



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Form Submission Details

Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Rep. Samantha Steckloff

1. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

Rep. Tate

Rep. Farhat

2. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

The Zekelman Holocaust Center; Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History; Arab American National Museum

3. Physical address of legislatively directed spending item recipient and the intended location of the project or activity:

28123 Orchard Lake Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48834 (Zekelman Holocaust Center); 315 E Warren Ave, Detroit, MI 48201 (Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History); 13624 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, MI 48126 (Arab American National Museum)

4. The recipient's employer identification number:

382402635

5. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

1,500,000.00

6. What is the purpose and how does the legislatively directed spending item provide a public benefit that is an appropriate use of taxpayer money?

Employer Identification Numbers:

The Zekelman Holocaust Center: 38-2402635

Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History: 38-1882096

Arab American National Museum: 23-7444497

The purpose of this funding request is to continue support for museum operations in the amount totaling \$1,500,000.00, with \$500,000.00 being allocated equally to each museum to further their outreach and increase their impact across the state.

The Zekelman Holocaust Center, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, and the Arab American National Museum reach half a million visitors of all ages each year through tours, training, special exhibits, and community programs. They equip and empower the public with lessons of history and shape environments that are truly welcome to all who call Michigan home.

As the premiere culturally specific museums in Southeast Michigan, The Zekelman Holocaust Center, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, and the Arab American National Museum meet the objective to reduce hate and discrimination in our state and increase understanding and improve cross cultural communication by engaging students, community members, and professionals from a range of sectors. These institutions bring history to life with specific and emotional storytelling that resonates with individuals and helps them internalize their meaning for today. These firsthand account of resistance, resilience, and faith build critical thinking skills and other tools to fight hatred, lead with empathy, and respect our differences. Continued Legislative support facilitates this impactful work.

Past Funding: These three museums have received state funding in four of the five past years in the total amount of \$6,000,000, of which \$1,500,000 was allocated annually, with \$500,000 being allocated equally to each museum each year for the past four years funding was received. Note: In FY 2026, \$1,500,000.00 funding was within the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity budget with \$500,000.00 allocated to each museum. In the three previous fiscal years before that funding was housed with the Department of Civil Rights where they received a total of \$1,500,000.00 annually, with \$500,000.00 being allocated equally to each museum each year.

7. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received or been awarded any of the following types of funding in the past 5 years? If so, how much? Check all that apply.

State 6,000,000

8. Estimated time frame for completion of the legislatively directed spending item project:

FY 2027

9. Has the nonprofit corporation continuously operated in this state for the preceding 36 months?

Yes

10. Has the nonprofit corporation had a physical office in this state for not less than the preceding 12 consecutive months?

Yes

11. Does the nonprofit corporation have a board of directors?

Yes

12. List all of the officers and active members on the board of directors:

The Zekelman Holocaust Center

Gary Karp, President; Steven D. Grant, M.D., Chairman; Alan Zekelman, Treasurer; Mindi Fynke, Secretary; David B. Kramer, Member-at-Large; Alexander Shiffman, Member-at-Large; Steven R. Weisberg, Member-at-Large; Kari Alterman; Rick Brodsky; Betty Chu, M.D.; Nadine Farbman; Susan Feber; Darren Findling; Tamara R. Gorosh; Kenneth Goss; Anna Gotlieb; Bernie Kent; Nelson Hersh, DDS; Joshua Katkin, CPA; Larry Kraft; Zina Kramer; Ross Partrich; Elaine Serling; Sherry Shanbom; Arthur Jay Weiss

Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

George R. Hamilton, Chair; Neil A. Barclay, President (ex-officio); Lynn Weaver, Vice Chair; Joni Thrower Davis, Secretary; Larry Bryant, Treasurer; Kelly Green, Parliamentarian; Rumia Ambrose Burbank, Executive Committee Member; James P. Cunningham, Executive Committee Member; Marseille Allen; Carolynn Andrews; Jasmin

Barnett; Rian English Barnhill; Scott Benson; Margaret L. Betts, M.D.; Elizabeth W. Brooks, Chair Emeritus; Larry Bryant; Tamira T. Chapman; Tyrone Davenport; Joni M. Thrower Davis; Eric Davis; Walter E. Douglas, Member Emeritus; Jennifer Fiore; Kala Gibson; Joyce V. Hayes Giles; Roderick D. Gillum, Member Emeritus; George R. Hamilton; Evette Hollins; Marion Jackson; John James, Sr., Member Emeritus; Dr. Anissa R. Mattison, DO FACOOG; Maurice G. Morton; Anika Odegbo; Vivian R. Pickard; Brian Smith, Ph.D.; Dr. Richard Smith; Lynn Weaver; Stefen J. Welch

Arab American National Museum

Faiza Zalila, Chairperson; Nadine Ghannam; Alfred Khoury; Anan Ameri; Nazeeh Aranki; Moustafa Bayoumi; Haitham Eid; Joseph Elhilow; Raghad Farah; Sandra Gibson; Mouna Haddad-Khoury; Yumna Jawad; Jeanette Mansour

13. "I certify that my immediate family members, legislative staff members, and I have no direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the requested legislatively directed spending item."

"I certify that the intended recipient of this legislatively directed spending item is not a for-profit entity."

"I certify that the information in this form is true to the best of my knowledge."

Rep. Samantha Steckloff