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Hudson-Webber Foundation announces over one million in new grants to support inclusive economic development, and for projects and partnerships that address structural barriers to opportunity for Detroiters

DETROIT - Hudson-Webber Foundation has announced ten new grants totaling \$1,714,500, supporting projects that reflect the Detroit-based foundation's commitment to improving the lives of all Detroiters through policy and research, community and economic development, building safe and just communities, and creating opportunities for all Detroiters to attain prosperity.

The organizations approved by the foundation's board of trustees for grants are: the Council of Michigan Foundations, the Detroit Justice Center, the Detroit Regional Partnership, the Eastern Market Partnership, Jefferson East Inc., the Michigan Collaborative to End Mass Incarceration, Midtown Detroit, Inc., the Public Rights Project, United Community Housing Coalition, and the Vera Institute for Justice.

Hudson-Webber Foundation's most recent investments include funding for the development of inclusive economic development strategies in Detroit's Eastern Market District, neighborhoods along the East Jefferson corridor, and for the region of southeast Michigan, funding to help enable a more connected and cohesive cultural district in Midtown, and support for projects and partnerships that address structural barriers to opportunity for Detroiters, including justice-system contact.

"The Foundation is proud to support neighborhood-serving organizations that are stewarding programs and projects that are responsive to community needs and concerns, and that deeply engage residents in creating a vision for improving neighborhood vitality and well-being," said Melanca Clark, president and CEO of Hudson-Webber Foundation. "We are also making investments in organizations that are not tied to particular a geography, but are engaged in the

critical work of addressing structural barriers that impede progress for a vast majority of Detroiters.”

The list of grantees approved in April and June includes:

Safe and Just Communities

- [The Vera Institute of Justice](#) has been awarded a \$94,500 grant to support a comprehensive study of Wayne County jail usage for stakeholders that make decisions that impact the Wayne County jail system. This project will produce reliable data on current jail system practices that can inform new approaches for protecting public safety while addressing fairness and equity, efficiency, and issues of community public health.
- [The Detroit Justice Center](#) has been awarded a \$125,000 grant to support legal services for Detroiters with justice-system contact while engaging with communities to create economic opportunity and promote equitable and just cities.
- [The Michigan Collaborative to End Incarceration](#) (MI-CEMI) has been awarded a \$200,000 grant to expand its operational capacity to address mass incarceration at the state and local level by cultivating partnerships and providing a platform for multiple organizations to focus strategically on shared goals. The grant will be administered through the Michigan League for Public Policy as MI-CEMI’s fiscal sponsor.
- [Jefferson East, Inc.](#) has been awarded a \$330,000 operating grant to fund new and ongoing safety programs and operations in neighborhoods along the corridor between downtown Detroit and Grosse Pointe, including Lafayette Park, Rivertown, the Villages, the Marina District and Jefferson-Chalmers.

Community and Economic Development

- [The Public Rights Project](#) (PRP) has been awarded a \$150,000 grant to establish a two-year attorney fellowship with the City of Detroit to support the city’s affirmative litigation and community engagement efforts. The grant will be administered through the Tide’s Center as PRP’s fiscal sponsor.
- [Eastern Market Partnership](#) (EMP) has been awarded a \$300,000 operating grant to advance its comprehensive community and economic development efforts, including job growth and entrepreneurship within the Eastern Market District.
- The [Detroit Regional Partnership](#) (DRP) has been awarded a \$150,000 grant to support the development of an inclusive regional economic strategy for Southeast Michigan, in

partnership with the Brookings Institution Metropolitan Policy program. The grant will be administered through the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan as DRP's fiscal sponsor.

Built Environment

- [Midtown Detroit, Inc.](#) has been awarded a \$150,000 grant to support the coordination and development of a comprehensive conceptual design framework for Detroit's Midtown Cultural Connection project which is a collaborative effort to align 12 cultural and educational institutions to create a more connected and cohesive cultural district in Midtown.
- [United Community Housing Coalition](#) (UHC) has been awarded a \$150,000 grant to help Detroit tenants and homeowners avoid eviction from tax foreclosure and stabilize neighborhoods through the "Make it Home" Program.

Policy and Research

- [The Council of Michigan Foundations](#) (CMF) has been awarded a \$65,000 grant for the Governor's Office of the Foundation Liaison's (OFL) ongoing efforts to facilitate strategic partnerships between state agencies and Michigan foundations that share mutual goals and interests.

Hudson-Webber Foundation grants approximately \$7 million annually to promote community and economic development, arts and culture, built environment, and safe and just communities, with an interest in policy and advocacy activities.

ABOUT the Hudson-Webber Foundation

The Hudson-Webber Foundation origins date back to 1939 with major contributions from Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Webber, other members of the Webber family and The J.L. Hudson Company. The foundation is governed by a 17-member board of trustees, with assets of approximately \$175 million, and has contributed over \$200 million to improve the quality of life in Detroit. The mission areas of the foundation include support of community and economic development, built environment, safe and just communities, and arts and culture.

To learn more about the Hudson-Webber Foundation, visit www.hudson-webber.org.

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