



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 02/09/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator John N. Damoose

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

North Central Michigan College (NCMC)

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

1515 Howard St., Petoskey, MI 49770, 5783 Charlevoix Rd., Petoskey, MI 49770
(west of town on US-31)

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

381586760

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?

These funds will enable NCMC to purchase the Matthews Construction Building. This owned facility will be renovated to become the Clinic for our new Dental Hygiene Program, providing easy access for students and patients from Boyne City, Charlevoix, Traverse City, and all of Emmet County. It will train a minimum of 15 dental hygienists and host nearly 7,000 patient visits each year. The total estimated cost to launch Michigan's newest dental hygiene program, including building purchase, renovation, and equipment acquisition, is \$10,000,000. We will be the only dental hygiene program north of US-10 in the State, serving both Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula

- 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:**

Local

Amount

\$500,000.00

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

2026 – Matthews Building purchase, 2027 – Building renovation, 2028 – Equipment Purchase and Dental Hygiene Program launch

- 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:**

Chris Etienne, associate realtor for Harbor Sotheby's International Realty
Melissa Keiswetter, spouse of Petoskey Plastics founder and owner
Jason Kromm, owner of Bear Creek Electric
Keith Pretty, retired president of Northwood University in Midland, MI
Jim Shirilla, retired physician
Janelle Wozniak, nursing education specialist, Mayo

Clinic Vacancy – to be filled at Special Board Meeting to be held on Jan. 27, 2026

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 John N. Damoose