



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Greg
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Markkanen
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:
The Michigan Center for Adult College Success at TalentFirst
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
833 Kenmoor Ave. SE Suite B, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
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:
Admin Office is located in Rep Phil Skaggs, HD 80. However, the spending will provide services statewide.
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. The Michigan Center for Adult College Success (MCACS) is created in statute (MCL 390.1705) to serve as the state's primary resource for research, support models, and best practices on ensuring adult enrollment and completion of college degrees and certificates. This funding will allow MCACS to fulfill its statutory obligations to provide better opportunities for adults to obtain a postsecondary credential or degree.

MCACS works with colleges, universities and employers to design improvements to postsecondary education to better serve adult learners so they can obtain the credentials they need to fill good paying jobs and thrive. The work addresses the talent gap issues and supports the state's Sixty by 30 goal. In addition, the work of The Center continues to inform policy discussions and make improvements to state postsecondary access programs such as Reconnect to better serve adults.

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.

2034250

11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.

["State","Federal"]

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.'

TalentFirst: Mark White, Matt Biersack, Jay Preston, Ginny Seyferth, John Kennedy, Rick Keyes, Brian Kraus, Amy Kraal, Bill Pink, Michael Davenport, John Wilson, Tracie Morris, Victor Sturgis, Franco Bianchi MCACS: Todd Gustafson, Amy Lee, Brian Calley, Bill Rayl, Kevin Stotts, Aaron Eling, Jim Jacobs, Sarah Szurpicki

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:

Oct 1, 2025 through Sept. 30, 2026

19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."

Yes



The Michigan Center
for Adult College Success

Council, Partners & Institutions

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Sara Szurpicki, Director of the Office of Sixty by 30, Mi-LEAP

Key Partners



Engaged Institutions (38)

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Bay College
Calvin University
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Eastern Michigan University
Ferris State University
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