



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 05/08/2026

**1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:**

Senator Roger Hauck

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

N/A

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

Michigan Area Health Education Center, a statewide program of Wayne State University

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

Wayne State University 4201 St. Antoine, UHC, Suite 9A, Box 325 Detroit, MI 48201 (Michigan Area Health Education Center program office); Central Michigan University 600 E. Preston Foust Hall 008 Mount Pleasant, MI 48859 (Mid-Central Regional Center and Western Region Community Consortium); Health Centers Detroit, Inc. 4201 St. Antoine, Ste. 9D, Detroit, MI 48201 (Southeast Regional Center), Upper Great Lakes Family Health Centers 720 Lake Linden Ave, Laurium MI 49913 (Upper Peninsula Regional Center); and MidMichigan Community Health Services 9249 West Lake City Rd. Houghton Lake, MI 48629 (Northern Lower Regional Center).

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

386028429

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

\$2,000,000.00

**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 Michigan Area Health Education Center (MI-AHEC) was established in 2010 as a statewide health professional workforce program, funded by the U.S. Department of Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA). MI-AHEC is seeking state

appropriations to increase its capacity to recruit, train, and retain students and healthcare professionals committed to providing primary care in Michigan's rural and underserved communities through community-driven, targeted services and programs through 5 regional centers covering all 83 counties across the state. Specifically, state funding would be distributed primarily among the 5 regional centers to expand existing programs to reach more individuals, reach new areas within the regional center geographic boundaries, and/or to develop and offer new programming to address each regional center's unique community needs. The program aims to address healthcare workforce shortages by strengthening and increasing the supply, distribution, and quality of healthcare professionals across all 83 counties through its 5 regional centers. Each regional center is hosted by an organization such as a federally qualified health center (FQHC) or an institution of higher education. Each of the 5 regional centers is unique as they are supported by community advisory boards with a local focus and interest in the needs within their geographic boundaries. Members of the local community advisory boards include leaders in healthcare, education, business, workforce development, and government. State funding would focus on:

- Interprofessional training providing clinical training opportunities and placements for healthcare students in rural and underserved areas.
- Healthcare workforce and retention offering continuing education and workforce development program opportunities and training to existing healthcare professionals to remain working in rural and underserved areas in our state.
- The AHEC Scholars Program provides valuable interprofessional learning opportunities for health professional students in rural and underserved communities.

**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:**

Federal

**Amount**

\$3,894,460.00

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

One fiscal year

**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:**

The Michigan Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is a program of Wayne State University. The Michigan Area Health Education Center Program has an Advisory Board. In addition, each of the five AHEC Regional Centers has its own local Community Advisory Board. Michigan Area Health Education Center Program Advisory Board members: · Dr. Jingping Xu, Department Chair, Wayne State University School of Medicine Department of Family Medicine and Public Health Health Sciences · Dr. Ramona Benkert, Dean, Wayne State University College of Nursing · Dr. Wael Sakr, Dean, Wayne State University School of Medicine · Dr. Brian Cummings, Dean, Wayne State University Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences · Sheryl Kubiak, Ph.D., Dean, Wayne State University School of Social Work · Dr. Claudia Richardson, Medical Director, City of Detroit Health Department · Rachel Ruddock, Michigan Primary Care Association · Kyra Burkeen, Michigan Center for Rural Health Regional Center Directors · April Osburn, MSA, Executive Director, Michigan AHEC Mid-Central Regional Center · April Osburn, MSA, Executive Director, Michigan AHEC Western Regional Community Consortium · Shelby Santti, BSCHA, RN, Executive Director, Michigan AHEC Upper Peninsula Regional Center · Tekiendria Batts, Executive Director, Michigan AHEC Southeast Regional Center · Kimberly Ashcraft, Executive Director, Michigan AHEC Northern Lower Regional Center Host Partners · Dr. Tina Thomspson, Interim Dean, Covenant Healthcare College of Medicine at Central Michigan University · Dr. Herbert C. Smitherman Jr., CEO, Health Centers Detroit · Ms. Melissa Dunkle, CEO, MidMichigan Community Health Services · Mr. Trevor Hodges, CEO, Upper Great Lakes Family Health Centers

*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 Roger Hauck*