



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Pauline
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Wendzel
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:
There are 40 Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) around the state who would be the recipients of this funding. The Department of Health and Human Services would use a fair funding formula, provided by CACMI, so that the funds are distributed fairly to all of the 40 CACs based on geographic service area, number of children served, capacity restraints, and other unique community factors.
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
101 Washington Avenue, Ste B. PMB #119 Grand Haven, MI 49417
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:
Address 101 Washington Avenue, Ste B. PMB #119 Grand Haven, MI 49417 Given the nature of 40 CACs with 40 different service maps, every single Representative would have constituents who are positively impacted by this spending.
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 spending is to support a geographically responsive system for all child sexual abuse and severe physical abuse victims. This is for immeasurable public benefit, it ensures that any child who experiences this abuse has a safe and healthy place to go for support and guidance. This investment on the front end helps reduce the overall delayed public costs related to addiction, trauma, mental health, and repeated cycles that can often arise in adulthood after experiencing sexual or severe physical abuse when treatment and intervention is not trauma-informed or readily accessible. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because of the undeniable benefit to overall public safety. These dollars support one of the most vulnerable populations in our state - our children - when arguably the most heinous crime is perpetrated against them; the money helps ensure every child has access to the right resources to safely process this abuse and to prosecute the perpetrators of their abuse.

If the vote count on the House or Senate were to be under a two-thirds threshold, this appropriation would not be a violation of Article IV S30 of the Michigan Constitution because this money is not being used for a local or private purpose; it is not funding any specific local government project and is instead supporting nonprofits around the state with a unified approach to child sexual abuse and severe physical abuse.

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

Attachments added to the end of this file.

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

12000000

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.'

The statewide association (CACMI) has a board of directors, and each of the individual 40 CACs also have their own board of directors. The CACMI Board of Directors includes: Alex Brace (Board Chair), Melanie Richards (Vice Chair), Scott Dzurka (Treasurer), Allison Benczkowski (Secretary), Claudnyse Holloman, Kim J. Ruppel, Jamie Rossow, Rebecca Yuncker, Virginia Lambert, and Wendy Middaugh.

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:

The anticipated start date is the beginning of the fiscal year. Ideally, the end date for these line items would be 5 years from the start date to allow for maximum impact of these dollars. This may be achieved by boilerplate language stating something along the lines of, "any unexpended funds leftover at the end of the fiscal year shall be rolled over into a work project, accessible to the CACs for a total of 5 years."

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

Yes