



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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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:  
Vanguard Community Development Corporation
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
2795 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48211
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:  
Joe Tate, District 9
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.  
VCD will preserve and rehabilitate its Melrose Square affordable housing development. Melrose Square is a 24-unit, single family, infill project for low and moderate-income families. It was constructed in 2005, so the requested funds will enable VCD to perform the extensive rehabilitation and modernization on these well-used 3- and 4-bedroom homes; without displacing any residents.

VCD will complete construction and provide programming for the North End Community Development HUB.

VCD is a not-for-profit organization that has revitalized the physical, economic, and social fabric of Detroit's Historic North End. The organization has extensive experience in broad-based community development. VCD has positively impacted the lives of the 5,762 citizens residing in the North End through the development of more than 100 affordable homes, a senior living facility, 20,000 sq. ft. of redeveloped commercial space, as well as a myriad of youth education and enrichment programs.

The city of Detroit has identified affordable housing as a critical priority. This project preserves and rehabilitates a 24-units of affordable single-family homes desperately in need of care. The cost of each renovation is approximately \$25,000. Through an exciting partnership with Cummins Corporation, VCD will be leverage state support with a matching grant from its philanthropic arm, Cummins Care, to support its home repair and facade improvements program.

The North End Community Development HUB will provide community space for the North End Safety Patrol, and the Senior Computer Lab providing computer and technology training for seniors (55+). This will increase digital access for low and moderate seniors in the North End and provide necessary skills for re-entry into the workforce.

9. Attach documents here if needed:

N/A

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

1,000,000

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

[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.'

- Chair, Jaye I. Clement
- Leslie Andrews
- Kathleen Colin
- Drusilla Fanning
- Reginald G. Dozier
- Ette Garth
- Nicole Sebree
- Pamela Martin Turner

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:

October 2025 – September 2026

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

Yes