



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/14/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Sylvia Santana

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

Sylvia Santana

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Wayne State University, Office of Women's Health

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

6135 Woodward Ave, Detroit 48202, Michigan; Intended location of the project - SOS Maternity in Michigan currently operates across multiple regions of the State of Michigan, with active sites in Wayne County (Detroit, Hamtramck, Canton, Inkster/Dearborn), Washtenaw County (Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti), Genesee County (Flint), Ingham County (Lansing), and Macomb County (Warren). As part of the next phase of implementation, SOS Maternity plans to expand into additional regions, including Lapeer County, Oakland County (Rochester Hills, West Bloomfield) and Isabella County (Mt. Pleasant). The long-term intent of the initiative is to establish active SOS Maternity sites across all regions of the State of Michigan, ensuring statewide coverage and equitable access to evidence-based maternal and infant health interventions.

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

38-6028429

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$3,000,000.00

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?

The purpose of the SOS Maternity in Michigan initiative is to reduce preventable maternal and infant deaths by implementing evidence-based, statewide clinical and community interventions that address the leading causes of maternal mortality, preterm birth, and infant death, which disproportionately affect Black families and rural communities in Michigan. The requested \$3 million in legislatively directed funding provides a clear public benefit by supporting a coordinated statewide network that standardizes proven prevention strategies - such as early screening and prevention of preeclampsia and preterm birth - while also removing access barriers through patient navigation, transportation assistance, and support for prenatal care attendance. By expanding this model across Michigan, including maternity care deserts, the investment directly improves health outcomes, reduces costly emergency and neonatal intensive care, and strengthens Michigan's healthcare infrastructure, making it an appropriate, high-value use of taxpayer dollars that saves lives, lowers long-term healthcare costs, and promotes health equity for mothers and babies statewide.

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

\$8,000,000.00

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

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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:

Shirley Stancato, Bryan C. Barnhill II, Danielle Atkinson, Michael Busuito, Marilyn Kelly, Anil Kumar, Terri Lynn Land, and Sunny Reddy.

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*