

# Peter C. & Emajeane Cook Foundation Q1 2022

Newsletter

3/31/2022

Released 4/26/22

## Feeding America funds new Headquarters

The Foundation made a \$300,000 grant to Feeding America, payable over 3 years to support the move to a new, larger, more efficient facility. While the grant is conditional until they reach 75% of goal, they are well on their way, despite still being in the quiet phase of their campaign. They purchased the old MC warehouse on Shaffer Ave in Kentwood and will invest \$5M in renovations. Plans are to move into the new facility in Q3 2023. This space will allow for expanded programming and distribution. Serving 40 of Michigan's 83 counties, they play a large role in helping provide food to those in need.

## Grand Rapids Art Museum Imagines More

Also still in the quiet phase, the GRAM's campaign will provide for some capital repairs, renovate the current education spaces into a new Creative Learning Center and provide a Community Gallery celebrating community-driven exhibits.

With a \$300,000 multi-year grant to this campaign, Peter and Emajeane Cook's combined support of the Art Museum exceeds \$1M. They will be added to the donor wall, and continue to be recognized with the Cook Auditorium.

Watch for exciting enhancements!

## Special Olympics and Beyond

Special Olympics Michigan has a new home! They are joined by a number of partner organizations at the old South Christian High School campus on 68<sup>th</sup> Street SW in Grand Rapids creating the world's largest Special Olympics Training and Sports Competition venue.

The Foundation provided a \$200,000 grant to the Special Olympics campaign and an additional \$150,000 to Disability Advocates to help renovate their new space and create an Occupational Therapy Home Accessibility Center. Both grants are multi-year, to be paid over the next two years.



## By the Numbers

...

The Foundation Board approved grants totaling \$1,684,650 funding 33 organizations during Q1 2022. Grants ranged from \$1,000 to \$300,000 with the median grant \$20,000.

All grants but one had a West Michigan impact. 70% of the grant dollars were for capital projects. \$203,000 or 12% was invested in the Grandville Avenue neighborhood. Just 25% of grant dollars were for Christian organizations, below our intended threshold. For the first time since the pandemic began, our quarterly grants were not overweight the essential needs category. Healthcare received our highest allocation at 25% just ahead of the Arts at 24% and Essential Needs at 23%.



For more information, see <https://www.cookfoundationgr.org/>