



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Karen
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Whitsett
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:
Islamic Center of Detroit
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
14350 Tireman Ave., Detroit MI 48228
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:
Karen Whitsett – District 4
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.
ICD Food Security Distribution Center and Mobile Food Truck Program
The Islamic Center of Detroit (ICD), is seeking funding for program assistance of its distribution center dedicated to alleviating food insecurity in the community. Situated within the ICD facility, this center serves as a critical hub, offering essential food supplies and preparing food boxes for families who need them most. Additionally, ICD has launched a state-of-the-art mobile meals food truck which signifies a new step in addressing hunger. This food truck provides approximately 2,000 hot,

nutritious meals every day, catering to families in the broader metropolitan area. Such initiatives by ICD showcase a deep commitment to enhancing food security and dignifying support for those in need.

The initiatives reflect the ongoing commitment of the Islamic Center of Detroit (ICD) to aid with compassion and dignity. These efforts are crucial to supporting local families and ensuring that they have access to the resources necessary for a better quality of life.

With a strong belief in fostering connections and serving the community, ICD stands as a pillar of support for those who need it most. The center aims to contribute towards creating a more equitable environment for everyone, reinforcing its mission to uphold social justice and community cohesion.

The Islamic Center of Detroit (ICD) is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization that exists to serve the most vulnerable people within Metropolitan Detroit.

Officially opened to the public in January 2000, the ICD offers programming to all.

Our programs include youth engagement, educational workshops, and comprehensive social services focused on addressing the needs of our community.

Our food pantry provides essential groceries to families and individuals in need, ensuring no one in our community goes hungry.

9. Attach documents here if needed:

N/A

10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item.

500,000

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

[Federal, State, Local, 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.'

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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:

10/01/2025 – 9/31/26

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

Yes