

Jackson Community Foundation/Jackson Collaborative Network Awarded Consumers Energy Foundation Grant

Network receives \$40,000 to support local organizations improve resident well-being

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JACKSON, Michigan – The Jackson Community Foundation (JCF) and Jackson Collaborative Network are pleased to announce that the Network has received a \$40,000 grant through the [Consumers Energy Foundation](#) to build community capacity to address inequities and improve outcomes for Jackson County residents.

“The Consumers Energy Foundation stands unapologetically for diversity, equity and inclusion, and we are excited to help the Jackson Collaborative Network take real steps to address inequities in our community,” said Carolyn Bloodworth, the Consumers Energy Foundation’s secretary/treasurer. “We look forward to seeing the impact of this grant as the Network and others create new, more equitable opportunities for Jackson County residents to thrive.”

The grant will support the Network to provide individualized systems change coaching, training and implementation support to local partner organizations working to address systems issues that are contributing to inequitable outcomes for Jackson County residents. These supports help members to identify inequities that are present in Jackson County, determine root causes, and design and implement powerful strategies that result in improved outcomes for residents.

“The partners involved in the Jackson Collaborative Network represent critical components of Jackson’s system of care that are in place to ensure all residents are healthy, safe and thriving,” said Sheri Butters, Network Manager. “Existing systems do not adequately address the unique needs of all residents, resulting in inequities. We’re helping to shine light on these inequities and supporting our partners to take action to address them.”

“By addressing root causes and not just an issue’s symptoms, partners join forces to eliminate inequities instead of tackling symptoms as they appear.” said Monica Moser, President & CEO at JCF and a Network Board Member. “Our partners are not putting out fires, but preventing them.”

Progress on shared goals and systems change priorities will be tracked and reported in alignment with the Network’s [Shared Measurement System](#) to measure the collective impact of partner activity to demonstrate impact.

*The **Jackson Collaborative Network** is a collective impact network of more than 500 members that includes local educators, business leaders, social service providers, residents with lived experience, physical and mental health providers, philanthropy and local elected officials. Network members are committed to working together in alignment with shared values of equity, authentic engagement, and continuous learning to identify and address the root causes of issues that affect the success and well-being of Jackson County residents. For more information, please visit jacksoncollaborativenetwork.org.*

*The **Jackson Community Foundation** connects people and resources to causes that strengthen and build our community. We are committed to providing our community with a sustainable aspect of philanthropy - providing leadership and problem solving in the present and preparing for the future with a permanent endowment. For Jackson. For good. For ever. Visit our website at www.jacksoncf.org, or follow us on Facebook.*

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