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Knicht Foundation announces nearly \$20M in grants for Detroit organizations

(WXYZ) — The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation announced nearly \$20 million in investments across Detroit to help fuel the city's continued economic growth.

The foundation made the announcement on Sunday at Michigan Central during a community celebration, and it's the latest commitment from the foundation.

The Knight Foundation describes itself as "social investors who support democracy by funding free expression and journalism, arts and culture in community, research in areas of media and democracy, and the success of American cities and towns where the Knight brothers once had newspapers."

Over the last 25 years, the foundation has made more than 750 grants to people and organizations in Detroit, totaling more than \$215 million.

"Detroit has always been a city of resilience and reinvention," said Maribel Pérez Wadsworth, president and CEO of Knight Foundation. "Our latest investments support a Detroit that will continue to be shaped by the creativity, talent and vision of its residents. Whether it's transforming public spaces along the Joe Louis Greenway, expanding local residents' economic power in tech or strengthening the city's creative economy, these efforts reflect the energy of a city on its triumphant rise."

The investments announced include:

Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit - \$2 million

The money will activate the Knight Foundation Community Commons, an indoor/outdoor community space at MOCAD, and also help fund key infrastructure upgrades to expand the museum's programming.