



# 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:**

Life Remodeled - Anchor Detroit Project

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

Recipient address: 2740 Collingwood St., Detroit, MI 48206; Project location: 9740 McKinney St., Detroit, MI

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

27-5020487

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

\$2,000,000.00

**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?**

Led by Life Remodeled, the Tech Remodeled Technology & Workforce Innovation Center is a comprehensive digital and technology initiative addressing major barriers to digital access, educational achievement, and workforce readiness in underserved Detroit communities. Based at our eastside Anchor Detroit campus—serving 18,000 Detroiters annually—and with satellite labs at Denby High School, the Tech Remodeled Technology & Workforce Innovation Center provides digital literacy training, broadband access, device distribution, and tech centered workforce development. Equipped with a state of the art Esports lab, a key component of the Tech Remodeled Technology & Workforce Innovation Center is the Esports program, developed in partnership with the Michigan High School Esports League (MHSEL).

This initiative bridges the digital divide by providing students with access to high-end gaming technology, professional coaching, and structured tournaments, while fostering critical skills such as problem-solving, communication, teamwork, and strategic thinking. The program reflects the growing role of Esports in education and workforce development. With over 170 colleges and universities offering varsity Esports programs and millions of dollars in scholarships available, Esports has become a legitimate pathway to higher education and careers in the digital economy. The demand for jobs in technology related fields is growing at an astounding rate. It is estimated that by 2026, there will be 3.5 million new jobs in computer science and IT. Technology training in underserved communities, like the residents of the Denby Detroit neighborhood, will help create a pipeline of qualified workers and drive economic growth in the region. Technology jobs pay significantly higher wages compared to the median wage for all other occupations. Tech workforce development programs equip community members with skills that command higher salaries - helping to bridge the income inequality gap and improve financial stability. We envision a cohesive partnership between the City of Detroit, State of Michigan and the corporate tech community of southeastern Michigan.

**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**

\$2,250,000.00

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

Estimated to be complete by Sept 2027

**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:**

Chuck Binkowski Diallo Smith Chris Lambert Marnita Harris Dwan Dandridge Earl Newsome Sandra Turner Handy Latoyia Webb Josh Bennett Holly Betke Darrin Shultz Terence Willis

*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*