



September 2025 Grants List

Organization	Purpose	Amount
Great Lakes		
Council Of Great Lakes Governors Inc <i>Chicago, Illinois</i>	to future-proof the Great Lakes St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact	\$170,000
The Council Of State Governments Midwestern Office <i>Lombard, Illinois</i>	to create space for state and provincial Legislators to collaborate and innovate on Great Lakes policy	\$550,000 <i>over 3 years</i>
Environmental Working Group <i>Washington, DC</i>	to create a model to identify conservation practices and progress at reducing nutrient pollution on farm fields in Michigan's western Lake Erie basin	\$300,000 <i>over 2 years</i>
Great Lakes Commission <i>Ann Arbor, Michigan</i>	to conduct an analysis of the economic benefits of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	\$300,000
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative <i>Chicago, Illinois</i>	to advance freshwater leadership through a network of 350 communities across the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Region	\$775,000 <i>over 3 years</i>
The Greening of Detroit <i>Detroit, Michigan</i>	for general operating support	\$900,000 <i>over 3 years</i>
International Association For Great Lakes Research <i>Ann Arbor, Michigan</i>	to advance inclusion and impact in Great Lakes science and policy	\$665,000 <i>over 3 years</i>
University Of Detroit Mercy <i>Detroit, Michigan</i>	to hire an Environmental Law Fellow for the University of Detroit Mercy's Law School and the Great Lakes Environmental Law Center	\$200,000 <i>over 2 years</i>

Alliance for the Great Lakes <i>Chicago, Illinois</i>	to improve conservation practice implementation through better monitoring in the western basin of Lake Erie	\$178,000 <i>in year 2 of 4</i>
Alliance of Rouge Communities <i>Canton, Michigan</i>	to identify where sanitary sewage is entering the Rouge River and provide training to municipal staff on compliance with their stormwater permit	\$20,000 <i>in year 3 of 3</i>
Ecology Center <i>Ann Arbor, Michigan</i>	to support the Great Lakes PFAS Action Network	\$100,000 <i>in year 2 of 3</i>
Ecology Center <i>Ann Arbor, Michigan</i>	for general operating support	\$125,000 <i>in year 2 of 3</i>
Huron River Watershed Council <i>Ann Arbor, Michigan</i>	to empower local governments to take action for clean water and healthy ecosystems	\$85,000 <i>in year 3 of 3</i>

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Arts & Culture - Detroit Arts Support over 3 years		

Detroit Sound Conservancy <i>Detroit, Michigan</i>	to support the renovation of the Blue Bird Inn and the development of a mission-driven program and business model	\$50,000 <i>in year 3 of 3</i>
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Democracy		

Michigan Disability Rights Coalition <i>East Lansing, Michigan</i>	to Detroit Disability Power to ensure access to the ballot in Southeast Michigan	\$120,000
States United Democracy Center Inc <i>Washington, DC</i>	to preserve the rule of law in Michigan	\$800,000 <i>over 2 years</i>

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Legacy		
Detroit Zoological Society <i>Royal Oak, Michigan</i>	to complete the construction of Discovery Trails	\$6,000,000
University of Michigan <i>Ann Arbor, Michigan</i>	to support the Frederick A. & Barbara M. Erb Institute 30th Anniversary	\$75,000
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Environmental Health & Justice <i>(program sunset in 2024 and incorporated as a lens for Great Lakes and Sustainable Business grantmaking in spenddown)</i>		
Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision Project <i>Detroit, Michigan</i>	to grow citywide grassroots organizational capacity to reduce diesel truck impacts and asthma in Detroit	\$920,000 <i>over 3 years</i>
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Special Opportunities		
Foundation for Detroit's Future <i>Detroit, Michigan</i>	for a multi-year commitment to support the Detroit Grand Bargain as part of a coalition of funders	\$500,000 <i>in year 12 of 20</i>
Grand Total		\$12,833,000