



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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Date Submitted: 02/23/2026

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

Senator Stephanie Chang

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

Dan Lauwers

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

Capuchin Soup Kitchen

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

Recipient Location: 1820 Mt. Elliott St. Detroit, MI 48207. Project Location: Parcels of 1752, 1760, 1768, 1774 Meldrum Ave, Detroit MI 48207

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

381525161

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

\$7,000,000.00

**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?**

Funding will support efforts to improve and modernize the Reaching Our Potential Everyday (ROPE) program by consolidating its operations under one building that includes work-training and residential space for program participants. The ROPE program is a one-year work-training development program for recently incarcerated individuals to learn how to reintegrate back into the community by providing opportunities to work for pay while focusing on their sobriety.

- 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:**

Construction starts in early 2027, completion by Summer 2028

- 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:**

Mark Costello, President Diane Simpkins, Secretary/Treasurer William Hugo Nicholas Blattner Tien Dinh Biju Parakkalayil

*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 Stephanie Chang*