



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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Date Submitted: 03/31/2026

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

Senator Jeff Irwin

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

N/A

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

Eastern Michigan University

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

900 Oakwood St, Ypsilanti MI 48197

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

386005986

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

\$295,000.00

**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?**

Eastern Michigan University (EMU) is Michigan's second-oldest public university. Founded as a teacher's college, EMU has transformed over the decades to become an institution of opportunity that prepares Michigan residents to secure the jobs of their dreams in areas such as health care, engineering, business, neuroscience, and countless other fields. EMU consistently ranks #1 among Michigan public universities in the diversity of the undergraduate student body. PROGRAM BACKGROUND EMU's College Supports Program (CSP) provides dedicated and integrated support to college students with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) diagnosis who are enrolled at EMU. Such support includes dedicated coaches/mentors, customized tutoring programs, and cohort housing. EMU was recently ranked #4 in the country in supporting college students with ASD. PROPOSAL EMU seeks funding to

expand the CSP to offer specialized job readiness training and job placement tailored to students / graduates with ASD (which could include soft-skills training, internships while enrolled, and assistance seeking full-time employment after graduation).

- 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:**

The estimated time frame for completion is by the end of fiscal year 2028

- 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 Jeff Irwin*