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Detroit gets \$19.8M from Knight Foundation to boost art, technology and community projects

Detroit's neighborhoods will see new investments in art, technology, and public spaces as the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation commits \$19.8 million to 12 projects across the city.

"These are all things that we believe are really important to creating a vibrant and thriving city," said Maribel Pérez Wadsworth, the foundation's president and CEO. "By focusing on these areas, we create opportunities for connection, we help preserve vital history for the community, we provide ways for the community to really access one another and the downtown core."

"Now what we're doing with this latest run of investments is really expand from there – to come out to the next inner ring of neighborhoods around downtown, and continue to build on the success that we've seen," she continued.

The announcement was made at a community celebration on Sunday, Sept. 7, at Michigan Central, featuring grantees, community members, a performance by Detroit poet Jessica Care Moore and a Motown-inspired tribute.

According to the foundation, the \$19.8 million will fund:

- **Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit (\$2 million):** Completing the North End Community Campus, a cultural hub with studios, performance spaces and workshops that will serve more than 10,000 residents annually and lay the groundwork for affordable artist housing.