

CMF CONSULTING SERVICES

CUSTOMIZED SOLUTIONS. TRUSTED EXPERTISE. UNPARALLELED SERVICE.

The Council of Michigan Foundations (CMF) Consulting Services Network was launched in 2014 in response to member requests and it is now a signature offering in our suite of services. When a member needs the assistance of a consultant, CMF can connect them to customized supports in response to even the most complex foundation needs. The network includes a diverse and highly skilled cadre of independent professionals who provide unparalleled service to philanthropic organizations in Michigan. Their individual areas of expertise range from starting a foundation, board training and strategic planning to impact investing, partnership facilitation and succession plans.

Trusted Expertise: CMF follows a thorough and comprehensive vetting process in selecting professionals to join the Consulting Services Network. We require consultants to have significant and direct expertise consulting for foundations, and we contact foundation references to ensure the service they provide brings significant value to the organization. Further, our consultants are connected to the latest sector resources, tools and best practices to ensure maximum relevance and value for our members.

Affordability: CMF seeks to bring the strongest service for the lowest price possible while maintaining organizational sustainability. Partnerships with our consultants include a commitment to Michigan's philanthropic sector, allowing us to create a rate structure that makes world-class expertise accessible and affordable. Further, community foundation members with assets of less than \$50 million may qualify for a consulting services grant from the CMF Community Foundation Endowment.

Project Management Support: CMF serves as the contracting agent for all consulting engagements and is with members for every step of the process, through the duration of each consulting engagement. We manage the project finances, including invoicing, and support the relationship between the member and the consultant to ensure both parties experience a positive and productive engagement.

Get Started

If you are a member in need of consultant support, or an independent consultant interested in joining the network, we welcome your inquiry. Competitive rates are also available to non-member foundations and giving programs. To learn more, please contact Nora Petznik at 616-850-2133 or npetznik@michiganfoundations.org.

The Council of Michigan Foundations is a community of philanthropists committed to improving outcomes for Michigan, and beyond. Through investing in the state's charitable organizations, convening business, government and nonprofit leaders, collaborating on critical issues, seeking innovative solutions, sharing knowledge and advocating, we leverage our collective voice to increase the impact of Michigan philanthropy.