

**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**



As I reflect on the past two years at the McGregor Fund, the grantmaking framework rolled out in 2017 strikes me as both reflective of our founders and aligned with contemporary thought leadership. This past May, the US Partnership on Mobility from Poverty wrapped up a two-year research initiative to answer the question: What would it take to dramatically increase mobility from poverty? Staffed by the Urban Institute and funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, it brought together some of the social sector’s leading doers and thinkers to learn together from research and practice, site visits and direct community input. (You can read about the Partnership, its takeaways at [www.mcgregorfund.org/stories\\_and\\_insights/us-partnership-on-mobility-from-poverty/](http://www.mcgregorfund.org/stories_and_insights/us-partnership-on-mobility-from-poverty/))

Early on, the Partnership clarified its vision of mobility from poverty and articulated three underlying principles: “that people achieve a reasonable standard of living [1] with the dignity that comes from having power over their lives [2] and being engaged in and valued by their community.” [3] I was heartened by this language, which captures the principles that guided our founders, Tracy and Katherine McGregor, and the spirit of our current grantmaking priorities.

While the Partnership’s findings did not include any silver bullets, it landed on five key strategies for supporting and accelerating mobility from poverty. Two of these strategies, provide support that empowers and transform data use, particularly affirm how the McGregor Fund is working today.

The Fund’s three focus areas – [basic needs](#), [recovery and restoration](#), and [skill building](#) – align with the Partnership’s call for service delivery systems that empower people by taking a “whole person” approach. Since revising our grantmaking framework in February 2017, we’ve come to more deeply appreciate that the causes and consequences of poverty are multi-faceted and affect nearly every aspect of a person’s life. “Whole person” approaches wrap around the individual, and provide meaningful, holistic opportunities that address multiple barriers and promote a sense of self-agency. They challenge traditional top-down, fragmented service delivery, which can be overly prescriptive and difficult for individuals to navigate, and there is mounting evidence that whole-person approaches are what works.

Unique for a private foundation of our size, the Fund is also contributing meaningfully to a number of community conversations around data utilization, and offering thought partnership to grantees who are trying to improve their internal performance measurement capability.

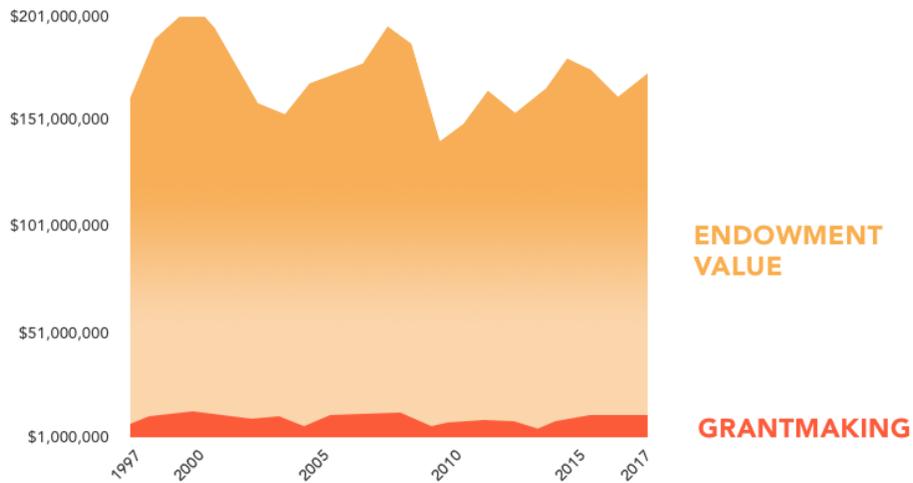
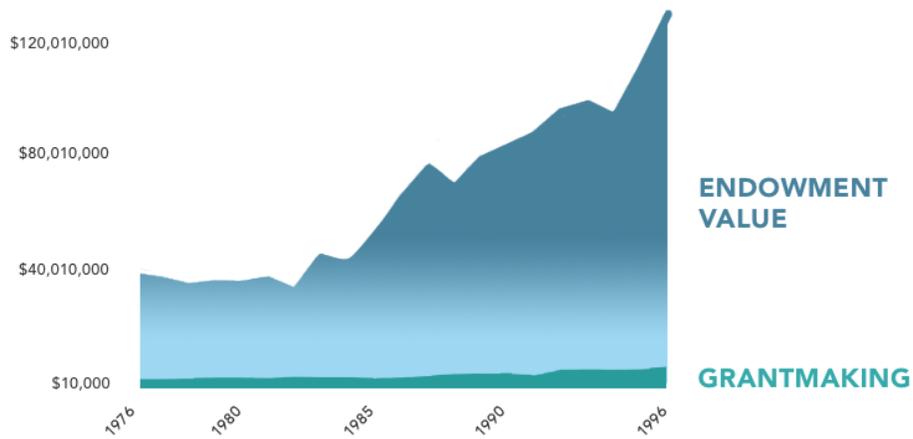
Perhaps most important, I’d offer that the findings from the Partnership affirm much of the superb work underway in our local community, some of which the Fund has the privilege to support [www.mcgregorfund.org/grant-process/grants-awarded/](http://www.mcgregorfund.org/grant-process/grants-awarded/). While it is important to learn from national work – in this case led by some of the country’s leading intellectuals, practitioners and policy minds – sometimes we also appreciate confirmation about the quality and direction of local efforts.

