

2026 Impact100 Metro Detroit Grant Finalists

Arts and Culture

PASC Pathways Project

Progressive Art Studio Collective (PASC) is an art studio and exhibition program dedicated to supporting adults with developmental disabilities and/or mental health differences to advance individual career paths in contemporary art. Programming includes exhibition of client artists' work for sale at various locations, art fairs, and galleries. Guided field trips to museums, galleries, artist studios, and public art spaces, allow participants to gain first-hand exposure to diverse art practices, exhibition models, and creative careers. Grant funds will be utilized for purchasing an accessible passenger van, which is essential infrastructure for sustaining and scaling the field trip program for adults with disabilities.

Education

Holley Family Village Community Health and Literacy Program Expansion

Holley Institute provides life-enhancing programs for families with members experiencing hearing loss, vision loss or deafness. The Community Health and Literacy Program (CHLP), deaf-led and family-centered, addresses a critical and persistent unmet need among Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D/HH) children and their families: equitable access to early language, literacy, and health education delivered in an accessible and culturally responsive way. Funding from Impact100 Metro Detroit will allow expansion of the program both in terms of reach and program length.

Health and Wellness

Say Detroit Mi Cycle

Mi-Cycle is a program that repairs used bikes, builds new bikes, and provides them to children and adults in underserved communities to combat school-age absenteeism in Detroit Public Schools, and provide transportation for work, medical care, recreation and other activities. Funds from the grant would allow SAY Detroit to develop and operate a mobile workshop to better facilitate the program by purchasing a used cargo van and outfitting it with the tools and supplies necessary to create a mobile bicycle workshop, bringing services directly to users at schools and other facilities, significantly expanding the

program's current reach. Grant funds would also be used to purchase additional bikes, helmets, locks, and other related equipment.

Family and Individual Support

Elli's House Freedom Path Home

Elli's House's mission is to abolish sex trafficking in the city of Detroit through building relationships, offering safe shelter, and providing education. Freedom Path Home is a new, non-residential drop-in initiative of Elli's House designed to address critical unmet needs among unhoused women impacted by substance use, mental health challenges, and human trafficking in Detroit's 7 Mile/Chalmers area. This program supports the mission by deepening relationship-based outreach, reducing vulnerability to trafficking, and serving as a critical bridge between street engagement and long-term shelter. Funds will primarily support the purchase of the house, and necessary updates and repairs to ensure the home is safe, welcoming, and fully functional for program operations.

Recreation, Revitalization, and Environment

Detroit Public Library Foundation Code Grow: Neighborhood Future Lab

Code Grow is an interdisciplinary youth development program that integrates digital literacy, environmental education and workforce readiness through youth-powered urban agriculture and tech training. Participants learn to design, build, and program robotic systems that support food production while developing workforce-ready STEM skills. Currently only available as a summer activity, this project expands availability through the creation of a state-of-the-art, technology-enabled greenhouse that serves as a living classroom and innovation lab. Grant funds will be used to purchase and build the greenhouse (and supporting equipment) within walking distance of several schools.