

Peter C. & Emajeane Cook Foundation Q1 2017

Newsletter

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Mega Grant

Frederik Meijer Garden & Sculpture Park

The Foundation committed a million dollars, payable over five years, to the Frederik Meijer Garden & Sculpture Park in support of their "Welcoming the World; Honoring a Legacy of Love" campaign. Given the Cook's history in the transportation

support renovations and expansion that allow the Gardens to serve the 750,000 annual visitors it currently hosts, while preparing for future growth.

As part of the project, the Peter C. & Pat Cook Entryway



business, our grant will appropriately support the new Transportation Center.

This grant and the entire \$115,000,000 campaign will

will be expanded and relocated. It will continue to provide easy access to a sheltered area and be located next to the Sculpture Garden Entry Plaza.

Q1 Grants By Area

Education	26%	Essential Needs	13%
Religion	22%	Healthcare	10%
Civic/Community	22%	Arts	8%

New & Exciting

First time grantee Land Conservancy of West Michigan aligned with Blandford Nature Center and other community partners in an exciting new west side land acquisition. See <https://naturenearby.org/project-announcement-highlands>

Impact Items

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With the Mega Grant, the Foundation Board approved grants of \$1,700,700 funding 32 organizations during Q1 2017. Since a mega grant is unusual, the rest of the data excludes the mega grant. Approvals ranged from \$1,500 to \$100,000 with an average grant just under \$22,600.

All grant approvals had a West Michigan impact. There were two \$100,000 grants: Grandville Avenue Arts & Humanities (GAAH) and the Land Conservancy. GAAH is a long-term partner in the Roosevelt Park Neighborhood. The Land Conservancy grant provided opportunity for Blandford Nature Center to acquire land formerly held by the Highlands Golf Club.

Approximately 40% of grants approved were for Christian organizations.

\$208,000 or 30% of grants were for organizations focused on children.

There were three first time grant recipients. All were project based.