



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/16/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Jeff Irwin

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Trinity Health Ann Arbor

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

5301 McAuley Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

382113393

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?

Established in 2010, The Farm is a Food is Medicine program that provides healthy, locally grown food and education to address food insecurity and improve health outcomes for all our community members. Trinity Health Michigan is committed to continued investment in Food is Medicine, offering multiple programs across a spectrum of intervention in Ypsilanti (est. 2010), Pontiac (est. 2020) and The McLaughlin Grows Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items Urban Farm at Trinity Health (est. 2010, acquired in 2024.) From the beginning, Trinity Health has been committed to sourcing the food for their programs exclusively from Michigan farms. The Trinity Health Food is Medicine initiative provides nutritious produce grown locally at "The Farm." Food grown at The Farm is donated to clinics, supplies on-campus food pantries, farm stands, and the Farm

Share. The Farm Share is a 36-week program that sources local fruits and vegetables for a five-day pickup window on a subscription-based model that is accessible by everyone in the community. The Farm is also open and accessible to summer camps, field trips, classroom visits, workshops, medical student rotations, medical nutrition therapy, and culinary medicine, creating opportunity for students of all ages to learn about the medical and economic benefits of locally grown produce and learn about the value of healthy eating. People engaged in this program share that they have experienced changes in behavior, and positive changes in fruit and vegetable consumption. Preliminary results show that participants in the programs have experienced statistically significant increases in food security, increases in average daily fruit and vegetable consumption, and an overall positive change in health status. The Food is Medicine Education Center would allow Trinity Health to offer programming to an additional 1,500 students per year, increase the number of class participants by 40%, triple the number of summer camps and lessons available and create a multi-use space for more than 12 other local non-profit educational organizations.

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:

State

Amount

\$500,000.00

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

The estimated time frame for completion is by the end of fiscal year 2027.

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:

Wayman Britt Dr. Jean Nagelkerk Suzanne Mellon, PhD W. Howard Morris Shannon Striebich Spencer Maidlow Sara Dolan Dr. Eric Ferguson Ed Hodge Linda Werthman,RSM, Ph.D. Michael Williams

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 Jeff Irwin