



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 02/20/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Sarah E. Anthony

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

United Mentoring Program

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

505 Seymour Ave., Lansing MI 48933. Intended location: Greater Lansing area

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

883456202

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?

Funds will be used to support youth development and mentorship programming in Greater Lansing. Services will be focused on the following categories: 1. Prevention and Youth Development: Early intervention with youth at risk of academic failure, delinquency, or justice system involvement. Addressing these issues proactively can reduce future costs for law enforcement, corrective services, and social support. Evidence shows mentoring can improve academic performance, reduce absenteeism, and build resilience in youth. 2. Education and Workforce Preparation: By focusing on school success, life skills, and career preparation, programs help more students graduate and develop skills needed for the workforce. Higher graduation rates and career readiness strengthen the local labor pool and economic prospects for young people. 3. Community Safety and Well-Being: Reductions in youth violence and

involvement in crime through mentorship and support networks. Investing in positive opportunities for young people can contribute to overall community safety and cohesion. United Mentoring Program will focus public resources where they are most effective. LDSI funding for youth support programs will be cost-effective, directing taxpayer money toward community-based services proven to have measurable outcomes (e.g., improved attendance, fewer disciplinary issues).

- 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

Amount

\$750,000.00

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

3 years

- 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:

Ebony Alexander - President Ernest Lockett - Secretary Kenneth Fuentes - Treasurer

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 Sarah E. Anthony