



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:
Church of the Messiah
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
231 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 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.
We recently launched our Blvd Harambee Orange Mile. (orange is the color of gun violence awareness) The orange mile organizes one square mile a community. It brings together local government, law enforcement, schools, churches, block clubs and average citizens to foster pride and combat crime. In our neighborhood we have created this neighborhood constitution. We would like to expand this model to the other districts in Detroit besides district 5. The community organizers selected to work in these districts would be responsible for developing these orange mile districts. They will work with

existing block clubs. If none exist, they would help develop them. Organizers will also work with churches to be used as neighborhood hubs to host meetings town halls, and community gatherings. Organizers Will be responsible for organizing town halls that would bring together the community leaders with law enforcement, governmental leaders, the schools, and businesses. The organizer will work to bridge the gap between community and church resources. Also build relationships with local businesses to build community relations and trust. The organizer will help churches to use their buildings to duplicate the work being done at my church- workforce development, entrepreneurship, employment office, commercial kitchen, urban farms, etc..

The proposed budget for this project is to start 7 organizers one for each city council district. Each organizer will receive a yearly salary of \$60,000. This is the average salary for an organizer currently with experience.

Training will be taught by consultants from Blvd Harambee. They will be taught how to organize and help each community build their square mile.

Consultants will be paid \$4000 per month. Training should take about 8 weeks. Two consultants are adequate. Trainings can be held via zoom or in person.

9. Attach documents here if needed:

N/A

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

250,000

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.'

Barry Randolph, Veronica Randolph, Tamina Hamilton, Jackie Lambert, Linda Sutton, Emogene Beulah.

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-November 2026

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

Yes