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MCF Announces \$935,000 in Community Impact Grants



Madison Community Foundation awarded \$935,000 in grants from its Community Impact fund to 19 Dane County nonprofits.

Community Impact grants are directed to organizations working in critical areas such as learning, community development, arts and culture, and the environment. These grants are made possible by donations from community members to MCF's Community Impact and Field of Interest funds. Contributions allow MCF to continue to support the organizations that are making the Greater Madison area a vibrant and inclusive place for all.

Tom Linfield, MCF's Vice President of Community Impact, remarked, "These grants represent the seeds of change, cultivating new programs, bolstering organizational structures, and nurturing community initiatives. From expanding home ownership opportunities to restoring waterways to ensuring the arts are accessible to a wide range of people, these nonprofits are the backbone of our region. MCF is proud to invest in these organizations, and to stand by their side as they work to achieve their vision."

MCF is committed to supporting the nonprofit organizations in our community that are working to nurture creativity, increase inclusivity, bolster learning and provide opportunities for our community members.

[See the full list of grants on page 3.](#)

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MCF Welcomes Two New Board Members in 2024

MCF welcomes new members to our Board of Governors each year. We are excited to be joined by Nancy Boebel and Frances Huntley-Cooper.

Nancy Boebel

Nancy has owned and operated her small businesses, Cream City Marketing for 25 years and Wallflower Market for eight years. Nancy is a dedicated community activist and has served on the board of the Lake Mills Main Street Program and Chamber of Commerce. She currently serves on the marketing advisory board of the Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation and the marketing committee of Good Friends, Inc. Nancy has been a fundholder with MCF for more than a decade and is a Legacy Society member.

Frances Huntley-Cooper

Frances has had a 28-year career as a Social Worker and Supervisor for the Dane County Department of Human Services working with children, youth and families. Frances has served on city, county, state, national and international boards and committees and was Wisconsin's first African-American mayor when she was elected Mayor of Fitchburg in 1991. Frances' political expertise and passion for assisting vulnerable individuals will be an asset to MCF.

We look forward to the many contributions they will make in their time on the board. MCF's board is made up of community members who volunteer their time and share their expertise and knowledge help support our work.



Earn Your CAP Credential Through MCF

Madison Community Foundation is inviting advisors to join its Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy group this year. The Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy® (CAP) credential is offered through the American College of Financial Services and provides donors, attorneys, tax planners, development professionals and wealth advisors with a common body of knowledge to better integrate charitable gift planning into donors' and clients' financial, business and estate plans.

Through the CAP program's three remote-learning graduate-level courses, advisors learn innovative ways to help donors and clients achieve a positive outcome for themselves, their family and their community while fulfilling their philanthropic goals. The cross-disciplinary curriculum synthesizes the art and science of philanthropic planning including taxation, finance, fundraising, purposeful planning, family office dynamics and strategic philanthropy.

MCF's CAP study group provides advisors an opportunity to join a cohort of professionals who will meet and learn together as they prepare for the CAP exams. MCF study group sessions feature guest speakers and provide opportunities to network, discuss the coursework, and share observations on how the lessons apply to participants' respective practices.

You can join MCF's learning cohort that will go through the course together starting in April 2024 through January 2025, or join the cohort's study sessions but work independently on your own timeline, taking up to five years to complete the coursework.

Learn more about the CAP credential [here](#) and read a blog by past participant, Anna Burish [here](#).

If you are interested in joining MCF's 2024 study group, please contact Camille Zaroni, Director of Donor & Giving Partner Engagement, at czaroni@madisongives.org or (608) 446-5946.



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ARTS For ALL Wisconsin

\$30,000 toward the launch of an adaptive dance program for people of all ages with disabilities in Madison.

Bikes for Kids Wisconsin (formerly Free Bikes 4 Kidz)

\$30,000 to buy a van to help streamline bike and gear collection and to expand the Bike Shop program in local schools, teaching students how to build and fix bikes.

Forward Theater Company

\$10,000 to support the Wisconsin Directors Lab, which provides educational and networking opportunities for early- and mid-career directors across the state.

