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**HUDSON-WEBBER FOUNDATION'S \$3.2 MILLION IN NEW GRANTS TO UPLIFT COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PRESERVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, SUPPORT NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS AND ADDRESS YOUTH JUSTICE IN DETROIT**

*Support also aids partner exploring how funders can advance a “restorative” approach to their investments in the city and region*

**DETROIT** – The Trustees of the **Hudson-Webber Foundation** today awarded new grants totaling \$3.2 million to six select organizations responsible for driving positive change and leading empowering programs and initiatives that directly impact the lives of residents throughout metro Detroit.

Recipient organizations are GenesisHope, Enterprise Community Partners, Community Development Advocates of Detroit, Chandler Park Conservancy and the Michigan Center for Justice.

The funding enables new and ongoing projects that have adapted to address the evolving needs of Detroit’s communities while enhancing the impact of the Foundation’s traditional funding strategies.

The grants approved by the Board of Trustees commit resources to programs that advance equitable workforce development, explore unique solutions to preserve affordable housing and support neighborhood parks and urban green spaces. These grants also facilitate community development projects that align with the Foundation’s objective to support Detroit neighborhoods that provide high-level opportunities and quality of life for residents. The new grants include initiatives that ensure Detroiters retain access to healthy fresh food, along with incubating and accelerating the growth of local food businesses and addressing youth justice through community-based innovative strategies that are racially unbiased.

“At the Hudson-Webber Foundation, we intentionally seek to identify grantee partners who share our vision of ensuring that all Detroiters are full participants in the city’s growth and that structural barriers for opportunities are removed,” said Melanca Clark, president and CEO of Hudson-Webber Foundation. “We’re glad to provide investment that will help these organizations continue to make a positive impact throughout Detroit.”

The list of grants approved at the Trustee’s June 2023 meeting are:

**Community & Economic Development**

- [GenesisHope](#) has been awarded \$150,000 to acquire vacant properties located in the city’s [Islandview](#) and [Greater Villages](#) neighborhood to be controlled and held in perpetuity for residents. This will ensure future affordable housing and commercial development before property costs become unaffordable for community partners and residents through speculation and gentrification.

- [Enterprise Community Partners](#) has been awarded \$1.6 million to support Phase Two of the Enterprise Detroit Community Development Organization Fund and its Elevating Community Development Organization Fund designed to deliver critical operating support, leadership development and technical assistance to emerging, grassroots nonprofits that are led by Black, Indigenous and people of color.
- [Eastern Market Partnership](#) has been awarded \$450,000 to retain existing and attract new food processing and distribution jobs, support the participation of minority-owned businesses through coordinating and integrating accelerator programs and create a variety of pricing tools to ensure businesses are not displaced due to soaring rent, that the purchasing power of moderate families remains strong and inexpensive space is still available to hatch arts-related businesses. Since 2004, the Hudson-Webber Foundation has granted more than \$2.44 million to the Eastern Market Partnership.
- [Community Development Advocates of Detroit \(CDAD\)](#) has been awarded \$550,000 to support general operating costs covering staffing, administration and program dollars for research and to support the Rebuilding Homes Together pilot, a neighborhood-based single-family home redevelopment initiative. CDAD has been a key partner in the development of Detroit's neighborhoods for more than 20 years. a CDAD also provides training to improve the professional capacity of community development organizations in Detroit.

### **Built Environment**

- The [Chandler Park Conservancy](#) has been awarded \$300,000 for general support to sustain the continued redevelopment of the 200-plus acre Chandler Park into a high-quality, multi-facility urban conservation campus, the only one of its kind in Michigan.

### **Safe & Just Communities**

- The [Michigan Center for Youth Justice](#) has been awarded \$150,000 to advance advocacy work to address youth justice with an object to reduce crime and victimization through innovative strategies that are socially equitable and improve community well-being.

In addition to the above grant announcements, the Hudson-Webber Foundation also provided funding support to Detroit Future City, a Foundation grantee and thought partner, to produce a report that explores how local philanthropy support can advance truly inclusive economic growth in collaboration with the community, the public sector and other stakeholders. The report, entitled [Funding Equitable Community and Economic Development: The Role of Philanthropy in Advancing Economic Equity](#) provides valuable insights into how funders can advance a “restorative” approach to their investments in the city and region.

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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 13-member board of trustees, with assets of approximately \$190 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](http://www.hudson-webber.org).*