



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Form Submission Details

Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Rep. Kathy Schmaltz

1. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

Not Applicable

2. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Michigan's Military Heritage Museum

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

311 N. Wisner St., Jackson MI 49202

4. The recipient's employer identification number:

85-0900874

5. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

750,000.00

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?

Michigan's Military Heritage Museum preserves and shares the stories of Michigan's service members in peace and war, from pre-statehood through the present day. Located on the historic site of Camp Blair in Jackson, Michigan, the museum serves as a destination for visitors from across the United States and around the world, providing an educational and commemorative experience that honors service and sacrifice.

The museum is currently undertaking a significant expansion to increase exhibit space, improve collections storage, and create additional capacity for public programs and events, while further developing the historic Camp Blair site. This expansion will allow the museum to enhance its role as a cultural and educational asset and position Jackson as

a military heritage tourism hub within the State of Michigan. Military heritage tourism consistently ranks among the top three tourism sectors nationwide, and this project is designed to bring that economic and educational benefit to Jackson and the surrounding region.

Requested funds will be used to expand the existing facility, modernize exhibits, and introduce new interactive and engaging features designed for student groups, seniors, veterans, and families. These improvements will strengthen the museum's ability to serve diverse audiences while ensuring that Michigan's military history is presented in accessible, modern, and meaningful ways.

Michigan's Military Heritage Museum is currently in its tenth year operating at its physical location and its fourteenth year as an established museum organization. With a strong foundation and proven track record, the museum is well positioned to continue its growth and to preserve and share the stories of Michigan's service members for future generations.

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.

Not Applicable

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

12/31/2027

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:

Scott Gerych, Kevin Gerych, Belinda Grier, Craig Pearson, Kenneth Baumann, Brian Murphy, Teresa Gerych, John Bailey, Jacob Bailey, Eric Messner, William White.

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. Kathy Schmaltz