



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 03/31/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Sam Singh

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

Sam Singh

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Michigan Fitness Foundation - Michigan Farm to Family CSA

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

Michigan Fitness Foundation, 2843 Eyde Parkway, East Lansing MI 48823

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

383172025

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$500,000.00

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?

Supporting Nutrition Security and Michigan's Agricultural Economy, Michigan Farm to Family: CSA is a community-driven solution to improving nutrition security for families with limited resources while strengthening local food systems. Developed by Michigan Fitness Foundation (MFF), this innovative program increases the purchasing power of households experiencing food insecurity and connects them directly with Michigan farmers through incentivized Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares. Unlike traditional CSAs that require full upfront payment, a barrier for many low-income families, this model allows families to pay just 25% of the weekly cost for a produce box using their Michigan Bridge Card, while the program covers the remaining balance. For example, if a weekly CSA share costs \$20, the family pays only \$5 with SNAP benefits, and the program pays the remaining \$15. This structure

improves year-round affordability and access to Michigan-grown fresh fruits and vegetables.

- 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

\$1,000,000.00

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

Within the fiscal year.

- 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:**

Elizabeth Kutter, Chair Bethany Thayer, Vice Chair Brian McGrain, Secretary-Treasurer Debbie Dingell, Honorary Chair Maria Adams-Lawton Stacy Esbrook Marcus Jackson Vincent Kirkwood Brigette LaPointe Leanne Mauriello Megan Uphoff Lorraine

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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 Sam Singh