Friends of the Nolen Waterfront

\$50,000 to help increase community outreach and establish a fundraising campaign to help bring the Lake Monona Waterfront redesign to life.

GSAFE

\$40,000 to hire a full-time development director to create a strategic plan that will increase funding opportunities and improve organizational sustainability.

Harry Whitehorse International Wood Sculpture Festival

\$30,000 to host a week-long woodworking symposium at San Damiano Monona showcasing international and First Nations sculptors while honoring Harry Whitehorse's legacy and Ho-Chunk identity.

Madison Area Community Land Trust

\$100,000 to help create a sustainable revenue stream to increase home ownership opportunities for low-income families.

Mentoring Positives

\$75,000 to hire support staff for the upcoming capital campaign for the Darbo Dream Center, a collaborative shared space for Mentoring Positives, JustDane and the African Center for Community Development.

Natural Circles of Support

\$30,000 to reduce racial disparities in Madison public schools by increasing support for African American students and building relationships to help them thrive.

Omega School

\$20,000 to leverage digital strategies to support more nontraditional young adult students as they work to get their GEDs.

Overture Center Foundation

\$35,000 to pilot a program that will help Madison-area middle schools create high quality musical theater programs and enrich existing programs.

RCC Sexual Violence Resource Center

\$55,000 to hire an education specialist to double the reach of current sexual violence prevention education in Dane County middle and high schools.

Sun Prairie Public Library

\$50,000 for its "Next Chapter Expansion Project," to increase the size of the current building and update programs and resources to meet the needs of 21st century library users.

The Playing Field

\$50,000 to build capacity and expand childcare opportunities for some of the city's most vulnerable families.

Urban Community Arts Network

\$40,000 to hire a project manager for the Greater Madison Music City program, which is working to create a music ecosystem in Greater Madison that provides equity in entertainment and access for all.

Urban Tree Alliance

\$50,000 for the Neighborhood Canopy Project, an innovative forestry pilot to plant trees and increase air quality and shade in South Side neighborhoods that lack tree coverage.

Village of DeForest

\$50,000 to improve the condition and increase public use of the Upper Yahara River Water Trail by stabilizing the stream banks and installing new boat launch sites.

Village of Oregon

\$10,000 to add new pieces to its Sculpture Tour, supporting area artists and increasing free public art exposure in the community.

Wisconsin Youth Company

\$180,000 to help create an advocacy movement for state funding of out-of-school time organizations across Wisconsin.

Three New, Smiling Faces at MCF



MCF is growing! In September of 2023, MCF had the privilege of welcoming three new staff members. Here's a quick introduction of our new teammates (from right to left). You can get to know them better in our blog.

Beth Hedges is MCF's new Accountant. Previously, Beth was an auditor for nonprofit organizations in Atlanta, Georgia, and is excited to use her experience to support operations at MCF. Beth is a Southcentral Wisconsin native and is glad to return to her home state and explore the food, hiking and entertainment in Madison. She lives with her husband and two dogs, and the four of them can often be found at the dog parks around the city.

[Read Beth's full bio here>>](#)

Kate Moser joined MCF as Accounting Director and is excited to be working in the nonprofit sector now. Kate uses her broad professional accounting experience to ensure MCF's financial health and integrity. She is a Madison native and has a deep love of Dane County. Kate enjoys entertaining, spending time with friends and family, reading, and exploring the outdoors with her dog, Lucy.

[Read Kate's full bio here>>](#)

Nick Pjevach is MCF's Donor Database Manager, helping process gifts and manage our donor and fundholder database. He previously worked for Arts + Literature Laboratory and the Wisconsin Foundation and Alumni Association. Nick is a lifelong resident of Southeast Wisconsin and came to Madison to pursue both his undergraduate and graduate degrees at UW-Madison.

[Read Nick's full bio here>>](#)

They each have done an incredible job in their first few months at MCF and we are excited for many more milestones in the future!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

FEB

MCF Office Closed

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Our office will be closed February 29th. Staff will be taking advantage of the extra day this year!

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Save the date for our annual celebration of philanthropy in our community, at Monona Terrace. Invites will be sent out in March.

Have an idea for a story? Have exciting news you'd like to share?
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