



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 05/08/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Sarah E. Anthony

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Food Bank Council of Michigan (Michigan Agricultural Surplus System)

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

330 Marshall Street, Ste 102, Lansing MI 48912

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

382515765

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$12,045,000.00

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 funds would be used to distribute surplus produce to low-income residents of the state through the Michigan Agricultural Surplus System, which was established in 1990, and which creates a reliable market for Michigan's surplus and No. 2-grade food, supporting farmers and processors while reducing waste.

- 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

\$36,000,000.00

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

FY 27

- 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:**

Dr. Phil Knight (CEO); Dr. Dawn Opel (President and CIO); Marsha Keefer (COO); Chad Schafer (CFO); Kara Ross (Board Chair); Scott Piggott (Board Vice Chair); Paula Cunningham (Board Treasurer); Michelle Lantz (Board Secretary)

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 Sarah E. Anthony*