



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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Date Submitted: 04/08/2026

**1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:**

Senator Dayna Polehanki

**2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):**

N/A

**3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:**

City of Westland

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

Address: 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185; Project Location: TIFA District within City of Westland (48185)

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

38-1810301

**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?**

Economic Development Department: \$1 million for TechTown Detroit Business Incubator The City of Westland is pursuing a long-term strategy with TechTown Detroit to establish a permanent business incubator facility that will serve as foundational infrastructure for entrepreneurship, corridor revitalization, and inclusive economic growth. This Business Incubator Strategy creates a fully operational support ecosystem that launches immediately using existing city assets, partner facilities, and virtual infrastructure. It is designed to accomplish three things simultaneously: deliver tangible business support services starting in Month 1, build the engagement pipeline and operational track record that will justify permanent facility investment, and generate the data and community momentum needed to

inform smart decisions about space. The model is a deliberate, phased program that produces measurable economic outcomes while every aspect of it feeds forward into a sustainable incubator. Every workshop delivered, every business coached, and every data point captured accelerates the resiliency of the facility. Many cities delay business incubation services until a physical facility is ready, losing 18 to 36 months of potential economic impact. Westland's approach is different. The strategy is grounded in several practical realities:

- Entrepreneurs need help now. Westland's small business community does not have the luxury of waiting for a ribbon cutting. Businesses closing, launching, and pivoting today need advisory services, capital readiness support, and structured programming immediately.
- A permanent facility needs a proven pipeline. The strongest incubator facilities are the ones that open with a waiting list. We will identify, vet, and develop the businesses that will become the first cohort of incubator residents.
- Data drives better real estate decisions. Six to twelve months of programming will generate concrete data on demand patterns, industry concentrations, space requirements, and geographic preferences that directly benefit a long-term strategy.

**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:**

October 31, 2028, contingent upon building and/or land acquisition.

**10. Is the recipient a nonprofit corporation?**

No

*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?**

No

**2. Has the nonprofit corporation had a physical office in this state for not less than the preceding 12 consecutive months?**

No

**3. Does the organization have a board of directors?**

No

**4. List all of the officers and active members on the board of directors:**

N/A

*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 Dayna Polehanki*