



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:
Centers for Family Development (in partnership with Black Marriage Movement)
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
2995 E. Grand Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48202 (13964 Forrer, Detroit, MI 48227)
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:
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 purpose of this activity is to address poverty, increase household income, and improve infant and maternal health in Detroit by promoting marriage as a viable option, particularly among first-time moms, while offering mentorship and mutual support opportunities for fathers to be the best and most productive versions of themselves. This project provides practical support to parents to develop healing and supportive relationships regardless of marital or romantic status while also leading community

education programs that counter the systemic and cultural influences that disparage marriage as a viable path to economic growth, health, happiness and prosperity.

9. Attach documents here if needed:

N/A

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

500,000

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.'

Kenyatta Stephens, LaTonya Shelton, Scott Kline, Nicole McKinny, Kimberly O'Neal, Samantha Perry, Elise Goulbourne, Cathy Nedd, Rian Barnhill, Nestelynn Garrett, Shannon Smith, Justin Kimpson, David Bowser, Kenneth Coleman, Kimberly Hoyle, Esmat Ishag-Osman, Ashley Robinson, Nicole C. Simmons, Terrence West

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:

2025-2027

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

Yes