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Top Detroit and Ann Arbor startups to watch in 2023

TechLab at Mcity 🚗 selects two MI-based companies for advanced mobility cohort

📅 Jan & Feb tech events happening from Kalamazoo to Lansing to Marquette

Eligible startups can get \$1000 grants from MFF for summer interns 💰

Venture capital funds can apply for SSBCI funding - \$75 Million available in MI



- Top [Ann Arbor startups to watch](#) in 2023
- Top [Detroit startups to watch](#) in 2023
- [P3Mobility and Retrospect Technology](#) selected for the TechLab at Mcity 2023 advanced mobility cohort
- UMich startup LearningClues selected to compete at [world's largest EdTech Competition](#)



FOUNDERS FOR COMMUNITY



Continued Support for MFF Trailblazers

On MLK Day, MFF collaborated with [MFF Trailblazer Awardee Detroit Phoenix Center](#) to support their donation drive. The network sourced donations of toiletries, food, baby items, and more to support unhoused and at-risk young people across Metro Detroit. Learn more about Detroit Phoenix Center [here](#).

MFF is working with all three Trailblazers - [Detroit Phoenix Center](#), [MADE Institute](#), and [Detroit Black Farmer Land Fund](#) - to source donations, volunteers, and resources from the founder community. To learn more or host an opportunity for your team, contact community@michiganfoundersfund.org.



EVENTS

Feb 8: MFF Real Talk (Virtual) - Start the year off right engaging in real talk conversations with founders and investors. [RSVP here](#)

Jan 25: [React X DetNode Meetup](#) in Detroit hosted by Rivet at

Jan 25: [Startup Grind Media Connexions](#) in Lansing

Jan 25: [Business & Legal Basics](#) in Traverse City hosted by 20Fathoms

Jan 31: [Inside the Top 23 Startups to Watch](#) hosted by Purpose Jobs

Feb 3: Startup Zoo [Pitch Night](#) in Kalamazoo

Feb 5: [Tech Talks | Innovation in Outdoor Recreation](#) in Marquette hosted by Innovate Marquette



RESOURCE ROUNDUP

Startup Talent: Hire a Summer Intern with MFF!

Now in its third year, the DEI-focused [MFF Internship Program](#) connects underrepresented Michigan college students to tech companies and startups for paid summer internships. To get access to the program, [complete this form by Jan 31](#).

Startup Benefits:

1. **Intern sourcing made easy** due to our MFF-led outreach and application review team, including a shortlist of potential intern candidates for role(s)
2. **MFF members who participate and hire an intern get \$1,000** and all companies get support on MI Stem Forward financial resources
3. One **roundtable for founders** from participating companies to convene and discuss DEIB-centered leadership (April)
4. Three **professional development opportunities for intern managers and company leaders** to grow in DEIB-centered management, policies, and culture (March, May & June)

Internships can be full time or part-time, in person, hybrid, or virtual. Typically the internships run from May - August. **We also provide professional development workshops, mentorship, and network-building opportunities for all interns** to make the learning components lighter for

company partners.

Let us know if you want to hire an intern by Jan 31 by [completing this form](#). Contact community@michiganfoundersfund.org for more info.

Small Business Venture Capital Program

\$75 Million in funding being awarded to venture capital funds operating in Michigan. Applications will be accepted during a three-year open period or until funds are exhausted. [Click here for more information and to apply](#).

The **Michigan Founders Fund (MFF)** is a vibrant hub for peer learning and networking that enables local entrepreneurs to turn business success into positive community impact.

Interested in becoming a member? Please contact us at community@michiganfoundersfund.org.



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