Islamic Center of East Lansing

11 statements shown, including 1 prayer or call for killing or destruction, 1 statement praying for or praising terrorists or calling for jihad, 1 death ruling, 1 antisemitic conspiracy claim, 4 hostile statements, and 1 statement putting religious law over civil law; $46,899 in public money across 3 items; 2 official acts by public officials or bodies.

> **This center is trying to hide its videos.** It has made 11 of its YouTube videos private since MEF drew on them. MEF has copies of all 3 videos cited here. See the copies.

TYPE
Islamic center

CITY
East Lansing

COUNTY
Ingham

EIN
38-2373418

WEBSITE
lansingislam.com

Channels: Facebook Website X (Twitter) YouTube

What was said

All | Prays for or calls for killing or destruction | Prays for or praises terrorists, or calls to jihad | Death rulings | Antisemitic conspiracy | Hostility | Religious law over civil law

PRAYS FOR OR CALLS FOR KILLING OR DESTRUCTION

ANTISEMITIC ANTI-ZIONISM

ENGLISH TRANSLATION

O Allah, deal with those who besieged them. O Allah, deal with the aggressor Jews. O Allah, count them in number and kill them dispersed, and leave not one of them.

ORIGINAL, ARABIC

اللهم عليك بمن حاصرهم اللهم عليك باليهود المعتدين اللهم أحصهم عددا واقتلهم بددا ولا تذر منهم أحدا

Islamic Center of East Lansing · video “Taraweeh Night - 28” · posted March 27, 2025 · 29:21 into the video · video since made private on YouTube

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PRAYS FOR OR PRAISES TERRORISTS, OR CALLS TO JIHAD

SUPPORT FOR DESIGNATED TERROR GROUPS

ENGLISH ORIGINAL

Sometimes people do engage in Islam and physical jihad, we believe that, and this is what's happening in Gaza and other places.

Islamic Center of East Lansing · video “Strengthen & Maintain Your Faith Connect To Gaza” · posted May 31, 2024 · 57:44 into the video

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DEATH RULINGS

INTIMIDATION OF APOSTATES

ENGLISH ORIGINAL

this goes back to why some of the rulings regarding the murtad are so harsh you know sometimes people ask you know how come in islam you know a person who leaves islam and you know then you know he's executed and it's a very very difficult punishment it's a capital punishment and so on people fail to understand what was happening in madina this was part of the strategy of the hypocrites to enter islam stay there for a few days months or whatever and then leave it to encourage others to leave as well and that was a big fitna so in order to stop such fitna very very strong actions were taken against these people

Islamic Center of East Lansing · video “Friday Night Halaqah - Evolution of Islamic Law: Part 2: The Foundation” · posted December 25, 2020 · 1:07:35 into the video

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ANTISEMITIC CONSPIRACY

ENGLISH ORIGINAL

[AUDIENCE MEMBER:] It was a pawn shop. [LECTURER:] Pawnshop, yes. Yeah, pawnshop. The Jews are doing that, huh, for thousands of years. They're good at it. They're good at business.

Islamic Center of East Lansing · video “Life and Times of AbuBakr Al-Siddique: The First Caliph Part 25” · posted April 5, 2026 · 50:16 into the video

HOSTILITY | REJECTION OF SECULAR LAW

ENGLISH ORIGINAL

Unless, of course, the government is doing haram openly, the government is going against Islam openly, then whoever from the society can do anything, even physically, to change things should do it.

Islamic Center of East Lansing · video “Evolution of Islamic Law: Hanafee School” · posted November 10, 2023 · 26:35 into the video

HOSTILITY | ANTISEMITIC ANTI-ZIONISM

ENGLISH ORIGINAL

He's the one who said their men have to be killed. Their men will be executed. Right before his death, he made that call because he was the one wounded in that battle. He suffered, and so since he was the leader, the Jewish community, they said, "We don't want the decision of Muhammad. We want the decision of Sa'd ibn Mu'adh." They selected him to make that call... Sa'd ibn Mu'adh made the decision which was pleasing to Allah for the crime that these groups had done with the Muslims and the hurt and the harm that they were causing to the Muslim community. So he died as a Shaheed.

Islamic Center of East Lansing · video “Journey Through the Afterlife- Part10- Characteristics of the Grave: Darkness” · posted January 3, 2021 · 44:00 into the video

HOSTILITY | LOYALTY TO RELIGIOUS LAW OVER THE STATE

ENGLISH ORIGINAL

So those are the things which inshallah we hope that eventually we will get back to Khilafah one day but we have to work for it. We are a long way away from it right now.

