



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Bryan
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Posthumus
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.
Cutis VanderWall, Carol Glanville
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Grand Rapids Art Museum
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
101, Monrow Center St NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
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:
Carol Glanville, 84th District
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 Museum urgently requires critical infrastructure repairs to remain open and continue serving the community. To ensure its future as a vital regional hub for the arts and creativity, the Museum is seeking immediate state funding for two essential projects. As Grand Rapids grows, the Museum must remain a cornerstone of the city's cultural landscape, driving the economy and supporting Michigan's creative community.
 - First, the utility floor grates, which house mechanical and electrical systems, must be replaced due to warping that creates tripping hazards and blocks access to exhibitions.

Additionally, the Museum's outdated lighting and security systems are failing and must be upgraded, as replacement parts are no longer available. While some floor grates have been replaced, further funding is urgently needed to complete these repairs and ensure the Museum remains safe and functional. In addition to these, the main lobby supply fan is failing, and will eventually cause issues for guests and employees.

- The Museum has actively raised funds to address these infrastructure challenges, but the scale of repairs exceeds its current financial and philanthropic capacity. GRAM is committed to ensuring its long-term sustainability and has already completed the first three phases of roof replacement and other essential repairs. The total cost for prioritized capital repairs is \$7,315,059.00. To date, \$965,529 has been fundraised, leaving \$6,349,530.00 for urgent repairs. GRAM is requesting \$443,500 through the State's Community Museum Grant and an additional \$2,417,500.00 in state support to address these critical needs. We are also aware of additional infrastructure issues, with quotes out to contractors, which will increase the total cost of repairs. Immediate action is crucial to maintain the Museum's ability to serve the public and contribute to the region's cultural and economic vitality.

The Grand Rapids Art Museum (GRAM) plays a vital role in connecting the greater Grand Rapids area and the state of Michigan through art, creativity, and design. Art museums are essential to the success of students and teachers, as creativity has been identified by the World Economic Forum as the most critical skill for the future. Seven out of the top ten skills employers seek are creativity-based. At a time when creativity is declining nationwide, art museums are uniquely positioned to prepare students for the challenges of the 21st century, offering opportunities for people of all ages to engage in critical thinking, imagination, and exploration.

Beyond fostering creativity, art museums drive social change and positively impact our community, improving both health and wellbeing. GRAM is committed to nurturing and educating future creative thinkers by providing a range of learning opportunities year-round. This includes the Field Trip Fund, which brings underserved youth to the museum free of charge to spark curiosity and imagination. Additionally, GRAM hosts Summer Art Camps, offers professional development for educators, and organizes "GRAM Goes Back to School," a program that provides school supplies, haircuts, and fun activities to inspire and prepare students for the upcoming year.

This is just a small portion of the programming GRAM offers to the community, alongside the art exhibitions and conversations that take place throughout the year. GRAM's educational initiatives and community engagement are essential to the future of creativity and the overall wellbeing of our region.

GRAM is at a critical point where investment in infrastructure is essential to ensure safety, functionality, and long-term success. A few key areas—utility floor grates, curtain wall assemblies, and the lighting and security systems—need immediate attention.

Utility Floor Grates: The utility grates, which support the building's electrical and mechanical systems, have become warped and pose tripping hazards for visitors.

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.
2417500
11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.
["Federal","State","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.'
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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:

2026-2027

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

Yes