



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:

HYPE Athletics Center & SAFE Wellness Center

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

4635 Howe RD, Wayne MI 48184

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

205698007

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$1,000,000.00

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?

The proposed Legislative Directive Spending Item will fund two coordinated programs operated by SAFE Wellness at the HYPE Athletics Wayne facility: (1) an Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapy Program for children ages 3–12 with severe autism and developmental disabilities, and (2) the SXI Structured Intervention Program for youth with significant behavioral and emotional challenges. Purpose: The purpose of this funding is to establish safe, community-based, full-day therapeutic environments that provide early intervention, behavioral treatment, and structured supervision for high-need children and youth who currently face long waitlists, limited service capacity, or risk of institutional placement. Funds will support clinical infrastructure, safety-focused facility improvements, technology, therapeutic equipment, and specialized staffing necessary to serve severe-needs populations. Public Benefit:

This investment delivers measurable statewide benefits by: - Expanding access to early intervention and disability services for Michigan families - Reducing long-term public costs related to special education, emergency mental health care, and residential placements - Preventing juvenile justice involvement and behavioral crises through structured supervision and intervention - Supporting working families with full-day and weekend service options - Creating skilled healthcare and behavioral health jobs in the local community - Strengthening Michigan's capacity for inclusive, community-based care rather than costly out-of-state or institutional alternatives

- 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 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:

Johnny Hammoud, Board Chair Judge Yvonna Abraham, Vice Chair Maha Sabbagh,
Secretary Judge Jessica Cheaib, Treasurer Mo Sabbagh Dr. Ryan Lazar Chris Peipish
Houssam Kataya Todd Turfe Abhinav Krishnan

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*