With gratitude,

Kate

# FINANCIALS

## HISTORICAL MCGREGOR FUND GRANTMAKING vs. ENDOWMENT GROWTH



For the last 20 years, McGregor Fund has continued to sustainably infuse charitable capital into the Detroit community through skillful leveraging of our founders' original contributions, all while expanding the endowment.



## HISTORY

*"Our mission is to relieve the misfortunes and promote the well being of humankind."*

# 2016-2017 GRANTS AWARDED

## 2016

ORGANIZATION	GRANT TITLE	GRANT AMOUNT	GRANT PERIOD (YEARS)	GRANT PRIORITY
Accounting Aid Society	General Operations	\$90,000	1	Basic Needs
Coalition On Temporary Shelter	General Operations	\$300,000	1	Basic Needs
Arab Community Center for Economic & Social Services (ACCESS)	General Operations	\$75,000	1	Basic Needs
Global Detroit	Capacity Building for Refugee Work	\$32,500	1	Basic Needs
Central United Methodist Church CDC	NOAH Project	\$80,000	1	Basic Needs
American Red Cross - Southeastern Michigan Chapter	General Operations	\$100,000	1	Basic Needs
Crossroads of Michigan	General Operations	\$100,000	1	Basic Needs
Forgotten Harvest, Inc.	General Operations	\$300,000	1	Basic Needs
Lighthouse of Oakland County	General Operations	\$100,000	1	Basic Needs
South Oakland Shelter	HandUp Collaboration	\$50,000	1	Basic Needs
Wayne State University	At-Risk Student Needs	\$200,000	1	Basic Needs
Arab Community Center for Economic & Social Services (ACCESS)	Eugene A. Miller Fellowship	\$50,000	1	Miller Fellowship
InsideOut Literary Arts Project	Expansion of the Citywide Poets program	\$150,000	3	Prior Grant Priority
Michigan Science Center	General Operations	\$100,000	1	Prior Grant Priority
Detroit Historical Society	General Operations	\$200,000	1	Prior Grant Priority
Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Inc.	General Operations	\$900,000	3	Prior Grant Priority
Michigan Opera Theatre	General Operations	\$150,000	1	Prior Grant Priority
Museum of African American History	General Operations	\$100,000	1	Prior Grant Priority
Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit	General Operations	\$60,000	1	Prior Grant Priority
Wayne County SAFE Program	General Operations	\$90,000	1	Recovery & Restoration
Dawn, Inc.	General Operations	\$65,000	1	Recovery & Restoration
Turning Point	General Operations	\$75,000	1	Recovery & Restoration
HAVEN, Inc.	General Operations	\$90,000	1	Recovery & Restoration

