



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:
Wayne County Sheriff Reserve Foundation
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
3501 Russell Street, Detroit, MI 48211
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
The Wayne County Sheriff Reserve Unit is seeking \$4 Million in funding from the State of Michigan to enhance public safety, to enhance aging fleet, provide training, and update essential law enforcement equipment
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Representative 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.
The Wayne County Sheriff's Reserve Foundation recognizes the critical role that properly equipped, well-trained, and operationally supported reserve officers play in ensuring the safety and security of the 43 communities we serve. Investing in the modernization of the Reserve's aging fleet, enhancing essential training programs, and

upgrading operational equipment directly benefits the public by strengthening the readiness, responsiveness, and reliability of our reserve personnel.

These improvements ensure that volunteer officers—who often supplement full-time law enforcement operations at no additional cost to the County—can perform their duties with professionalism, confidence, and efficiency. Updated vehicles reduce long-term maintenance expenses, enhance response capabilities, and promote officer and public safety. Modernized training ensures that reserve officers meet evolving legal, ethical, and tactical standards. Enhanced equipment guarantees that our personnel are properly prepared to serve in diverse environments and emergency situations.

This use of public and philanthropic funding is a responsible and necessary investment in public safety infrastructure. It supports a legitimate public purpose and delivers measurable value to the residents of Wayne County by enabling the Sheriff's Office to uphold its mission with excellence and integrity.

Furthermore, this funding approach does not violate Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution, which states that two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in each house of legislature shall be required for the appropriation of public money or property for local or private purposes.

All expenditures facilitated by the Foundation will be applied directly to public safety initiatives within the Wayne County Sheriff's Reserve Foundation. These funds are not transferred to private individuals or entities but rather are used to support operations that serve the public good.

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

N/A

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

4,000,000

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

[None]

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.'

Mike Jaafar, President

Michael Turner, Vice President

Soumaya Harb, Treasurer

Ali Berri, Secretary

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:

10/1/2025 – 09/30/2028

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

Yes