



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Paul Wojno

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Team Up Academy Foundation

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

7200 Miller Drive, Warren, MI 48092

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

92-3528278

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$1,000,000.00

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?

A one-time state appropriation to support the expansion of Team-Up Academy's workforce development initiative. The funds will allow Team Up Academy to cover capital improvements and expenses for students for the first two classes while fee revenue from employers and government reimbursement programs ramp up as students graduate: - Enhanced bootcamp and intermediate/advanced technical training - Modern equipment for CNC, Swiss, and legacy machines, lathes, and welding labs - Forklift and small equipment training - Expansion of soft skills programming - Job placement infrastructure for in-demand industries - Integration of a nationally portable "skills passport" credentialing system Michigan's economic growth is constrained by two long-standing issues: 1. A persistent shortage of skilled workers, especially in sectors critical to our industrial base. 2. A flat or declining

population, particularly among younger, working-age individuals. Team-up Academy is addressing both issues head-on: - Upskill Michigan residents and draw in new talent from across the country—with a focus on veterans and returning citizens eager for a second chance. - Place graduates into high-demand fields that directly feed Michigan’s key industries. - Create clear career pathways and use the skills passport to build a flexible, mobile, and future-ready workforce.

- 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:**

October 1, 2025 - September 1, 2028

- 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:

John Bones – Executive Director and Chairman Pat Thompson – Treasurer and Board Member Michael Macdonald – Secretary and Board Member Pastor Brandon Andrews – Board Member Chris Rowe – Board Member

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 Paul Wojno*