



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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Date Submitted: 04/07/2026

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

Senator Sylvia Santana

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

N/A

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

Samaritas

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

8131 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, MI 48214

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

381360553

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

\$250,000.00

**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 Pathways Forward Pilot serves a clear public purpose by supporting youth aging out of Michigan's foster care system—one of the state's highest-risk populations for homelessness, unemployment, incarceration, and long-term reliance on public systems—through supervised housing, life-skills education, and workforce readiness supports. By promoting housing stability, employment, and independent living skills, the pilot reduces avoidable downstream public costs associated with emergency services, justice involvement, and long-term public assistance. The program advances the public interest by strengthening economic participation, improving population-level health and safety outcomes, and informing statewide child welfare and transition-to-adulthood policy through measurable, outcome-based data.

- 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:**

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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:**

David Lochner Andrew Blum Latricia Trice John VandeGuchte Kimberly Burke Kirk Dornbush Rev. Gerald Ferguson Jeanine Hatcher Rev. Donald P. Kreiss Debora Matthews Jason Paulateer Sarah Pobocik Kush Shaqiri

*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*