



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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Date Submitted: 04/16/2026

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

Senator Paul Wojno

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

Stephanie Chang, Michael Webber

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

Kalasho Education & Youth Services—MindGarden Program

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

29900 Lorraine, Warren, MI

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

38-3613431

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

\$5,000,000.00

**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?**

The non-profit Kalasho Education and Youth Services provides a robust fully-integrated service model supporting whole families throughout SE Michigan. The Kalasho Education and Youth Services MINDgarden program addresses the critical behavioral health crisis affecting Michigan's school-aged children through evidence-based applied behavior analysis and intensive therapeutic interventions. The center employs advanced innovative behavioral health therapies including ABA, music therapy, equine therapy, culinary arts, and sensory therapeutic methods to treat autism, trauma, anxiety, and mild-moderate depression. These specialized services are complemented by family-centered wraparound supports including education coordination, job training, food security, transportation, healthcare navigation, and legal aid to ensure comprehensive care for children and their families. MINDgarden

currently serves school-aged children from various schools throughout Southeast Michigan with plans to expand these centers to other communities across the state.

- 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**

\$3,500,000.00

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

12 to 18 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:**

Nathan Kalasho, Dylan Yousif, Nadine Kahlil, Matthew Shina

*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*