



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 01/22/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Mark Huizenga

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

St. Marks Episcopal Church

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

134 Division Ave N Grand Rapids, MI 49503

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

381456054

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$1,288,645.42

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?

Once completed, the St. Mark Community Center will offer vital resources to the public. It will provide a safe, welcoming place for people to warm up in the winter and cool down in the summer. This project will expand access to food through free meals, including the center's existing Saturday breakfasts for individuals experiencing homelessness and free lunches for local college students. The planned medical clinic, in partnership with Michigan State University, will offer essential health support, reducing overall healthcare costs for those experiencing homelessness. The expanded space will allow for a Café, increased meal production, and a secure environment for all who walk through its doors. Completing the center will also make it possible to install an elevator, ensuring full ADA accessibility so every member of the community can benefit from its services. Renewed funding will

transform this building into a fully functioning hub of care, connection, and support for the entire community.

- 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

\$211,354.58

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

April of 2026

- 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:**

Officers: Dr. Ben Busman, Sr. Warden. Judy Freeman, Jr. Warden. Emily Krueger, Clerk. Gloria Lara, Treasurer. Members: Steve Bell, Scot Gogle, Laura Kozminski,

Penny Larsen, Dan McDonald, Carmela McIntire, Rex Miller, Michael Reale

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 Mark Huizenga