Islamic Center of East Lansing · video “Evolution of Islamic Law: The Hanafee Mad-hab” · posted May 12, 2023 · 49:25 into the video

HOSTILITY | LOYALTY TO RELIGIOUS LAW OVER THE STATE | REJECTION OF SECULAR LAW

ENGLISH ORIGINAL

The Quran, the Sunnah and Ijmaah, the consensus of the scholars of any given generation, these Islamic legislative sources all confirm the collective obligation of Muslims to appoint a Khalifa to rule over them and then to obey the leader.

Islamic Center of East Lansing · video “Life and Times of AbuBakr Al-Siddique: The First Caliph Part 29” · posted May 10, 2026 · 40:30 into the video

RELIGIOUS LAW OVER CIVIL LAW | REJECTION OF SECULAR LAW

ENGLISH ORIGINAL

Muslim scholars unanimously agree that it is the obligatory duty of Muslims of any given era to appoint someone to be their Khalifa. It then becomes the Khalifa's duty to oversee the affairs of the nation, to apply the teachings of Islam among the people, to establish justice through the realm, to provide for the needs of the people, to establish geographical boundaries of his nation, to defend those boundaries against foreign empires and countries, and to spread the message of Islam to people. So today, the state of the Ummah is such that we're living without a Khalifa, without leader.

Islamic Center of East Lansing · video “Life and Times of AbuBakr Al-Siddique: The First Caliph Part 29” · posted May 10, 2026 · 36:21 into the video

REJECTION OF SECULAR LAW | UMMAH OVER CITIZENSHIP

ENGLISH ORIGINAL

So we have some narrations from the Prophet, peace be upon him, which mention the stages of political development in the Muslim world. And he said, you know, so it starts with the Khilafah, and then it will be kingdom, okay? And then it will be these dictators, okay, which we are going through right now, and then it will return to Khilafah. Okay, so we know Khilafah is going to be established for sure in the Muslim Ummah again. The question is, is it going to happen before the time of Imam Mahdi or with the advent of Imam Mahdi? That we don't know, okay? But we hope, and we should keep working on it. And the way you work on it is by, first of all, increasing your own understanding and knowledge of Islam within your local community, uniting over these principles.

Islamic Center of East Lansing · video “Evolution of Islamic Law: The Hanafee Mad-hab” · posted May 12, 2023 · 47:07 into the video

LOYALTY TO RELIGIOUS LAW OVER THE STATE | REJECTION OF SECULAR LAW

ENGLISH ORIGINAL

The statement is if you establish the Khilafah in your hearts, Allah will establish for you the Khilafah on earth... That's part of establishing the Khilafah on earth. Who can stop you from establishing the Sharia in your own life?

Islamic Center of East Lansing · video “Life and Times of AbuBakr Al-Siddique: The First Caliph Part 29” · posted May 10, 2026 · 38:22 into the video

Public money

$46,899

listed across 3 items. Excludes pandemic-era loans (Paycheck Protection Program and Economic Injury Disaster Loans), which were distributed without screening. Includes other SBA grants, contracts and loan guarantees.

PROGRAM	AGENCY	AMOUNT	YEAR	SOURCE
Emergency Connectivity Fund Program (ALN 32.009)	Federal Communications Commission	$46,899	2023	USAspending.gov federal award transaction (MEF federal funding database)
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Emergency Connectivity Fund Program (ALN 32.009) Reversal reported by the agency; counted against the award	Federal Communications Commission	-$46,899	2024	USAspending.gov federal award transaction (MEF federal funding database)

Officials and partners

Official acts

March 5, 2024

East Lansing City Council

Passed a resolution honoring Ramadan that commends the work of the Islamic Center of East Lansing

WHEREAS, the East Lansing City Council acknowledges and appreciates the important meaningful and transformational work of the Islamic Center of East Lansing in promoting brotherhood, unity, and cultural education

SOURCES

"Resolution Honoring the Holy Month of Ramadan in the City of East Lansing," City of East Lansing, March 5, 2024; "East Lansing City Council Passes Resolution to Honor Ramadan in Solidarity with Muslim Community," Spartan Newsroom, Michigan State University, April 2024

April 4, 2023

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SOURCES

"Resolution Honoring the Holy Month of Ramadan in the City of East Lansing," City of East Lansing, agenda item report for the April 4, 2023, council meeting; "East Lansing City Council Recognizes Marginalized Groups," Spartan Newsroom, Michigan State University, April 2023

Response

The Middle East Forum sent a request for comment on October 26, 2026, by email. No reply had been received when this page was published.

Questions for policymakers

1. What review did the funding agencies conduct of statements broadcast by Islamic Center of East Lansing before awarding $46,899?
2. Was East Lansing City Council briefed on the institution's speakers before the resolution on March 5, 2024?