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Hudson-Webber Foundation awards over \$2 million to support resident-centered approaches to reducing and preventing violence, strengthening neighborhoods, and enable policy efforts to advance equity

DETROIT – Hudson-Webber Foundation’s Board of Trustees has approved new grants totaling over \$2 million, empowering organizations whose missions align with the Foundation’s focus on advancing equity and opportunity for all Detroiters. In addition to providing funding for several programs that expand resident-centered approaches to reducing and preventing violence, the grants awarded also strengthen community and economic development efforts in neighborhoods throughout the city, and enable research and advocacy to advance equity.

Following the Board of Trustee’s March 2022 meeting, the list of organizations receiving new and continuing support from Hudson-Webber includes: CHN Housing Partners Detroit, Midtown Detroit, Inc., Michigan Future, Inc., Hyphen Partners, Neighborhood Defenders Service, Inc., and Force Detroit.

The Foundation’s support for community-based violence intervention infrastructure in the current slate of grants aligns with previous investments in strategies that take a preventative approach to violence by addressing the root causes of crime, leveraging trusted peacekeepers in the community to intervene in and mitigate conflict, and connect people to services that reduce the likelihood of violence.

“This is an important moment for investment in efforts to build neighborhood safety,” said Melanca Clark, president and CEO of Hudson-Webber Foundation, “The sustained work of Detroit leaders advancing community-based violence intervention initiatives is being met by action at the federal level, providing an opportunity to help position the field to access substantial public funding for scaling proven and innovative approaches to address violence, where residents are at the center of devising solutions that advance peace and community well-being.”

Additionally, the Foundation has approved two *in memoriam* grants, to the Children’s Hospital of Michigan and Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, to honor the legacy of Hudson-Webber Trustee and former Foundation President & CEO, Gilbert Hudson, [who passed away on Feb. 24, 2022](#).

The list of grants approved at the board’s March 2022 meeting includes:

Safe & Just Communities

- [Force Detroit](#) has been awarded \$100,000 to strengthen its capacity to facilitate and develop neighborhood-based community violence interruption infrastructure in Detroit.



- [Hyphen Partners](#) has been awarded \$50,000 to bolster the capacity of grassroots Community Violence Intervention (CVI) organizations in Detroit, and to increase their access to federal and other public funding sources.
- [Neighborhood Defenders Service, Inc.](#) has been awarded \$300,000 over two years to support its data analytic capacity to assess the impact of its community-based holistic public defense, and to advance policy and practice improvements.

Policy & Research

- [Michigan Future, Inc.](#) has been awarded \$150,000 over two years to support research, communications and advocacy that advances the Rising Income for All project. This project is a key element of a statewide policy agenda focused on improving economic stability and opportunities for Michigan families.

Community & Economic Development

- [CHN Housing Partners Detroit](#) has been awarded \$250,000 over two years to support implementation capacity for the Detroit Housing Network and its single-family housing strategy in neighborhoods across Detroit.
- [Midtown Detroit, Inc.](#) has been awarded \$1,050,000 over three years to provide general operating support to continue its mission to support and enhance community & economic development in the Midtown and New Center areas.

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ABOUT Hudson Webber Foundation

The Hudson-Webber Foundation's 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 15-member board of trustees, with assets of approximately \$200 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.