



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 02/11/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Sylvia Santana

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Metro Solutions Wellness Center

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

Office: 18000 W. 9 Mile Rd, Ste 360, Southfield, MI 48075; Project: 10531 Orangelawn, Detroit, MI 48204

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

200156511

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$8,000,000.00

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?

This appropriation is intended to fund the construction and first-year operations of a Wellness Center infrastructure project that addresses Michigan's workforce development crisis through comprehensive wellness services. Recent state investments in similar infrastructure (such as the \$5 million allocation for the Harper Woods Health and Human Services Life Skills facility) demonstrate legislative recognition that physical infrastructure supporting skill development and wellness programming serves critical public purposes. By investing in wellness center infrastructure, we aim to:

- Create workforce-ready residents through job training and life skills development in a dedicated facility
- Reduce public safety costs by providing preventive mental health and substance abuse support services

Strengthen Michigan's economic development by equipping residents with financial literacy and employment readiness • Lower long-term healthcare expenditures through preventive wellness programming (ROI: \$1 invested in prevention saves \$4 in crisis intervention) Public benefit & justification for taxpayer funding: This is a public purpose expenditure: dedicated wellness infrastructure creates a permanent community asset that generates ongoing economic and social returns. The facility will provide: • Workforce development programming addressing Michigan's labor shortage crisis • Mental health and substance abuse prevention services reducing strain on emergency systems • Financial literacy training creating economically stable, tax-contributing residents • Community safety improvements through prevention-focused interventions Michigan has demonstrated this model works: the Harper Woods containerized facility received \$5 million for similar workforce and life skills training purposes. This wellness center represents a more comprehensive and permanent infrastructure investment serving the same public purposes on a larger scale.

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:

1-2 years

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:

Metro Solutions Board of Directors: - Rick Nowakowski- Board President - Mark J. Abbo- Board Treasurer - Sheryl Weir- Board Secretary - Arlene Gorelick- Board Member - Fred Nahhat- Board Member - Vanessa L. Rucker- Board Member - Jessica Linville- Board Member Metro Solutions Officers: - Rose Khalifa- Chief Executive Officer - Keith Collins- Chief Financial Officer

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 Sylvia Santana*