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Hudson-Webber Foundation announces over \$2.6 million in new grants to support arts and culture institutions, and to advance affordable housing and racial equity goals.

DETROIT - Hudson-Webber Foundation has announced 29 new grants totaling over \$2.6 million, with investments that help ensure the health and stability of a diverse group of arts and cultural organizations, increase access to quality housing for low-and moderate-income families in Detroit's stable and strengthening neighborhoods, and provide support for efforts to advance racial equity goals.

The Foundation's participation in the [Detroit Arts Support](#) program, a joint arts operating collaboration with the Kresge Foundation, the Erb Family Foundation, and the DeRoy Testamentary Foundation, accounts for 24 of the Hudson-Webber Foundation's current grants, representing an expansive set of investments in Detroit's arts and culture organizations, totaling nearly \$1.75 million. Individual arts grantees include:

- Allied Media Projects
- Arab American National Museum
- Arts League of Michigan/The Carr Center
- Center for Detroit Arts & Culture at Marygrove
- Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History
- Compás (Southwest Detroit Business Association)
- CultureSource
- Design Core Detroit
- Detroit Artists Market
- Detroit Historical Society
- Detroit Public Library Friends Foundation
- Detroit Public Theatre
- Michigan Science Center
- Mosaic Youth Theater
- Motown Historical Society
- Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit (MOCAD)
- Pewabic Society
- Signal-Return
- Sphinx Organization

These grants continue the Foundation’s commitment to providing essential operating support to organizations focused on advancing the vitality of communities and promoting cultural expression. Together with a grant to support CultureSource’s Creators of Culture program, these grants reflect a broad reach throughout the local arts ecosystem with support for neighborhood-based, culturally specific organizations and individual artists, which typically have had less access to philanthropic dollars, as well as to the city’s anchor institutions.

“We are thrilled to provide core operating support to a diverse group of arts and culture organizations from across Detroit,” said Melanca Clark, president of the Hudson-Webber Foundation. “These organizations reflect and contribute to the unique character and vitality of Detroit and Detroiters. We’re so pleased to participate in the Detroit Arts Support program, which forms a key base of support for the sustainability of the sector and its ability to thrive.”

At their September meeting, Hudson-Webber Foundation’s Board of Trustees also approved program grants for Detroit LISC, Eastern Market Partnership, The Heidelberg Project and New Detroit, Inc.

“The Board of Trustees has approved grants for organizations that are deploying arts and cultural strategies towards community planning and development goals, and to those that are working to ensure access to affordable housing and advancing racial equity,” said Clark. “These investments reflect the Foundation’s continuing commitment to efforts that strengthen and celebrate our city and its vibrant communities.”

The full list of grantees approved in September includes:

Arts and Culture

- [The Detroit Arts Support Program \(DAS\)](#) - \$1,755,000 will be allocated through the program to 24 local arts and culture organizations and institutions that are elevating the national and local profile of Detroit’s arts and culture scene, working to advance opportunities for low-income individuals and people of color to engage in the creation or curation of arts and culture activities, and strengthening the nonprofit arts and culture sector.
- [CultureSource](#) has been awarded a \$50,000 grant to support the launch of their Creators of Culture program, which provides resources, marketing and technical support for small arts organizations, individual artists and unique collaborations.
- [The Heidelberg Project](#) has been awarded an \$85,000 grant to support the creation of a development plan for the Heidelberg Project Arts District, which will shape the next phase of the Heidelberg Project’s engagement with, and contributions to, the growth and sustainability of the McDougall-Hunt neighborhood.

- [Eastern Market Partnership](#) has been awarded a \$25,000 grant to support [Murals in the Market](#), a renowned mural festival that utilizes the entirety of the Market District for programming intended to build deeper connectivity between residents, businesses and neighborhood visitors. The year-long project launches with a week-long festival in September, and continues with support for art installations that are created, maintained and programmed throughout the year.

Built Environment

- [The Detroit Local Initiatives Support Corporation \(Detroit LISC\)](#) has been awarded a three-year, \$600,000 grant to support increased staff capacity to implement the City of Detroit's Affordable Housing Leverage Fund (AHLF). A \$200 million partnership between Detroit LISC, the City of Detroit and Michigan State Housing Development Authority, AHLF's mission is to create new, and preserve existing, affordable housing units in Detroit in areas of growth.

Policy and Research

- [New Detroit, Inc.](#) has been awarded a two-year, \$100,000 grant to support the completion and early implementation of New Detroit's Strategic Plan, with a focus on building organizational infrastructure, accelerating the organization's ability to deploy itself as a strategic thought leader on racial equity, and to advocate for policy change to achieve racial equity in the region.

Hudson-Webber Foundation grants approximately \$7 million annually to promote community and economic development, arts and culture, built environment, and safe and just communities.

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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