



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 08/19/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Sylvia Santana

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

Sylvia Santana

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Team Cares

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

290 Towncenter Dr., Ste. 400, Dearborn, MI, 48126; 10201 E Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48214

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

80-0565624

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$1,500,000.00

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?

On Detroit's Eastside, families raising children on the autism spectrum face an overwhelming lack of resources. Access to Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy is limited, and specialized dental care is virtually nonexistent. Families are often forced to travel long distances, navigating multiple systems to obtain the most basic care for their children. This adds significant stress to parents who are already carrying a heavy burden. We intend to change that by creating a one-stop shop at our Child and Adolescent Center. Our vision includes: - Establishing a sedation dental clinic, the first of its kind in the area, designed specifically for children with developmental and behavioral challenges. - Expanding ABA therapy services, addressing the severe shortage that Eastside families face. - Wrapping children and

families in comprehensive, coordinated services so that they no longer need to navigate fragmented systems alone. This combination of services would be truly unique—there is currently no similarly situated dental clinic or integrated hub for children on the spectrum anywhere in the area. By building this out, we will ease the burden on families, increase access to vital care, and create a model of support that can be replicated in other communities.

- 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:**

Fiscal 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:

Anthony Pollicella, Pamela Lamb, and John F Dery

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