

# Peter C. & Emajeane Cook Foundation Q3 2023

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**The Foundation's Mission:** With a Christian focus, the Foundation supports and strengthens programs and services that improve the quality of life, community and economy with an emphasis on West Michigan.



## Western Theological Seminary

Combining concerns regarding mental health and waning Christianity, our largest grant this quarter was to Western Theological Seminary to help launch their Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. This two-year in residence program will prepare graduates to be qualified counselors with a Christian perspective.

Our \$350,000 grant is to be paid over five years beginning in 2024.

## Equest Center for Therapeutic Riding, Hand2Hand and YMCA

The above organizations were all awarded \$50,000 capital grants to support on-going campaigns. Since 1990, Equest Center has been successfully providing therapeutic riding to challenged individuals and they are expanding to better serve their clients. Hand2Hand needed the funds to match a donation for a refrigerated box truck allowing them easier transport of fresh and refrigerated foods. The YMCA is expanding their footprint in Lowell to add a daycare center.



## By the Numbers



The Foundation Board approved grants totaling \$705,005 funding 16 organizations during Q3 2023. Grants ranged from \$4,500 to \$350,000 with the median grant \$25,000.

All but three grants had a West Michigan impact. Just 28% of grant dollars were for capital projects this quarter as the large Western Seminary grant supports a program launch. Just 8% supported the Grandville Avenue neighborhood this quarter. Successfully trying to be intentional about funding Christian projects, 82% of funding went to Christian organizations. There were no new grantees this quarter.

### Q3 2023 Cook Foundation Grants

Equest Center for Therapeutic Riding	Capital Campaign - matching grant	50,000
Freedom Alliance	Support Our Troops programming	25,000
Hand2Hand	Refrigerated Box Truck - matching grant	50,000
HW Living Ventures	5th Anniversary Event	5,000
KCSD Traffic Squad	Tactical Shoot KCSD Dinner Sponsor	4,505
Kent County Parks Foundation	Something's Grilling	5,000
Multiplication Network	Bibles for China	18,000
New City Kids	Matching Challenge Grant - YE Event	25,000
Puertas Abiertas	Operating Funds	12,500
Roosevelt Park Ministries	Customer Service Data Base - plus	22,000
Streams of Hope	Healthcare Clinic Gap Funding Match	25,000
Tall Turf Ministries	Golf Cart & Seal Blacktop Driveway	25,000
The Seed Company	Byaya Cluster 3 translation	13,000
UCOM	Gap Funding	25,000
Western Theological Seminary	Mental Health Counseling Campaign	350,000
YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids	Lowell Daycare Facility	50,000

As we look to Q4 and beyond, we see an unprecedented number of capital campaign projects in the works. In part, a function of COVID delays and significant ARPA funding, it will be interesting to see how our philanthropic community responds. While the majority of these projects are secular, there are some Christian campaigns underway too.

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