



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 02/04/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Sarah E. Anthony

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

Sarah Anthony, Rosemary Bayer, Michael Webber

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Autism Alliance of Michigan

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

26913 Northwestern Hwy Suite #520, Southfield, MI 48033

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

270472137

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$2,025,000.00

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?

Funds would support the Autism Navigator Program, a highly specialized, free, statewide service uniquely designed for Michigan families affected by autism, as well as other intellectual and developmental disabilities. Established in 2014, the program was created to guide families through the significant challenges that so many experience living with autism. Individuals with ASD and their families connect to a professional, at no cost, which provides them with a single point of access for information, coordination, and compassionate support. It remains Michigan's first and only centralized autism resource staffed by professionals specializing in clinical treatment, education, insurance, and adult services. The program has served over 20,000 families, connecting thousands to social service programs, psychiatric or behavioral health services. The program has also helped connect hundreds of

Michiganders with employment. Thousands of children have been connected to early diagnosis and intervention, reducing long-term costs for schools and state systems.

- 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

\$6,100,000.00

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

10/1/25-09/30/26

- 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:**

Colette Rizik, Sweta Alberta, Julie Bullock, Brian Calley, Bruce Dall, Nate DeBoe, Stephen D'Arcy, Amy Fangboner, Ron Fournier, Jeff Gebhart, Michael Griffie, Alec Hagen, Melissa Howell, Tisa Johnson-Hooper, Kim Kerwin, David Meador, Mark Miller,

Paula Patterson, Matt Paul, Jeff Snyder, Matt Van Haaren, Colleen Allen

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 Sarah E. Anthony