



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:
Matrix Human Services
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
1400 Woodbridge St., Detroit, MI 48207
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.
Matrix Human Services is requesting \$2,000,000 to enhance and expand its workforce development programs, which serve Detroit residents seeking economic opportunity and long-term stability. These initiatives provide job training, career pathways, and employment placement support in high-demand industries such as construction, automotive, hospitality, and skilled trades.
The requested funding will allow Matrix to reach more individuals with targeted programming that directly improves household income and reduces barriers to

employment. These efforts are particularly impactful in Detroit communities with high poverty and unemployment rates.

The programs supported by this request produce measurable outcomes and deliver clear public benefits by strengthening Michigan's workforce and local economies. Matrix Human Services is a trusted nonprofit with decades of experience delivering services that empower residents and uplift communities.

This funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer resources and complies with Article IV, § 30 of the Michigan Constitution. It provides no private benefit but rather supports public-facing programs that align with the State's goals for economic development, community revitalization, and poverty reduction.

9. **Attach documents here if needed:**

Attachments included at the end of this file.

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

2,000,000

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

[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.'**

Starr Allen-Pettway, President and CEO; Nicole Pilgrim, Chief Operating Officer; Catherine Calvano, Chief Financial Officer; Monique Phillips, Vice President of Development and Marketing; David Perkins, Vice President of Community Health Services; Bobbie Goodrum, Ph.D., Vice President of Early Childhood Programs; Frank Ervin, III, Board Chair, Ervin Policy Group; Keith James, Board Vice Chair, Founding Member, Keith James, PLLC; Eric Longs, Board Secretary, Managing Partner, Comet

Interactive; Duane Garth, Board Treasurer, Principal, Garth Financial Group; Shelia English, Vice President, Advisor, J.P. Morgan Private Bank; Kim Blotkamp-Hilliard, General Sales Manager, iHeartMedia; Heidi Ford, Account Manager, District by Design; Maria Salinas, Executive Director, Congress of Communities Southwest, Detroit Neighborhoods; Krista M. Pankopf, Senior Vice President/Clarfeld Advisor, Citizens Bank; Laura You, Partner, Warner Norcross + Judd LLP; Sherman Edwards, Vice President, Kapnick Insurance; Dimitrius M. Hutcherson, President, First Independence Bank; Eileen Storer-Smith, Program Officer, W.K. Kellogg Foundation; Jerome Ervin Record Jr., Government Affairs Manager, Comcast; Rachelle Valdez, Vice President, Global Communications, Aptiv.

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:

Implementation will begin immediately upon funding allocation. Project activities are expected to continue over the next 12 months.

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

Yes