



2025 Michigan Urban Conservation & Community Grants

Overview:

With significant support from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, The Conservation Fund is pleased to announce the 2025 Michigan Urban Conservation & Community Grant Program. Grantees may receive up to \$20,000 in grant funding as well as technical assistance plus coaching designed to guide successful advancement of urban conservation projects. The grant program aims to support community-led projects that transform vacant and underutilized urban land into new, expanded, improved, or publicly accessible greenspaces in cities in the following cities: **Detroit, Flint, Saginaw, St. Clair Shores, Royal Oak, Pontiac, Dearborn Heights, and Warren.**

What We're Looking For:

Proposed projects should address the following priority elements:

- **Site Control:** Projects should include an identified project site, and a plan to secure some form of durable site control: conservation land acquisition, permanent site control, conservation easement, or similar long-term rights for public benefit. For example, the project could involve securing rights to vacant properties to establish a new community garden; engaging in an active redevelopment project that includes a permanent greenspace element; gaining a long-term commitment from local government or private landowners for green space set-asides; or acquiring title to land to expand a neighborhood park or trail. This component does not need to be the primary focus of the project, but a successful project should address dedicated land conservation. [Note: applicant organization does not need to directly assume site control, provided that the proposed conservation action is assured for the longer term. Project partnerships with local land trusts and other entities that are able to “hold conservation land” are highly encouraged.]
- **Community Engagement:** Projects must include a community outreach and engagement plan. Projects are expected to collaborate with diverse community partners and provide opportunities for public engagement through community planning meetings, and educational or volunteer-focused events. Furthermore, projects should help empower residents to tackle real-world environmental and socioeconomic challenges in their community. For example, the project might engage the neighborhood in creating a community garden to increase access to fresh, affordable, and healthy produce.

Please be sure to review the official announcement for this grant opportunity in detail before starting your application. The full grant announcement can be found at: [Official Grant Announcement](#)

Questions?

Please reach out to Isabelle Lyon at ilyon@conservationfund.org with any questions.



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1. Organizational Information

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EIN/Tax ID	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>
Address 2	<input type="text"/>
City/Town	<input type="text"/>
State/Province	<input type="text" value="-- select state --"/>
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Website	<input type="text"/>

2. Please state the mission/goals of your organization

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4. Primary Contact Information

First Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Position/Title	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>
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Project Information

5. Amount Requested from TCF

6. Total Project Budget (including amount requested from TCF)

7. Project Title

8. Project Description; up to 250 words.

9. Please describe the Site Control Component of your proposed project; up to 250 words.

10. Please describe the Community Outreach and Engagement Plan; up to 250 words.

11. Project Start and End Date

Start Date

Date

MM/DD/YYYY

End Date

Date

MM/DD/YYYY

12. Timeline of Major Activities/Milestones. Please list the significant activities/milestones for your project (e.g., host fall community engagement event, project groundbreaking, etc.) and include an estimated deadline for when each activity will be completed. [Link to example.](#)

13. Core Project Team (Up to 5)

Name/Title/Bio/Role in Project:

14. Anticipated Metrics (For example: Number of community members engaged, Number of new outreach or engagement materials created, Square feet/ Acres of urban green space created or enhanced, Linear feet of river or stream restored, Other Key Performance Indicators defined by Grantee)



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15. Please upload a copy of your full project budget. [Click here](#) for an example.

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16. Other Expenses

17. Please Describe Funding Already Raised for the Project and Sources If Applicable



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Please share any additional materials related to your proposal, such as maps, concepts plans, or site photos. This form only allows one upload per question. If you do not have any media to share, please skip to the bottom of the page to complete your submission.

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