



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:
Islamic Center of Detroit
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
14350 Tireman Ave., Detroit MI 48228
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:
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 ICD Health Clinic will be located at 20390 Tireman Avenue, Detroit, MI 48228, the previous site of the Kosciusko School (part of the Detroit Public School System), parcel number 22001637-9. This project will be located between Stout Street and Hayden Road, and Belton Street and Tireman Avenue. The parcel will be located near the current location of the ICD, which is at 14350 Tireman Avenue, Detroit, MI 48228. The parcel was purchased by the ICD in August of 2023. The ICD is proposing to remodel the 2-floor structure on 3.70 acres. This will house a medical clinic consisting of exam rooms,

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9. Attach documents here if needed:

See attached document.

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

5,000,000

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

[Federal, State, Local, 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.'

Raad Jasim

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Yousef Abusalah

Board Member

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:

10/01/2025 – 9/31/26

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

Yes



Project: Community Health Clinic



Request presented by the Islamic Center of Detroit
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Organization Background and Context

The Islamic Center of Detroit (ICD) exists to serve the most vulnerable people within Metropolitan Detroit through the Muslim faith, Islamic principles, and a fundamental belief in assisting others. The ICD was officially opened to the public in January 2000.

Since then, we have been expanding by working on new projects that benefit both Muslims and our neighbors in the metropolitan-Detroit area.

For 24 years, the ICD has faithfully served the metro-Detroit area through various programs ranging from education and prevention to supportive basic needs services. Some of these efforts include a full-time private school, weekend school for religious education, youth empowerment tools and training, female empowerment workshops, programs for children with special needs, activities during the month of Ramadan, spiritual guidance through our Imam, and recreational activities such as boys and girls athletics. Currently, our community services include neighborhood clean-ups, clothing drives, free ESL classes, and immigration classes. The two largest projects we spearhead are our weekly food pantry which sees over 350 families come through our doors, and our mental health clinic, which provides free faith-based therapy and counseling services.

The ICD's service community is Wayne County, one of the largest counties in Michigan. According to Michigan.gov, the uninsured rate of all Michigan residents is 7.8% or 790,000 individuals, whereas the city of Detroit has the highest adult uninsured regional rate at 18%. Furthermore, 32% of uninsured children and 54% of uninsured adults have been uninsured for over 24 months; over 30% of uninsured children and 16% of uninsured adults have been uninsured for less than six months. This alarmingly high rate of uninsured individuals leads to a higher death rate within the county, especially in the city of Detroit, as well as a higher incidence of mental health issues that go unresolved.

The Islamic Center of Detroit (ICD) has been a cornerstone of support and service for the diverse communities of Metropolitan Detroit for over two decades. Through a range of initiatives

and programs, we have demonstrated our unwavering commitment to improving the health, well-being, and empowerment of vulnerable populations, including immigrants, refugees, and underserved individuals and families. We seek to empower to our Islamic Community.

New Initiative: ICD Community Health Clinic



Project Description

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The goals of establishing Community Health Clinic in Detroit include:

1. Focusing on primary, secondary, and tertiary services for improving health and well-being of the medically underserved in Wayne County.
2. Decreasing the number of uninsured patient ER visits by stabilizing health and establishing a doctor/patient relationship.
3. Increasing the access and convenience to all patients in the underserved community of Detroit through quality health care services closer to the patients (in their census tract).
4. Establishing relationships and providing health care for the most vulnerable populations in our service area, especially for children and the elderly.
5. Offset losses for medical centers based on currently underinsured populations (non-emergent ER visits, etc.).
6. Establish a medical home for those served by the Community Health center.
7. Fulfill our mission to serve those most in need in metro Detroit.

Program Integration

Despite a global pandemic in 2020 and the following economic downturn in 2021, the ICD has been able to significantly expand our services for children, youth, adults, seniors, and families that are most in need in the metro-Detroit area. Specifically, we fed our neighbors, trained our youth, and supported our seniors through a variety of educational, career/skill based, and wellness programming. not to mention serving 5,000 meals daily, feeding over 2,500 individuals through our weekly food pantry, as well as serving 2,000 others each week through our mental health counseling sessions (via zoom). We have served over 175,000 meals per week to school age children (under 18) in metro-Detroit alone during a global pandemic- a fact of which the ICD is especially proud.

