



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 07/01/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Chedrick Greene

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Saginaw African Cultural Festival, Inc. fiduciary for the Charles McNair Freedom School of Saginaw

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

1840 North Michigan Avenue Suite 14, Saginaw, Michigan; Locations: 535 Cathay and 810 Cathay - Saginaw, Michigan 48601

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

81-2744784

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$50,000.00

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 purpose of the request is to address the low reading levels of Saginaw County students. This is a public benefit in order to have an educated and contributing citizenry.

- 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, Local

Amount

\$110,000.00

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

June 15 - July 24, 2026 or June 14 - July 23, 2027

- 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:**

SAGINAW AFRICAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL - President Alexis Thomas, Vice President John Turner, Secretary Arshen Baldwin, Treasurer Karen Lawrence-Webster, and Assistant Treasure Starr Curry. CHARLES MCNAIR FREEDOM SCHOOL OF SAGINAW - President Karen Lawrence-Webster, Secretary Beverly Drake, Human Resource Director Alexis Thomas, Public Relations Director Kimberly Pruitt, Executive Director Rochelle Laffoon, Board Members: Dr. Shalanda Ellison, Dr. Ericka Taylor, Dr. James Perry, Rev. Dr. Dennis Laffoon, Dr. David Lewis, Rev. Joshua Daniels, Rev. Johnnie Edwards, Sandra Crosby Robinson, Jalen Parham and Latrice Thomas.

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 Chedrick Greene