

HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name: Bryan

2. The sponsoring representative's last name:

Posthumus

3. The cosponsoring representatives' names. All cosponsors must be listed. If none, please type 'n/a.' A signed letter from the sponsor approving the co-sponsorship and a signed letter from the member wishing to co-sponsor are required. Attach letters at question #9 below.

N/A

4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:

Equest Center for Therapeutic Riding, Inc.

5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:

3777 Rector Ave NE, Rockford, MI 49341

6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity: N/A

7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:

Bryan Posthumus- 90th District

8. Purpose of the legislatively directed spending item. Please include how it provides a public benefit and why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding. Please also demonstrate that the item does not violate Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution. This appropriation would be broadening their scholarship program and allow low-income, heavily disabled (who have high cost of care), individuals with multiple disabled people in their family, and veterans to utilize therapeutic riding services at no cost.

9. Attach documents here if needed:

Attachments added to the end of this file.

- 10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item. 50000
- 11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.

["Private"]

12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:

Non-profit organization

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?

Yes

14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?

Yes

- 15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors? Yes
- 16. For a non-profit organization, list all the active members on the organization's board of directors and any other officers. If this question is not applicable, please type 'n/a.' Rachel Mraz- board president Jordan Custer- VP Matt Johnson- secretary Rob Bondy-treasurer Jeff Agar Lori "Maranda" Cook Beth Spica Catherine Michael Kyle Purdy Micki Ackerman Dr Denise Gregory
- 17. "I certify that neither the sponsoring representative nor the sponsoring representative's staff or immediate family has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending item."

Yes, this is correct

- 18. Anticipated start and end dates for the legislatively directed spending item: 2026-2027
- 19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."

 Yes



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BRYAN POSTHUMUS

MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

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Hello,

I am sponsoring the request of \$50,000.00 in order to provide scholarships for individuals at the Equest Center for Therapeutic Riding. This funding would allow the organization to provide services at a reduced cost for individuals with budget constraints and continue to provide free services to veterans.

The Equest Center for Therapeutic Riding provides horseback riding programs to over 200 individuals with special needs per week. Therapeutic riding has a number of physical and psychological benefits for individuals and also allows for physically disabled individuals to escape their crutches or wheelchairs. The Equest Center for Therapeutic Riding integrates physical, social, and academic skills using the horse as a catalyst, helping individuals foster independence and overcome challenges while getting in touch with nature.

Sincerely, p

Representative Bryan Posthumus

Majority Floor Leader

90th District