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

381909530

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$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?

Wayne RESA will serve as the fiduciary and recipient of the legislatively directed spending item in collaboration with the Women of Tomorrow Mentor & Scholarship Program, to support the continued operation and expansion of a proven mentorship and scholarship initiative serving over 1,000 high school girls annually in 54 Michigan high schools. With a 99% graduation rate and more than \$2.7 million in scholarships

awarded, the program demonstrably promotes educational attainment and long-term economic opportunity for young women, many from underserved communities. As the program is delivered during the school day and in partnership with participating public high schools, the funding represents an appropriate use of School Aid Fund dollars to support students. This appropriation is a sound and appropriate use of taxpayer funding, as it directly invests in youth development and workforce readiness, which yield measurable public benefit.

- 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

\$800,000.00

- 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:

Jennifer Valoppi, Kate MacNevin, Laurie Cunnington, Bill Kolb, Lisa Phillips, Therese Peace Agboh, Erica Richard, Margaret Cooney-Casey

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*