



# 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:  
Detroit Economic Growth Corporation (economic development arm of the city of Detroit)
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
500 Griswold Street, Suite 2200, Detroit, MI 48226
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. The Motor City Match program was created in 2015 to provide grants to eligible businesses looking to launch or scale their enterprise in Detroit. Recipients are provided technical and financial assistance with their business. The program has spanned over 27 funding rounds, with grants provided to over 2,000 businesses using over \$19M.

One part of the Motor City Match program focuses on façade improvements for businesses in order to eliminate blight, beautify neighborhoods, and bolster businesses. Previously called “Motor City Restore”, the program was absorbed into the Motor City Match program and covers up to 50% of a business’ improvement costs, up to \$25k. Such grants could be used for façade improvements, signage and decorative lighting, landscaping, murals, and improvements to outdoor spaces.

More program information is available here. About – Motor City Match  
[motorcitymatch.com/about](http://motorcitymatch.com/about)

9. Attach documents here if needed:

N/A

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

10,000,000

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

[Federal, Local]

12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:

Local unit government

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?

Not applicable

14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?

Not applicable

15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?

Not applicable

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.’

N/A

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