



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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Date Submitted: 04/24/2026

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

Senator Jeremy Moss

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

N/A

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

MiGen

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

We operate physical locations at 290 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale, MI 48220 and 1726 Howard Street, Detroit, MI 48216 and provide programming and services statewide- including the Upper Peninsula

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

47-3464425

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

\$750,000.00

**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?**

MiGen exists at the crossroads of supporting older adults with intersectional identities and experiences, who are also at high-risk of aging without familial or caregiving support, placing them at higher risk for hunger, homelessness, housing instability, poorer health outcomes and less access to care. MiGen's MI Options (No Wrong Door) program to help seniors age in their community, which leads to better outcomes, as well as lower costs through free, unbiased Medicare counseling services through the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) Program, and Person-Centered Options Counseling (community navigation) for adults needing assistance

to support their needs for long-term services and supports. MI Options counseling services are available to any adult, their family members, and caregivers who support them, regardless of their income, assets, or disability status. State funding will ensure that Michiganders can access trusted guidance when making complex decisions about their long-term care and Medicare options. Since its inception last summer, the program's successes include:

- Over 16,000 individuals have called into the statewide 1-800 number for connection to the MI Options program since the start of the program in July 2025.
- Over 37,000 individuals have received counseling services since the start of the program in July 2025.
- Over 600 MI Options Counselors provide services throughout Michigan. Nearly 150 of those are PCOC Counselors.
- Almost 250 individuals work on the PCOC program across the state
- Client satisfaction shows that over 96% of those submitting satisfaction surveys are satisfied or very satisfied with the service they receive.
- This program has been presented as a model to other states to be replicated throughout the country.

Recently, Michigan has presented at the request of the federal Administration for Community Living at the HCBS Conference, to state SHIP/SMP/MIPPA Directors, and to departments such as CMS.

- Additional funding to support the program through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has been secured because of the great work Michigan has completed, due to the funding provided at the state level.

Medicare counseling includes:

- Medicare enrollment assistance.
- Medicare and Medicaid coordination.
- Discussion on cost savings options, like the Medicare Savings Program and the Low-income subsidy, also known as Extra Help.
- Prescription drug coverage options.
- Billing questions.
- Benefits explanation.

Person-centered options counseling (PCOC) includes:

- Exploring the spectrum of long-term care and support options for adults, including home- and community-based services, benefits applications, resource assistance, housing supports and anything else aging adults need to age in community
- Identifying next steps after a major life event to better understand what services and supports are available.
- Building actionable steps for pursuing options that respect clients' preferences and values.

Behind each of these numbers is a real person—someone able to afford their prescriptions, stay in their home, or feel supported during a time of uncertainty. MI Options is a cost savings to the state, exhibited by preventing nursing home placement, which is more expensive than home and community-based services, and reducing unnecessary hospitalizations. Michigan also anticipates securing additional funding for Michiganders by utilizing Medicaid Administrative Claiming, only available to us in this program because of the funding from the state. Further, MiGen's Food Security and Housing Stability Program (part of PCOC) will bolster our community navigation, housing partners, food access/distribution network, and volunteer corps, even as resources and funding shrink. Our programming and approach has a proven history of improving outcomes and quality of life for aging adults and those who care for them, while simultaneously reducing hospitalization and the need for expensive residential long term or skilled nursing facility care. This support will also enable MiGen to design, pilot and implement a social enterprise division of the organization which will expand and improve service for seniors across Michigan while adding quality jobs and growing opportunities for entrepreneurs interested in pursuing aging and health support businesses and opportunities. Outreach and communication will

complement these program objectives, ensuring MiGen delivers responsive, urgent interventions for at-risk seniors. This funding will enable us to leverage other grants to reach more communities, especially those in rural locations or where older adults report hesitancy to request care and support from traditional senior service providers. MiGen relies on a broad network of housing partners, food distribution systems, and statewide resource centers to get more funding, services, and support to ground - all via inclusive, affirming, and deeply compassionate staffing and volunteer corps. No one in the State is doing what MiGen does for the seniors we specifically serve, or is better able to activate state support and make dollars stretch further and deeper for its constituents.

**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:**

12 months

**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:**

Roger Bushnell, Chair Courtney Mucklin, Vice Chair Dr. Richard Ginnetti, Treasurer  
Royale Theus, Secretary Michelle Fox-Phillips Dana Haggard David Hind Soumya  
Rangaranjan Tom Wilczak Dr. Marti Walsh

*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 Jeremy Moss*