



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):

Rep Edwards

2. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan

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

1333 Brewery Park Drive, Suite 500 Detroit, MI 48207

4. The recipient's employer identification number:

38-1598947

5. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

1,500,000.00

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?

GSSEM is at the forefront of helping girls identify and develop their passions, equipping them with the skills and experiences needed to contribute to the workforce and build stronger communities. With the support of dedicated volunteers and community partners, GSSEM offers a broad range of programming, adventure opportunities, and active participation experiences designed to prepare girls (K-12) for successful futures across all sectors. GSSEM extends its reach across a wide range of communities serving six counties and partial areas of two more: Genesee, Lapeer, Macomb, Oakland, Sanilac, St. Clair, and parts of Monroe and Wayne counties. This includes school-based programming for girls in public, private, and charter school settings, ensuring access to educational opportunities for all.

In addition to traditional revenue generators like cookie sales and Girl Scout camping, the four main programming pillars are Outdoor Education, Life Skills, Entrepreneurship, and STEAM. These initiatives offer workshops, outings, and experiences that help girls discover their interests and pave the way for careers in high-demand fields. Consider the opportunity to invest in Michigan's future female leaders and workforce. With the support of the State of Michigan, GSSEM can sustain and enhance its programming, currently impacting over 12,000 Girl Scouts across southeastern Michigan.

Funding would support:

- 1) GSSEM Life Skills: This programming focuses on preparing girls for leadership and long-term success. It emphasizes advocacy, civic engagement, and workforce readiness, offering hands-on learning opportunities in skilled trades like construction and career/technical education fields like culinary arts. Woven throughout all GSSEM programming is an emphasis on leadership development – which directly supports Michigan’s future workforce needs.
- 2) Financial Literacy and Entrepreneurship: This program empowers girls to make informed financial decisions and become innovative, community-minded entrepreneurs. Rooted in real-world applications, it helps girls build a foundation for long-term economic stability and self-sufficiency.
- 3) STEAM: This programming engages and prepares girls for careers and leadership roles in high-growth, 21st Century industries. It includes experiential programs that integrate technology, critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration, offering pathways in fields that are vital to Michigan’s economy.
- 4) School-Based Programming: This programming serves hundreds of K-12 girls in southeastern Michigan's public, charter, and private schools where meetings and activities are held during the school day, removing the impediment of volunteer involvement and/or transportation challenges.
- 5) GSSEM Mobile STEAM Lab: This initiative is an innovative, traveling classroom that brings STEAM education directly to Girl Scouts and students across southeastern Michigan, sparking curiosity and problem-solving. This 30-foot mobile lab, equipped with laptops and workstations, provides an interactive environment for hands-on learning in coding, robotics, engineering, and scientific exploration, helping to develop critical skills for future workforce participation.

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 1,000,000

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:

Karen Ebben
Morgan Elliott-Andahazy
Diane Mullan-Cromwell
Jo Robinson
Christopher Dargin
Marianne Farley
Kevin S. Hendrick
Barbara Hendrickson

Jessica Jackson
Amy Perlman
Candace Rogers
Sati Smith
Stacy Snyder
Lisa Sperling
Trisha Stein
Denyse Vitale
Karen Williams Weaver
Angela Williams
Brad Zasa

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