



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. LOUIS, Michigan
Agenda Statement

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Item No. 11L.
For the Meeting of 08/19/2025
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ITEM TITLE: Resolution 2025-19 Charitable Gaming
Licenses SUBMITTED BY:

SUMMARY OF EXPLANATION

The Hope House, a nonprofit organization located at 1001 West Washington Street, has submitted an application for a charitable gaming license, pursuant to state law and local ordinance. The purpose of this license is to allow the organization to conduct charitable gaming activities, with proceeds supporting the day-to-day functions of the shelter.

Analysis:

Under state law, charitable organizations must obtain approval from the local governing body prior to being issued a charitable gaming license. The organization has met all requirements set forth by the state and local regulations. Staff has reviewed the application and finds no objections to approval.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the attached resolution supporting the issuance of a charitable gaming license to The Hope House.

Budgeted? No
Budget Amendment needed? No

G/L Account Code: N/A

Moved by:

Supported by:



Charitable Gaming Division
 Box 30023, Lansing, MI 48909
OVERNIGHT DELIVERY:
 101 E. Hillsdale, Lansing MI 48933
 (517) 335-5780
 www.michigan.gov/cg

RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATION

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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE IN BLUE OR BLACK INK.

QUALIFICATION INFORMATION	1. Organization Name Gratiot County Hope House				2. Organization ID Number or Last License Number Issued Unknown	
	3. Organization Street Address 1001 W. Washington St.		City St. Louis	State MI	Zip Code 48880	
	Organization Mailing Address 1001 W. Washington St.		City St. Louis	State MI	Zip Code 48880	County 29 Gratiot <input type="checkbox"/>
	4. Has your organization ever received a license such as bingo, raffle or charity game ticket? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Complete application and submit with the appropriate fee. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No - You must submit the documentation requested on the Qualification Requirements sheet and become qualified before any licenses can be issued. The Qualification Requirements sheet can be obtained from our website at www.michigan.gov/cg or by calling our office at (517) 335-5780.					
5. Is your organization a candidate committee, political committee, political party committee, ballot question committee, independent committee or any other committee as defined by, and organized pursuant to, the Michigan Campaign Finance Act 388 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, being sections 169.201 to 169.282 of the Michigan Compiled Laws? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			6. Has your organization received contributions or made expenditures of \$500 or more in the last calendar year for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the action of voters for or against the nomination or election of a candidate, or the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot question? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

SIGNATURE(S)	7. Provide name, title, home address, and telephone numbers for the PRINCIPAL OFFICER, e.g., president, grand knight, worthy matron, etc., and the vice president or equivalent and one other officer of the organization. SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL OFFICER REQUIRED - OR - signatures of the vice president or equivalent and one other officer. NOTE: Executive director signature not acceptable.		
	Name and Title	Street, City, State, ZIP Code	Telephone Numbers
	Principal Officer Jacob Gregory	935 W. Washington St.	Day (586) 255-0214
	Title Board President	Saint Louis, MI 48880	Evening (586) 255-0214
	Signature of Principal Officer 		Date 08/05/25
	- OR -		
	Name and Title	Street, City, State, ZIP Code	Telephone Numbers
	Vice President or Equivalent		Day ()
	Title		Evening ()
	Signature of Vice President or Equivalent		Date
Name and Title	Street, City, State, ZIP Code	Telephone Numbers	
Other Officer		Day ()	
Title		Evening ()	
Signature of Other Officer		Date	
By signing above, I CERTIFY that I am at least 18 years of age, the organization applying is a NONPROFIT organization, I have examined this application and there is no misrepresentation or falsification in the information stated or attached, and the facts underlying our original qualification status remain unchanged. I CERTIFY that ALL chairpersons associated with this raffle will read and understand the duties and responsibilities of a Raffle Chairperson as described in the Raffle Guide and Raffle Rules before performing any duties as a chairperson. I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am aware that false or misleading statements will be cause for rejection of this application or revocation of the right to obtain any future licenses and I AM AWARE OF AND AGREE TO the conditions of Act 382 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, and the rules and directives of the Michigan Bureau of State Lottery.			

COMPLETE THE ENTIRE APPLICATION AND MAKE A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS



COMPLETION: Required for licensure.
 PENALTY: No license will be issued.



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SUZANNA SHKRELI
COMMISSIONER

GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

August 14, 2025

Organization ID: 141977

Board Chair
Gratiot County Hope House
1001 W Washington St
St Louis, MI 48880



Dear Board Chair:

We have received documentation to qualify your organization as a Local Civic organization to conduct licensed gaming events as allowed by Act 382 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended.

To complete the qualification process, please submit the following information:

1. A copy of the organization's current bylaws or constitution, including membership criteria, signed and dated by your principal officer.
2. A copy of a resolution passed by the local government stating the organization is a recognized nonprofit organization in the community; form enclosed.
3. A revenue and expense statement for the previous 12 month period to prove all assets are used for charitable purposes, i.e. 990's, treasurer's report, audit. Do not send check registers or cancelled checks. Explain the purpose of each expenditure made to an individual. Once the organization has conducted licensed gaming events, the Bureau may require the organization to provide additional proof that all assets are being used for charitable purposes.
4. A written statement defining your membership criteria, if any. The charitable gaming rules require the licensed gaming event chairperson(s) be a bona fide member for 6 months. If you do not have general membership criteria, your chairperson(s) must be members of your board of directors.
5. Proof of a current bank account in the name of the organization.

Also, we have reviewed your application for a Large Raffle license. However, we are unable to process your application without the following information:

1. Your application was submitted without the signature of the organization's principal officer. Please complete a new application, and have it signed by the principal officer of the organization.

***The bylaws received in 2023 indicate the principal officer is the Board Chair

Please enclose a copy of this letter with the requested information and mail, fax to 517/267-2285, or email to CG-Additional-Info@michigan.gov. Be sure to include your organization ID number 141977 on all correspondence submitted to our office.

We look forward to working with you in the future. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact us at 517/335-5780.

Sincerely, Charitable Gaming Division

**Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses RESOLUTION
2025-19**

At a Regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council called to order by Mayor Ralph R. Echtenaw, on August 19, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

Council Members Present: Mayor Ralph R. Echtenaw, Fares E. Azzam, Mayor Pro Tem William R. Leonard, Robin W. Hart

Council Members Absent: None

The following Resolution was offered by ____, and supported by ____:

that the request from The Hope House, of St. Louis, Michigan, County of Gratiot, asking that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses, be consider for approval.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

AYE:

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution declared adopted on this 19th day of August, 2025.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution offered and adopted by the Saint Louis City Council at a Regular meeting held on August 19, 2025

Jamie Long, City Clerk
300 North Mill Street
St. Louis, MI 48880