



# 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:**

Leaders Advancing and Helping Communities (LAHC)

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

5275 Kenilworth St. Dearborn, MI. 48126

**5. The recipient's employer identification number:**

383081799

**6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:**

\$6,500,000.00

**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?**

The purpose of the proposed LDSI is to support LAHC's Public, Mental, and Behavioral Health Department in continuing and strengthening comprehensive, evidence-based programs that address critical health challenges facing Southeast Michigan residents. Through a \$6.5 million state appropriation, (\$2 million 2026 Supplemental budget) & (\$4.5 million: 2027FY Appropriation) this initiative will deliver significant public benefit by preventing substance use, reducing obesity, promoting nutrition and physical fitness, and expanding access to culturally responsive mental and behavioral health services for children, adolescents, and families. The proposed programs—including substance use prevention, healthy living education, and specialized behavioral health supports such as PATHWAYS, Blooming Minds, and therapeutic mental health services—will particularly benefit at-risk and

underserved youth, including teens with autism, developmental disabilities, depression, anxiety, suicidal ideation, and eating disorders. Collectively, the LDSI will improve health outcomes, reduce long-term public health costs, and strengthen community well-being by ensuring early intervention, prevention, and accessible care for Southeast Michigan 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:**

Federal, State

**Amount**

\$11,850,000.00

- 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:**

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Mr. Ali Jawad, Founder The Honorable Hassan Ahmad, President  
Khalil Rahal, VP Mr. Allie Berry, Treasurer Pastor Velma Jeanne Overman, Secretary  
At Large: Honorable Mariam Bazzi Honorable Helal Farhat Honorable Sam Salamey  
Mr. Hassan Sheikh Mr. Sam Hussein

*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*