



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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Date Submitted: 04/08/2026

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

Senator Dayna Polehanki

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

N/A

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

Michigan Nurses Foundation

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

Project address: Michigan Nurses Foundation, 2310 Jolly Oak rd, Okemos, MI 48864;

Project Location: Statewide

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

38-3563236

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

\$3,000,000.00

**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?**

Ensuring a stable and resilient healthcare system in Michigan depends on maintaining a strong pipeline of qualified nurses. This can be achieved through targeted investments in the people who provide care every day. By offering scholarships to nursing students across Michigan, we help reduce financial barriers and encourage more individuals to enter the profession. At the same time, it is critical to support current healthcare professionals—especially those facing challenges related to substance use and mental health—so they can continue to provide safe, compassionate care. Additionally, establishing peer mentor programs for new nurses fosters confidence, professional growth, and long-term retention in

the field. When we care for those who care for us, we strengthen not only our healthcare workforce but also the well-being of every Michigan resident.

- 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**

\$6,000,000.00

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

24 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:**

Becky Baldwin, RN—President Jon Hoadley—Vice President Kathleen Weber-Slocum—Treasurer Renee Curtis, RN—Secretary Genevive Bancroft, RN Carolyn Clemons, RN John Goddeeris Kathy Hillman, RN Patricia Kampmann-Bush, RN Stacey

Lassila, RN Jessica Lannon, RN—Associate Executive Director

*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 Dayna Polehanki*