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WASHTENAW COORDINATED FUNDERS INVESTS \$4.3M TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

Funding helps local organizations providing services and programs to address racial & economic inequalities

WASHTENAW COUNTY, MI., Aug. 8, 2018 – Washtenaw Coordinated Funders awarded \$4.33 million in grants to 36 organizations providing services and programs that address racial and economic inequalities in Washtenaw County.

The grant funding is committed for two fiscal years (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020); with 59 programs funded in the two-year cycle. The Washtenaw Coordinated Funders received more than \$8.7 million in requests from area organizations.

Funding will contribute to community outcomes across four priority areas:

- Aging
- Housing & Homelessness
- Safety-Net Health & Nutrition
- Cradle to Career (Early Childhood & School-Aged Youth)

“We are continually learning about the needs of those experiencing poverty and other forms of vulnerability in our community; and the effective programs and interventions that create transformational change,” said **Neel Hajra, CEO, Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation**. “The Washtenaw Coordinated Funders pursue this work together to amplify the value of our community investments and extend our collective reach.”

“In its eighth year, Coordinated Funding has continually adapted to feedback from grantees, applicants, and the community with positive results,” said **Pam Smith, President/CEO, United Way of Washtenaw County**. “We are proud to see agencies that received multi-year capacity building investments now among the 36 agencies receiving funding to deliver services throughout the County.”

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The Washtenaw Coordinated Funding model is a private-public partnership between the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Washtenaw Urban County, United Way of Washtenaw County, Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, and Saint Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor.

Annual investments by funder:

- United Way of Washtenaw County \$1,270,002
- City of Ann Arbor \$1,227,529
- Washtenaw County \$1,015,000
- Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation \$290,582
- Washtenaw Urban County \$277,029
- St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor \$250,000

“Coordinated Funding’s ‘theory of change’ aligns well with our mission to be a transforming healing presence in our community,” said **Elisabeth Vanderpool, Director of Community Health, St. Joseph Mercy Health Ann Arbor and Livingston**. “We are proud to be part of a model showing a high level of commitment to our community.”

“The work of the service providers is essential for so many in Washtenaw County,” said **Andy LaBarre, Chair, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners**. “The more we look into equity in our county, the more we find geographies and specific groups that need additional support and resources to connect them with opportunity...this is at the heart of what Coordinating Funding is working toward.”

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- www.coordinatedfunders.org
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