



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:
BuildOn, Inc.
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
2200 Hunt Street, 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:
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. BuildOn Detroit's Service Learning Program addresses the critical disconnection between classroom education and student's experiences in communities facing systemic challenges. Our year-round program activities include in-class and out-of-school projects, service days, and workforce readiness experiences, all structured around the IPARD Service Learning framework: Investigation, Preparation, Action, Reflection, and Demonstration. The IPARD

process is a dynamic journey that intertwines community engagement with students' mental wellness, and academic growth. Students who demonstrate their commitment to local service have the opportunity to travel with buildOn on a 2-week service-learning trip to help build a school in the developing world.

Students who participate attend 15 more days of school annually than their peers, graduate high school at an average rate of 98%, are more civically engaged, and gain confidence and leadership skills that will benefit post graduation.

Our budget request will allow us to expand from 4 partner high schools to 10 and more than double our student reach to 4,364 students each year. These students—98% youth of color and 86% from low-income households—will contribute over 19,000 service hours addressing community needs with local grassroots organizations while they experience tremendous personal growth. Our objectives include:

- Developing youth leaders who challenge negative community narratives
- Building students' social emotional learning and workforce skills
- Promoting civic engagement that addresses systemic inequities

BuildOn centers the leadership of youth from Detroit neighborhoods to address shared challenges, creating spaces for personal growth and solidarity across Detroit's diverse communities.

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.

[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.'

- Neil Armstrong
- Daryl Brown
- Patti Foit
- Oscar Ford
- Patrick Frederick
- Dana Greene
- Michael McKeown
- Latonya Riddle-Jones, MD/MPH
- Michael Smith
- Sean Wessman

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