



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/15/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator John Cherry

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Flint Freedom Schools Collaborative

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

1309 N Ballenger Hwy Flint, MI 48504; Freedom Schools participating locations and base location in Flint

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

87-2544179

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$300,000.00

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 this initiative is to strengthen and expand high-quality, community-centered Freedom Schools programming across Michigan through coordinated statewide leadership, training, evaluation, and partner support. As the lead agency facilitating the Michigan Freedom Schools Collaborative, the Flint Freedom Schools Collaborative provides the infrastructure needed to help local partner sites deliver strong, consistent, and high-impact learning experiences. This includes statewide planning, staff training, technical assistance, operational coaching, site visits, shared tools, and impact validation processes that promote program quality, accountability, and continuous improvement across participating communities. The public benefit of this work is significant. This initiative helps increase access to equitable, trauma-

informed literacy enrichment for children and families across Michigan while also strengthening local capacity and professional development for staff and site leaders. Through coordinated implementation, family engagement, community events, literacy-focused summer programming, and shared evaluation, the project supports stronger educational outcomes, deeper scholar engagement, and a more sustainable statewide model for collective impact. The benefit extends beyond individual program sites by creating systems, partnerships, and shared learning that can improve program quality and long-term opportunity for scholars, families, and communities 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, Local

Amount

\$223,675.55

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

FY27

- 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:

Mikeshia Loring — Program Manager, City of Flint Ja'Quita Kelley — Social Entrepreneur Justin Curry — City Planner, City of Pontiac Kyle Wallace — Attorney, Partner, Gault Davison Dr. Javon Gill — Physician, Hurley Medical Center Anthony Kelly — Planning Specialist, Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission Shana Rowser — Program Manager, City of Flint

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 John Cherry