



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/22/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Jeff Irwin

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Children's Healing Center

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

1580 East Beltline SE, Grand Rapids MI 49546 and 7400 Kalitta Ct, Ypsilanti MI 4819

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

451955614

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?

With an appropriation of \$500,000, Children's Healing Center will serve more than 100 medically complex children, providing programming to improve social and mental health of the children and their families. The funding continues an innovative partnership with payers and the State to explore healthcare cost savings resulting from Center programs in a germ-free environment. In FY2027 partnerships with Priority Health, HAP, Molina, Blue Cross Blue Shield and Children's Special Healthcare Services will expand services to more families across Southeast, Central and West Michigan. State funding will be used to provide therapeutic programming in safe and infection-controlled environments for kids with weak immune systems and their families and expand payer partnerships. Demonstrated outcomes include increased movement and healthy lifestyle, social connectedness and a community of support,

improved cognitive and developmental skills, parent respite and reduced stress, and improved well-being and satisfaction with life for families. Funding also supports psychosocial and healthcare outcome studies of participating children and families.

- 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

\$5,000,000.00

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

The estimated time frame for completion is by the end of fiscal year 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:**

Director: Amanda Barbour – CEO, Board: Chris Koontz – Chair, Mark Scott – Vice Chair, Beth Kurt, MD – Medical Advisor, Stevie Kovanda – Secretary, Mark Periard –

Treasurer, Christine Boelins, Megan Rogers, Emily Tuesday, Shannon Wilson, Jian Yu.

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 Jeff Irwin