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2031

OUR STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

A RENEWED FRAMEWORK FOR IMPACT

To prepare for the transition to a new strategic framework, we spent over a year talking extensively to communities, other funders, and experts to figure out how we can make an even bigger difference for Michiganders. Beginning in 2026, we'll apply what we've learned to amplify our impact and — over the next six years — keep evolving based on continued learning.



CENTERING ON KIDS AND OLDER ADULTS

Our focus will reflect our mission, placing children and older adults at the heart of our grantmaking. To implement these population-centered approaches, we'll create a new Healthy Kids team to work alongside our Healthy Aging team.



HEALTH EQUITY

We're tackling the root causes of health disparities to make sure everyone has fair opportunities to be as healthy as possible.



INTERCONNECTED SOLUTIONS

Complex health challenges call for solutions that address the interconnections between organizations, policies, practices, and communities. We're applying this "systems change" mindset more deeply across our work.



LOCAL POWER

We're investing more in local communities and working with them to create solutions aligned to their needs and our broader systems change efforts.



PARTNERSHIPS

We're partnering more with local, statewide, and national organizations, both private and public, to create bigger, more lasting change.



NEW TOOLS

We're piloting new and flexible tools (such as nonprofit loans) to extend the accessibility and reach of our dollars.

**MICHIGAN HEALTH
ENDOWMENT FUND**

WHO WE ARE

The mission of the **Michigan Health Endowment Fund** is to improve the health of Michigan residents, with special emphasis on the health and wellness of children and seniors, while reducing the cost of healthcare.

From 2014 to 2025, we made more than 1,300 grants totaling over \$350 million. We're proud of our impact and are positioned for more going forward.

WEBINAR

Join us for a webinar on **Wed. Dec. 3rd at 10am**, when we'll share more and answer your questions. Please [register here](#).

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POPULATION-CENTERED PRIORITIES

Our population-centered priorities will include:

- Healthy Aging:** Continuing our work on access to care, supporting caregivers, elder justice, and dementia.
- Healthy Kids:** Seeding healthy starts for babies and moms, equipping schools to improve health, and fostering healthy families.

The Health Fund remains committed to supporting behavioral health, nutrition, healthy lifestyles, health care workforce issues, technology, transportation, and food safety. These commitments will be reflected in our population-driven work and other initiatives.

A COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

Our work going forward will reflect our ongoing commitments to nonprofits and communities:

- Supporting robust capacity-building efforts
- Creating simpler, more consistent grantmaking processes
- Supporting grantee voice and promoting health journalism for better informed communities and health policy
- Deepening our ties with trusted community partners and building new relationships to broaden our network.

AN ONGOING PROCESS

This framework is intended to be iterative and flexible to incorporate continued learning and address evolving community needs. We commit to learning and adapting as we go, and sharing those lessons and results every year.

“ Our mission keeps us focused on two populations at the heart of every community: children and older adults. As we look to 2026 and beyond, we’re doubling down on supporting these groups, advancing health equity, deepening our ties to communities, and increasing our statewide impact. ”

— **Kathy Boles**
Board Chair

— **Neel Hajra**
Chief Executive Officer

MORE INFO

To learn more about how we’re putting this framework into action, read our [blog post](#) or check out our grantmaking programs at mihealthfund.org.

Questions? Contact us at info@mihealthfund.org.