

Philanthropy Awards 2023 - Innovations for Equity Award

Innovations for Equity Philanthropy Award (2023)

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The Innovations for Equity Philanthropy Award was newly launched in 2023 to honor the work of CMF members engaged in shifting narratives, broadening relationships, addressing power, expanding access and/or opportunity through philanthropic practice, examining policy or people-focused strategies, and other forms of equity-centered philanthropy. This award celebrates the unique and outstanding efforts of Michigan philanthropy to advance equitable outcomes for Michigan. The nominees will have demonstrated significant, bold action to create positive change, remove barriers and address structural inequity within their local context or for the philanthropic field at large. Examples include, but are not limited to innovative public-private partnerships, reimagined grantmaking strategies, exceptional community engagement and leadership in critical policy change. Again, please note that these are just examples and the award seeks new ways of thinking and innovative action. Actions may look different based on a foundation's region, size, mission, stakeholder needs and more.

Recognizing that deep and lasting change takes time, this award recognizes effort, not necessarily demonstrated outcomes.

Nomination Guidelines and Process

The nominee can be an individual or team of people and must include - but is not limited to - CMF member staff and/or trustees.

Implementation of the innovative approach or effort must have started or primarily occurred during the last year (June 30, 2022 – June 30, 2023).

Reviewers may determine that more than one honoree receive this award annually, recognizing the unique context of innovative efforts across the CMF membership.

To nominate a team or individual please submit this online form, which includes a request for the contact information of the nominator and primary nominee, along with a brief narrative describing the nominee's demonstrated efforts or approaches aligned with this award.

You do not need to complete this nomination form in one sitting; you can save your progress and re-access the form by choosing the "Save and Continue" option shown at the top of the survey window once the first page is complete. You will then receive an email from "noreply@alchemer.com" inviting you to re-access the form via a custom link.

Nominations are due July 14, 2023.

The team of peer reviewers who are reading the nominations may request additional information to support the selection of final candidates, including contact information for two individuals who can serve as references for the nominee(s).

Selection and Recognition

A volunteer peer panel will review all nominations and select the award winner. We will contact all nominators with the results of the selection process by mid-August.

Honorees will be notified of their nomination and selection as the award recipient via special call (or video call) hosted in collaboration with the nominator.

This year's award recipient will be honored during CMF's 51st Annual Conference taking place November 6-8, 2023, in Detroit.

For More Information or Accessibility Support

Questions about this award or any needs for accessibility support may be directed to Sue Cuddington, executive assistant to the CMF president and CEO, at scuddington@michiganfoundations.org.

1. Nominator Information *

First Name

Last Name

Title/Role

Organization

Phone

Email

Including an email address allows you to submit a partial form and revisit it at another time prior to the deadline.

2. Nominee Name (Individual or Group/Team Name)

3. If the nominee is a group or team, (i.e., a committee), briefly explain the group's composition and purpose.

4. Nominee Information (Primary Contact) *

First Name

Last Name

Title/Role

Organization Name

Phone

Email

5. To the best of your knowledge, did implementation of the innovative approach or effort start or primarily occur during the last year (June 30, 2022 – June 30, 2023)? *

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

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Please describe the nominee's efforts in each of the areas below. Each section should be approximately 150-250 words.

6. Describe how the nominee has worked to shift narratives, relationships, power, access and/or opportunity through philanthropic practice, policy or people-focused strategies. *

7. Describe the nominee's significant, bold action to create positive change, remove barriers and/or address structural inequity within their local context or for the philanthropic field at large *

8. Describe why or how these efforts or approaches have been unique or innovative. *

9. Please share any other information you feel may be helpful in considering the nominee for the Innovations for Equity Philanthropy Award.