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Cass Community Social Services, Inc.	Tiny Homes Project	\$100,000	1	Basic Needs
Mercy Education Project	Career Readiness Project & Operating Reserve	\$250,000	2	Basic Needs
Accounting Aid Society	General Operations & Capacity Building	\$156,000	1	Basic Needs
Central United Methodist Church of Detroit Community Development Corp	General Operations	\$80,000	1	Basic Needs
South Oakland Shelter	Capital Support	\$125,000	1	Basic Needs
American Red Cross - Southeastern Michigan Chapter	General Operating Support	\$100,000	1	Basic Needs
Arab Community Center for Economic & Social Services (ACCESS)	General Operating	\$200,000	1	Basic Needs
Coalition On Temporary Shelter	Annual Operations	\$300,000	1	Basic Needs
Covenant Community Care, Inc.	New FQHC Capital	\$250,000	1	Basic Needs
Crossroads of Michigan	General Operating Support	\$100,000	1	Basic Needs
Focus Hope	Food Program and Capital Support	\$350,000	1	Basic Needs
Forgotten Harvest Inc.	General Operating Support	\$300,000	1	Basic Needs
Gleaners Community Food Bank Inc.	General Operating Support	\$125,000	1	Basic Needs
Hope Hospitality and Warming Center Inc.	Recuperative Care Center	\$125,000	2	Basic Needs
Humble Design Inc.	Dearborn Warehouse Startup	\$100,000	1	Basic Needs
Lighthouse of Oakland County Inc.	General Operating Support	\$50,000	1	Basic Needs
Macomb County Warming Center	General Operations	\$90,000	2	Basic Needs
Greenlight Fund, Inc.	Greenlight Detroit Fund launch	\$50,000	1	Collaborative Initiatives
Citizens Research Council of Michigan Inc	General Operating	\$30,000	1	Foundation Directed
Corporation for Supportive Housing	Homeless System Technical Assistance	\$240,000	2	Foundation Directed
Michigan Community Resources	General Operations	\$65,000	1	Foundation Directed
Michigan League for Public Policy	General Operating	\$50,000	1	Foundation Directed
Southeast Michigan Community Alliance Inc.	Workforce Intelligence Network's (WIN) Talent Research and Analysis Project	\$100,000	2	Foundation Directed
The Center for Michigan Inc.	Bridge Magazine	\$30,000	1	Foundation Directed
The Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia	McGregor Collection Digitization Project	\$70,000	1	Foundation Directed
NonProfit Enterprise at Work	Capacity Building Services	\$40,000	1	Organizational Capacity
Michigan Science Center	General Operations	\$100,000	1	Prior Grant Priority

## 2017 cont.

Sphinx Organization, Inc.	General Operations	\$120,000	2	Prior Grant Priority
Dawn, Inc.	General Operations	\$65,000	1	Recovery & Restoration
Turning Point	General Operations	\$75,000	1	Recovery & Restoration
Wayne County SAFE Program	General Operations & Capacity Building	\$400,000	2	Recovery & Restoration
Mariners Inn	Recovery Housing Project	\$300,000	2	Recovery & Restoration
Alternatives For Girls	General Operating Support	\$200,000	1	Recovery and Restoration
Common Ground	Crisis Line Expansion	\$80,000	2	Recovery and Restoration
First Step - The Western Wayne County Project on Domestic Assault	General Operating Support	\$75,000	1	Recovery and Restoration
HAVEN, Inc.	General Operating	\$90,000	2	Recovery and Restoration
Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency	Wayne County LGBTQ Juvenile Justice Project	\$150,000	2	Recovery and Restoration
Ruth Ellis Center, Inc.	Juvenile Justice Project	\$235,000	2	Recovery and Restoration
Vista Maria	Permanent Supportive Housing for Young Adults	\$140,000	1	Recovery and Restoration
Family Independence Initiative	Phase 2 of Detroit Expansion Project	\$400,000	2	Skill Building
Michigan Organizing Project	Family Navigator Program	\$120,000	3	Skill Building
Racquet Up Detroit	Youth Development Work	\$100,000	1	Skill Building
Detroit Food & Entrepreneurship Academy	General Operating Support	\$75,000	1	Skill Building
Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation	General Operating Support	\$100,000	1	Skill Building
Developing Kingdoms In Different Stages	General Operating Support	\$85,000	1	Skill Building
Downtown Boxing Gym Youth Program	General Operating Support	\$85,000	1	Skill Building
Empowerment Plan	Workforce Program	\$180,000	2	Skill Building
Greening of Detroit	Detroit Conservation Corps	\$350,000	1	Skill Building
Michigan Historic Preservation Network	Living Trades Academy	\$60,000	1	Skill Building
Midnight Golf Program	High School to Career Program	\$100,000	1	Skill Building
Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit	General Operating	\$60,000	1	Skill Building
Neighborhood Service Organization	Youth Initiatives Project	\$100,000	1	Skill Building
Restaurant Opportunities Centers Roc United Inc.	Restore Detroit	\$200,000	2	Skill Building
Student Advocacy Center of Michigan Inc.	Check and Connect Mentoring Program	\$100,000	2	Skill Building
Urban Neighborhood Initiatives	General Operating Support	\$75,000	1	Skill Building
Chalkbeat	Launch of Chalkbeat Detroit	\$50,000	1	Tools for Engagement