Breakfast and Brain Power, Coffee and Conversation  
All-Member Collaboration and Dialogue

Below is a summary of key themes that emerged from our 2019 CEO listening tour. Thanks to the input shared from all those who participated – members from more than 50 different foundations – these themes are a starting place for dialogue around ways that we as an organization and community of philanthropy can provide thought leadership and partner alongside you in meeting our shared mission to grow the impact of Michigan philanthropy. Which priority areas below resonate most and least to you? Is there anything critical you don’t see and believe we should add?

1. CMF must maintain its leadership role in advancing public policy.

2. Members need support in cultivating the next generation of philanthropic leaders.

3. CMF should consider fostering or creating “neutral space” to have civic dialogue around hard conversations.

4. Michigan philanthropy needs to remain engaged in public-private partnerships – going forward the economic roles and roadmaps need to be clear about our respective boundaries – and we’ll need to get better at multi-sector communication.

5. We must continue to support efforts that promote and advance diversity, equity and inclusion.

6. Data-informed decision making needs to be widely adopted and philanthropy should lead the way.

7. Michigan philanthropy and CMF’s role may need to evolve as we explore how to respond to changing environments for philanthropy and new trends in giving habits.