Mental Health Initiative

A significant portion of the efforts for this new clinic will include expanding our current mental health department, My Mental Wellness. Within our current healthcare system in the United States, the ongoing crisis is within mental health. Amongst American-Muslims and many other minority communities, there is a strong cultural stigma which prevents individuals from getting the help that they require. Issues such as anxiety, depression, bullying, eating disorders, substance abuse and addiction, are frequently found in the American-Muslim community. There are many cases of severe mental illnesses such as Schizophrenia, Bipolar Disorder and Alzheimer's Disease that are also found in these families. Other issues such as the rate of teenage suicide in American-Muslims is also alarmingly high. In order to combat the cultural stigma and effectively provide faith-based help for our community, the ICD youth committee established My Mental Wellness in 2016. This initiative quickly expanded into providing mental health services with on-site therapists in 2018.

In January of 2024, the ICD took a historic step by opening one of the first fully staffed mental health departments in North America to be housed inside an Islamic center. With this state of the art office located less than 50 feet away from the men's and women's prayer areas, this clinic is at the frontline of reducing the existing stigma regarding mental illness and provides a comfortable and trusting environment for our community. To fulfill the needs of our community, My Mental Wellness offers free faith-based therapy to all residents of metro-Detroit. It is our vision to keep our mental health offices at the ICD, but to move the main effort into the new clinic. The

clinic will allow us to expand services by hiring a psychiatrist and focus on treatment and rehabilitation as well.

Currently our therapists do one-on-one and family therapy, as well as career coaching, grief counseling, and marriage counseling. Our support groups are available and cover the needs for new Muslims, girls in secondary school, parents of teenagers, families with special needs children, and domestic violence victims. Each year, the ICD and My Mental Wellness host a free health fair which brings together doctors, hospitals, and other organizations to provide services for our community. Health screenings for illness such as kidney disease and diabetes are done. Educational tables provide resources for families who are new the area or looking for affordable treatment. My Mental Wellness additionally hosts seminars and workshops to discuss topics such as human trafficking, suicide, pre-marriage counseling and cyber-bullying.

Target Population

The ICD's service community, Wayne County (zip code: 48228) is one of the largest counties in Michigan with a total population 52,103, and a median household income of \$24,254. The people living in this area are primarily Black (78.5%), mostly in their late 20s to early 40s (median age is 31), with many single parents (43%) and a smaller number of families (41%). Additionally, 4.5% of residents are non-citizens (consisting of Syrian, Iraqi, Afghani, Yemeni, and Sudanese immigrants/refugees). The current unemployment rate of 48228 is 11% with a 39% poverty rate, with 51% of residents report no earnings at all. Most homes in the area are rented rather than owned, and there is a high vacancy rate (23%).

In response to this need, ICD aims to develop and implement a Community Health Center to provide convenient, accessible, and appropriate care to the underserved community of Wayne County. Specifically, this Health Clinic will operate in a census tract of a federally qualified medically underserved area of Wayne County. The establishment of the clinic will provide a health home for underserved people, improving public health, reducing the burden on hospital emergency rooms by addressing chronic conditions that result in secondary and tertiary conditions to vulnerable populations, and providing needed services such as free immunizations for uninsured children.

Estimated Cost (Designing phase, construction, and first-year operational cost):

Summary of Expense	Projected Cost
Preliminary architectural schematic design	\$40,000.00
Design development	\$260,000.00
Construction documentation	\$30,000.00
Construction Services (Exterior, façade, structural)	\$8,780,000.00
175 Parking spaces	\$1,925,000.00
Building renovation (Interior)	\$3,000,000.00
Payroll (Reception, maintenance, medical professionals, etc.)	\$650,000.00
Administration	\$388,000.00
Mental Health Department	\$300,000
Equipment: (Exam tables, office furniture, computers, etc.)	\$395,000.00
Miscellaneous: (Utilities, IT, maintenance, etc.)	\$290,000.00
Total:	\$15,978,000.00

To begin this transformative and historic project, the ICD is requesting funding for \$5 million. This project has the potential of not only saving lives and families, but transforming a community and protecting the physical, social, and mental wellbeing for future generations to come. Our hope is to partner with local, state, and federal governments to begin this project and work with community partners, funders, and the private sector to sustain the effort.