



# C Peter C. & Emajean Cook Foundation

## 2021 Annual Report

### MISSION STATEMENT:

With a Christian focus, we will establish, sustain and strengthen programs and services that improve the quality of life, community and economy with an emphasis on West Michigan.



**2021, while better than 2020, continued with challenges for all. While the economy rebounded nicely and the government support was unprecedented, there were many areas requiring philanthropic investment. Accordingly, the Foundation’s investment specifically in economic projects this year was almost nil.**

\$3,659,000 invested to improve quality of life and the community of West Michigan.

**The Foundation’s largest grant in 2021 was a \$700,000 multi-year capital grant to Mel Trotter Ministries in support of their renovation and transition to dorm style housing. The Grand Rapids Public Museum received a \$300,000 in multi-year capital grant to provide additional funds for the carousel renovation. The next largest grant was to Hand2Hand at \$150,000 to support their building purchase and renovation. The final “large” capital grant was for \$100,000 provided to the West Michigan Construction Institute, making its home in the Grandville Avenue neighborhood. This new organization will prepare those seeking employment in the construction trades.**



Mel Trotter Ministries

GRPM Carousel

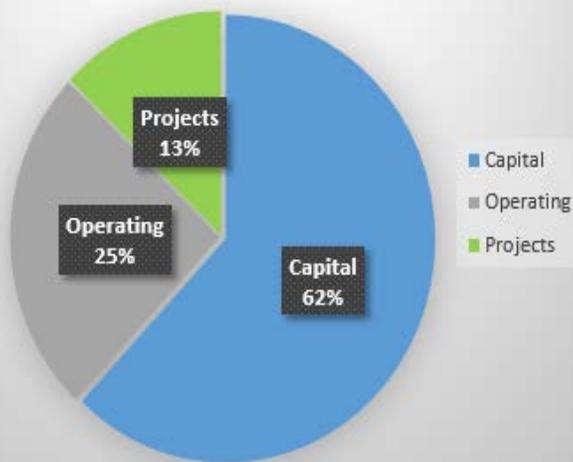
Hand2Hand

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Consistent with the Foundation’s mission, 94% of board initiated 2020 grants benefited West Michigan. 62% of grants were to Christian organizations.

- **40% of grant dollars focused on strengthening community (up 10% from last year), 58% were invested to improve quality of life (down 10% from last year), and 2% provided economic support.**
- **The Board made 95 grants in 2021 with an average grant size of \$37,800.**

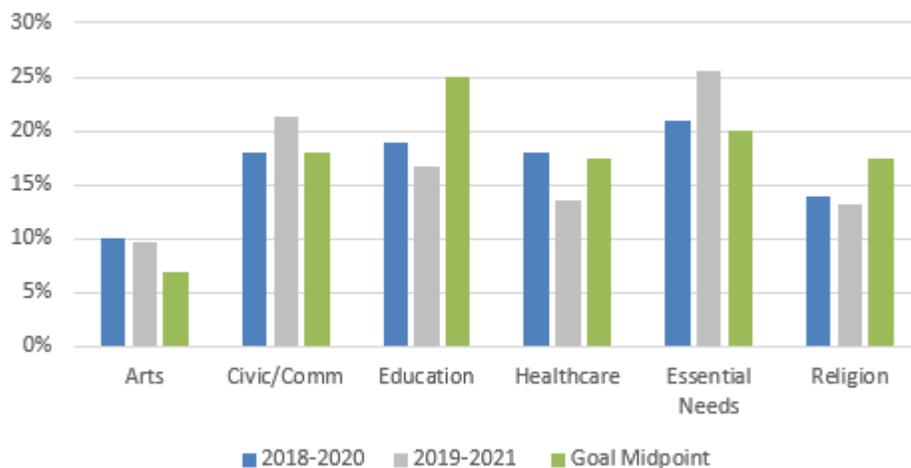
## 2021 Grants



*The Foundation generally supports only pre-selected charities or those invited to make a proposal. Grants to new grantees are almost exclusively capital or project based. There are a limited number of operating grants provided at \$50,000 or less.*

\$2,150,000 in capital grants supported 24 different organizations. In the “year of the van” we helped three organizations serving those with special needs obtain vans.

## Grants by Focus Area



In addition to Board initiated grants, in 2021 the Foundation Board approved grants through programs designed to encourage and support philanthropy by those associated with the Foundation. Programs are designed to compensate Board members and employees as well as provide opportunity for family giving initiatives. These grants are almost exclusively West Michigan and range in amount from \$250 to \$7,000.

This report covers the assets of the Peter C. & Emajean Cook Foundation combined with a Donor Advised Fund held at the Grand Rapids Community Foundation. The balance of the Donor Advised Fund was \$1,009,224 at 9/30/21.

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