



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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Date Submitted: 04/20/2026

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

Senator Sue Shink

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

N/A

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

Jackson College

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

2111 Emmons Road, Jackson, Michigan, 49201

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

38-1795703

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

\$2,500,000.00

**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?**

Public safety workforce shortages are no longer episodic; they are structural. Across Michigan and the nation, law enforcement agencies report difficulty recruiting and retaining officers, driven by accelerating retirements, heightened training requirements, and declining applicant pools. The result is longer response times, reduced proactive policing, and increased strain on remaining personnel, conditions that affect community trust and economic confidence. Jackson College is positioned to meet this need by establishing a Police Academy: a new academic and workforce training and certification program for the institution and region. This FY 2027 request supports the rehabilitation of the existing Campus Services building, returning it to its original instructional purpose and converting it into a dedicated Police Academy and public safety training facility. The Police Academy will deliver classroom

instruction, physical training, defensive tactics, and professional preparation aligned with state and industry standards. By creating local training capacity, Jackson College reduces geographic and financial barriers for individuals seeking careers in law enforcement, particularly those who cannot relocate for training. Students from Jackson County, the tri-county region, and surrounding areas will be able to train close to home, strengthening recruitment pipelines and increasing the likelihood that graduates remain in local agencies.

- 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:**

10/1/26-12/31/27

- 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:**

• Donna Lake, Chairwoman • Matt Heins, Trustee • Phil Hoffman, Trustee • Chris Simpson, Trustee • Teshna Thomas, Trustee • Danielle Mackey, Trustee • George Page, Trustee

*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 Sue Shink*