



January 2026 Grants List

Organization	Purpose	Amount
Arts & Culture		
Allied Media Projects Detroit, Michigan	to support safety measures and security training	\$40,000
Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings (ArtOps) Southfield, Michigan	to study, design and implement the optimal governance structure for ArtOps, Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings, and the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival	\$100,000
Detroit Opera Detroit, Michigan	for general operating support and to invest in a new business model	\$3,000,000 over 3 years
Jazz at Lincoln Center, Inc New York, New York	to send 10 Detroit-area music educators annually to Band Director Academy in New York City	\$132,000 over 3 years
CultureSource Detroit, Michigan	to administer the Detroit Arts Support 2025-2028 cycle	\$16,000 in year 2 of 4

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Alzheimer's Research		
Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc. Chicago, Illinois	to enhance support of early-career dementia scientists with special awards named for Fred and Barbara Erb	\$655,000 in year 4 of 5

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Democracy		
American Civil Liberties Fund of Michigan Detroit, Michigan	to protect and advance the right to vote through targeted local engagement and collaboration with state partners	\$250,000
Young Black Lawyers Organizing Coalition Dallas, Texas	to deploy young Black lawyers to protect and empower Black voters	\$120,000
Institute for Responsive Government Chicago, Illinois	to support the implementation of pro-voter policies and successful election administration in Michigan in 2026	\$500,000
Michigan State Chamber Foundation Lansing, Michigan	to support recruitment of diverse poll workers	\$215,000
Michigan Voices Detroit, Michigan	to ensure that every voter has access to a ballot to cast their vote	\$2,000,000
Promote the Vote Fund Lansing, Michigan	to support coordination and support of the nonpartisan, statewide election protection plan	\$250,000
Promote the Vote Fund Lansing, Michigan	for public education around citizenship voting issues	\$80,000
SD Foundation (Voting Rights Lab) Washington, DC	to ensure that there are free and fair elections in Michigan in 2026	\$200,000

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Great Lakes		
Alliance for the Great Lakes Chicago, Illinois	to convene leaders to reimagine the policies that will govern the Great Lakes of the future	\$243,000
Belle Isle Conservancy Detroit, Michigan	for general operating support	\$300,000 over 3 years
Council of Great Lakes Governors Inc Chicago, Illinois	to support the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Sustainable Agriculture Initiative	\$191,000

Environmental Law & Policy Center of the Midwest Chicago, Illinois	to reduce agriculture pollution in the Michigan portion of the western Lake Erie basin	\$300,000 over 2 years
Freshwater Future Petoskey, Michigan	for general operating support and to expand Freshwater Future's major donor program	\$850,000 over 3 years
Institute for Journalism & Natural Resources Madison, Wisconsin	to support a fellowship program training early career journalists covering environmental issues in communities across the Great Lakes basin	\$300,000 over 2 years
Michigan Association of Conservation Districts Flint, Michigan	to strengthen the organization's capacity, leadership, and systems for statewide conservation coordination and water-quality outcomes	\$1,568,000 over 3 years
Minneapolis Foundation Minneapolis, Minnesota	for general operating support for the Midwest Environmental Justice Network	\$1,000,000 over 2 years
National Wildlife Federation Ann Arbor, Michigan	to support the 2026 Healing Our Waters Annual Conference in Detroit	\$35,000
National Wildlife Federation Ann Arbor, Michigan	to identify gaps in the environmental regulatory framework in the Great Lakes Region	\$100,000
River Raisin Watershed Council Adrian, Michigan	to establish an operating reserve fund	\$155,000
University of Michigan (Water Center) Ann Arbor, Michigan	to support the Great Lakes Horizons project	\$610,000
Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Exeter, Ontario	to increase awareness, implement best management practices, support agricultural drainage research, and undertake monitoring to protect and improve watershed health in the Main Bayfield watershed	\$67,000 in year 2 of 3
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Washington, DC	to support the grantmaking and administration of the Southeast Michigan Resilience Fund	\$200,000 in year 3 of 3
Northeast-Midwest Institute Washington, DC	to empower and grow the Congressional Great Lakes Task Force through policy education and engagement and grow it by orienting new Members of Congress	\$70,000 in year 3 of 3

Wayne State University Detroit, Michigan	to Healthy Urban Waters for field sampling field sampling, community engagement/involvement, and formulation of mitigation applications for environmental stewardship of watershed resources	\$270,000 in year 3 of 3
Clinton River Watershed Council Rochester Hills, Michigan	for general operating support	\$245,000 in year 2 of 3
Friends of the Detroit River Taylor, Michigan	for general operating support	\$190,000 in year 2 of 3
Friends of the Rouge Plymouth, Michigan	for general operating support	\$335,000 in year 2 of 3
Huron River Watershed Council Ann Arbor, Michigan	for general operating support	\$415,000 in year 2 of 3
River Raisin Watershed Council Adrian, Michigan	for general operating support	\$60,000 in year 2 of 3

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Legacy		

Cranbrook Educational Community Bloomfield Hills, Michigan	to support campus-wide sustainability, energy, and hydrology studies	\$1,010,000
Friends of the Community Foundations of Canada Tempe, Arizona	to establish a donor advised fund at the London Community Foundation	\$100,000

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Special Opportunities		

Michigan Community Resources Detroit, Michigan	to activate a continuum of care that addresses the full range of nonprofit needs in this moment	\$450,000 over 3 years
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Sustainable Business		
Inforum Detroit, Michigan	to transition the Sustainable Business Network of Detroit to an Inforum industry group centered on sustainability	\$200,000 over 2 years
Lawrence Technological University Southfield, Michigan	for Centrepolis to provide technical and capital assistance focused on sustainability to small and medium-sized manufacturing and hardtech companies in Southeast Michigan	\$750,000 over 3 years
Local First Educational Foundation (d/b/a People First Economy) Grand Rapids, Michigan	to expand reach of the People First Economy technical assistance and implementation grants to more small businesses in Southeast Michigan	\$600,000 over 3 years
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Environmental Health & Justice (program sunset in 2024 and incorporated as a lens for Great Lakes and Sustainable Business grantmaking in spenddown)		
Ecology Center Ann Arbor, Michigan	to strengthen the Clear the Air Coalition and raise awareness about air quality in Michigan	\$200,000 in year 2 of 3
Grand Total		\$18,372,000