



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 03/30/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Erika Geiss

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

Erika Geiss

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Eaton Regional Education Service Agency, as fiscal sponsor for MI Creative Potential

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

1790 Packard Highway, Charlotte, MI 48813

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

455095654

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$11,000,000.00

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?

This LDSI request will provide local schools across Michigan with the ability to apply for grants to improve evidence-based practices in arts education, and implement a data and community-mapping system to strengthen connections between schools, local artists and art institutions. It is a continuation of state funding provided over the past three fiscal years. In the past, this project has received \$100,000 in federal funds from the National Endowment of the Arts. The state has awarded \$275,000 from the Michigan Arts & Culture Council.

- 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:**

Federal, State

Amount

\$375,000.00

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

Oct 1, 2026 - Sept 30, 2030

- 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:**

Eaton RESA Board- Denise Dufort, President Debbie Roberts, Vice President Mark Rushford, Treasurer Alex Gonzales, Secretary Jack Temsey, Trustee MI Creative Potential / Michigan Assessment Consortium Board- Lisa Lockman, President Ellen Vorenkamp, Vice President Linda Wacyk, Treasurer Linda Beckman, Director Kathy Dewsbury-White, Director (Ex-Officio) Greg Dionne, Director Patricia Farrell-Cole, Director Amy Hodgson, Director Paul Liabenow, Director Stan Masters, Director Emily McEvoy, Director Joe Orban, Director Steven Snead, Director

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 Erika Geiss