



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 03/31/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Jeff Irwin

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

HighScope Educational Research Foundation

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

600 North River Street Ypsilanti, MI 48198-2898 USA

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

237001501

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$2,500,000.00

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?

HighScope is seeking to improve the facilities at their "Community Learning Resource Center". The improvements will allow the community center's programmatic to expand services for program participants by providing wrap around supports, community engagement opportunities, and welcoming spaces where residents of all ages can gather and connect. The vision is to transform the facility into a vibrant community hub that delivers a holistic approach to health, education, and well-being for families. In partnership with local service providers, the center will offer a range of supports including mental and physical health services, parent outreach, education programming, meeting space, art and cultural activities, and more. Together, these activities will address critical community needs while creating a safe and supportive environment for learning, connections and growth.

- 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

\$1,000,000.00

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

The estimated time frame is within 12 months of receiving funding.

- 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:**

Ayman Bekdash Kelli Bohanon Graciela Borja Jack Hobaugh Jana Martella Luis Perez-Bates Diana Witowski Alejandra Barraza (CEO & President) Elizabeth Myers Hude (Board Member Emeriti)

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 Jeff Irwin*