



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

#### Form Submission Details

**Sponsoring legislator's full name:**

Rep. Joseph Tate

**1. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):**

Not Applicable

**2. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:**

Detroit Historical Society and Charles H. Wright Museum

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

Detroit Historical Society, 5401 Woodward Ave. Detroit MI 48202

Charles H. Wright Museum, 315 East Warren Ave. Detroit MI 48201

**4. The recipient's employer identification number:**

DHS:38-1381144 CHW:38-1882096

**5. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:**

4,000,000.00

**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?**

A \$4M allocation will ensure basic functions at all three museums (the Detroit Historical Museum, the Charles H. Write Museum of African American History, and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum) are preserved and essential maintenance and repairs will continue.

\$4 million, with 60% or \$2.4 M allocated to the Charles H. Wright and 40% or \$1.6M allocated to the Detroit Historical Society.

The public purpose of this project is to provide history services to the public in two public museums by presenting historical exhibitions, educational tours and public programs and by collecting, preserving, digitizing and displaying historical information and artifacts of all kinds. This project includes the repairs and maintenance of museum and collection buildings and the restoration and addition of staff to provide history services.

This project will allow the Detroit Historical Society (DHS) and the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History (CHW) to provide history services to the public in three public museums by presenting historical exhibitions and public programs and by collecting, preserving, digitizing and displaying historical information and artifacts of all kinds. This project will also allow DHS and CHW to complete repairs and maintenance of museum and collection buildings and maintain staff to provide history services.

The project will enable DHS and CHW to provide multi-layered education programming reaching elementary, middle and high school students in southeast Michigan, including subsidized field trips to the museums; docent-led tours of exhibitions; workshops; and resources for teachers and classrooms. It will also ensure that history curricula continues to be carefully correlated to state standards for learning and that new and engaging content is consistently being developed for students. The project will ensure that the reach of our educational offerings continues to expand so that students statewide are able to take advantage of learning opportunities at The Wright, the Detroit Historical Museum and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

**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 18,759,516

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

October 1, 2026 – September 30, 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:**

DHS:

Chair: John P. Decker

President and CEO: Elana Rugh

Trustee: Marc Bland

Immediate Past Chair: Thomas C. Buhl

CHW:

Chair: Eric Peterson

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Additional Trustees: Marseille Allen, Rumia Ambrose-Burbank, Carolynn Andrews, Jasmin Barnett, Scott Benson, Yvette Bing, Marion Jackson, Anika Odegbo, Vivian Pickard, Rochelle Riley, Brian Smith, Ph.D., Larry Bryant, Tamira T. Chapman, Tyrone Davenport, Joni M. Thrower Davis, Matthew Davis, Jennifer Fiore, Joyce V. Hayes Gil, Richard Smith, M.D.

Former Trustee: Nicholas B. Gorga

**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. Joseph Tate*