



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 05/12/2026

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:

Michigan 211

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

330 Marshall St. Suite 211, Lansing MI 48933

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

050609172

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$2,950,000.00

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?

Michigan 211 creates connects Michiganders to the help they need—ensuring that both taxpayer-funded and private resources are accessible, so people get timely, effective support without unnecessary bureaucracy. 211 stands on the frontlines of the current crisis of affordability in Michigan. Michiganders have a right to know about the resources available to them, but it can be hard for people to know where to turn for the exact help they need. For those situations, 211 is Michigan's most trusted resource for social services, helping connect over 1 million requests for help annually with over 30,000 services provided by over 7,000 organizations. We are critical infrastructure for human services, saving people and organizations precious time making the connections they need and improving efficiency and outcomes across human services.

- 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

\$12,750,000.00

- 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:**

Jon Mead Board Chair, Upper Peninsula Representative Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress President and CEO Eric Davis Board Vice President, Member at Large Ford Motor Company Fund Director of Social Mobility Jeff Kusler Board Treasurer Journey Federal Credit Union Chief Lending Officer & Chief Experience Officer Kaitlynn Lamie Member at Large, MAUW representative Michigan Association

of United Ways Interim President & CEO Jamie Rugg Member at Large, SW Michigan representative United Way of the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo Region Director of Engagement Sherri Vainavicz Member at Large, Heart of West Michigan region representative Heart of West Michigan United Way Former Director of Programs & Services Anna Bednarek Member at Large, CALL 211 region representative Community Mental Health of Ottawa County Deputy Director Sara Gold Member at Large Oakland County, Michigan Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives Officer Tasha Ball Ex-officio board member United Way for Southeastern Michigan 211 Director (Operating Council Chair) Chiara Cameron-Wood Member at Large, NE MI representative 211 Northeast Michigan Executive Director Jeff Miles Member at Large, SE MI representative United Way for Southeastern Michigan VP, Community Impact Jamie Gaskin Member at Large, Central MI region representative United Way of Genesee County President & CEO

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