



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 04/24/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Sue Shink

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Greater Jackson Habitat for Humanity

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

251 W Prospect St. Jackson MI 49203

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

32-2878590

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$1,500,000.00

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

The purpose of the legislatively directed spending item is to support the joint initiative of Greater Jackson Habitat for Humanity (GJHFH) and the Welcome Home Organization (WHO, 1203 1st St., Jackson, MI 49203), a strategic investment in affordable homeownership and cooperative housing that strengthens Jackson County's workforce and stabilizes neighborhoods. By addressing housing insecurity for low- to moderate-income families, particularly essential workers, this initiative tackles a root cause of economic instability while helping residents remain in the communities they serve. GJHFH will be building 5 new construction homes (addressed below). In addition to its partnership with GJHFH, WHO has been awarded an RFP from the City of Jackson to build two homes designated for 15 years of Cooperative Housing. One home will serve as Veteran Family STEP Housing, and

the second will provide youth cooperative housing, each supported by a dedicated WHO liaison to ensure stability, connection to services, and long-term success for residents. WHO is also positioned to compete for two additional cooperative homes anticipated to be awarded by the City of Jackson, expanding the availability of supportive, community-based housing. This cooperative housing work aligns directly with GJHFH next phase of development, with WHO playing a key role in implementation and resident support. This funding provides clear public benefit and represents an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. Habitat's leveraged model combined with WHO's cooperative housing infrastructure maximizes impact through public investment, private donations, volunteer labor, and resident participation. The homes generate long-term returns by reducing reliance on public assistance, improving health and educational outcomes, supporting workforce retention, and expanding the local tax base through new, stable housing opportunities. Overall, this initiative represents an investment in community infrastructure, economic resilience, and shared prosperity. It demonstrates responsible stewardship of public funds while delivering measurable, lasting benefits to Jackson County residents and reinforcing the community's commitment to sustainable, cross-sector solutions. Why is it an appropriate use of taxpayer funding: It is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding because the investment directly addresses a documented public need for stable, affordable housing while generating long-term economic and social benefits for the entire community. The initiative improves health, educational, and economic outcomes, stabilizes neighborhoods, and reinforces responsible, community-driven development. In short, this funding represents a high-impact, fiscally responsible investment in community infrastructure, economic resilience, and shared prosperity for Jackson County. Additional information about the build is "visitable"; standards meaning the first floor is not fully accessible for wheelchairs or walkers and incorporates accessibility features. Additionally, our on-site and close proximity partnerships with the Jackson Interfaith Shelter, Altering Outcomes and MyPlace will allow our families to access 24/7 daycare services, job opportunities with transportation, and housing and supportive service options for at-risk youth and families. Property Addresses identified for project: 1031 Carl Breeding Way (GJHFH) 607 4th Street (GJHFH) 1231 Greenwood Avenue (GJHFH) 110 W. Biddle Street (GJHFH) 300 W. High Street (GJHFH) 1203 Woodbridge (WHO) 1223 Woodbridge (WHO)

- 8. 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, Local

Amount

\$2,250,000.00

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

10/1/26-4/30/28

10. Is the recipient a nonprofit corporation?

Yes

Additional Information for Nonprofit Corporations (if applicable)

The answer to questions 1 to 3 must be "Yes" for the nonprofit corporation to qualify for a legislatively directed spending item.

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

Yes

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

Yes

3. Does the organization have a board of directors?

Yes

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

Jeff Kinstle-President Dana Brown-Vice President Keith Kuhn-Treasurer Jamie Barrus- Secretary Collin Cote-Past President Teshna Thomas-Director Travis Fletcher-Director Tyler Everts-Director Rabiah Majeed-Director/Habitat Homeowner Adriene Davis -Director

Certification By Sponsoring Legislator

"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."
Senator Sue Shink*