



MICHIGAN STRATEGIC FUND

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 30, 2024

TO: The Honorable Sarah Anthony, Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Jon Bumstead
Minority Vice Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Mary Cavanagh, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
Labor and Economic Opportunity/MEDC

The Honorable Mark Huizenga
Minority Vice Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
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The Honorable Angela Witwer, Chair
House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Sarah Lightner
Minority Vice Chair
House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Will Snyder, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor,
Economic Development, and Lifelong Learning

The Honorable Greg VanWoerkom
Minority Vice Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor,
Economic Development, and Lifelong Learning

FROM: Quentin L. Messer Jr., President
Michigan Strategic Fund

SUBJECT: Section 1017 – Minority-Owned Business Support Annual Report

Section 1017 of Public Act 119 of 2023 requires the department to award grants to minority-owned businesses or non-profit business organizations to implement small business development initiatives for minority-owned businesses in this state. Further, the department is required to provide an annual report detailing the number of awards granted, the amount of each award, the recipient and purpose of the awards, and any recommendations to improve the future distribution of funds to eligible entities under this section.

In FY2024, the department awarded a total of ten Inclusive Entrepreneurship Support Grants with funds totaling \$9,800,000.00. A breakdown of the awards is attached. Currently, the department does not have any recommendations for the future distribution of funds.

Please contact our Office of Legislative Affairs at medcgovrelations@michigan.org if you have any questions. In addition, please do not hesitate to contact me at messerq@michigan.org.

Attachment

cc: Members, Senate and House Appropriations Committees
Members, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity/MEDC
Members, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Economic Development, and Lifelong Learning

FY24 Inclusive Entrepreneurship Support Grant Awards

	Recipient	Amount	Purpose
1	The Mackinac Technology Company	\$ 1,000,000.00	The purpose of this Grant is for the Grantee to expend funds on Eligible Costs to set up low-rate initial production in Michigan and engage in diligent efforts to secure additional funding to procure and operate full-scale manufacturing equipment.
2	Optimum Modular, LLC d/b/a Ginosko Modular	\$ 1,000,000.00	The purpose of this Grant is for the Grantee to expend funds on Eligible Costs to increase operational efficiencies, enhance safety, and minimize employee turnover for its advanced manufacturing efforts to promote affordable housing infrastructure.
3	NX Fuels, Inc.	\$ 1,000,000.00	The purpose of this Grant is for the Grantee to expend funds on Eligible Costs (i) to hire three (3) engineers, to lead the design and build a cryogenic based H2 separation system; and (ii) for the purchase, optimization, and/or scaling of the photocatalytic solar wafers and the development and demonstration of a 100W modular SunH2TM system.
4	Union Heritage Venture Capital, LLC	\$ 500,000.00	The purpose of this Grant is for the Grantee to expend funds on Eligible Costs to hire two (2) full-time employees, obtain supplies, and prepare approximately seventy-five (75) founders for institutional investment, while also working with the founders to foster the creation of new full-time jobs through investments in Michigan companies.
5	SBE Medical, Inc.	\$ 800,000.00	The purpose of this Grant is for the Grantee to expend funds on Eligible Costs to establish warehouse and manufacturing site(s) in Grand Rapids, Michigan, invest in tooling and in-line surface treatment equipment to support the scaling of production, and commercialize the Tibbe EUD developed with Corewell Health and Grand Valley State University.
6	Unified Business Technologies, Inc.	\$ 1,000,000.00	The purpose of this Grant is for the Grantee to expend funds on Eligible Costs to construct its boosthub solar panel electric vehicle (EV) charge manufacturing facility in Pontiac, Michigan.
7	Dunamis Charge, Inc	\$ 2,500,000.00	The purpose of this Grant is for Grantee to expend funds on Eligible Costs in relation to its EV charger manufacturing plant and for Grantee's operational growth and expansion.
8	CircNova, Inc.	\$ 1,000,000.00	The purpose of this Grant is for the Grantee to expend funds on Eligible Costs, to work with strategic partners to pilot projects with high probability of modernizing RNA discovery metrics and design.
9	Metro Detroit Black Business Alliance	\$ 500,000.00	The purpose of this Grant is to provide funding to the Grantee for entrepreneur capital connect and technical assistance programs.
10	Lansing Economic Area Partnership	\$ 500,000.00	The purpose of this Grant is to provide funding to the Grantee for a business accelerator program and other activities that support or develop small business, including technical assistance, grants, incubation, access to capital, or other financing opportunities.

Total: \$ 9,800,000.00