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May 12, 2025

The Honorable Detroit City Council
ATTN: City Clerk Office
200 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
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RE: Authorization to submit a grant application to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for the FY 2025 Make MI Home Grant

The Mayor's Office – Jobs and Economy Team is hereby requesting authorization from Detroit City Council to submit a grant application to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for the FY 2025 Make MI Home Grant. The amount being sought is \$250,000.00. The State share is \$250,000.00 of the request amount and there is a required in-kind match of \$61,440.00. The total project cost is \$311,440.00.

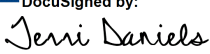
The FY 2025 Make MI Home Grant will enable the department to:

- Support the DetroitTech Fellowship, a one-year pilot designed to locate startup talent in Detroit and help drive the Michigan innovation ecosystem forward.

If the application is approved, the in-kind match will be provided by TechTown Detroit and Bamboo Detroit.

We respectfully request your approval to submit the grant application by adopting the attached resolution.

Sincerely,

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Terri Daniels
Director, Office of Development and Grants

DocuSigned by:

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Office of Budget

CC:
Sajjiah Parker, Assistant Director, Grants

Office of Development and Grants

RESOLUTION

Council Member _____

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office – Jobs and Economy Team has requested authorization from City Council to submit a grant application to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, for the FY 2025 Make MI Home Grant, in the amount of \$250,000.00, to support the DetroitTech Fellowship, a one-year pilot designed to locate startup talent in Detroit and help drive the Michigan innovation ecosystem forward; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the in-kind match requirement will be provided by TechTown Detroit in the amount of \$32,640.00 and Bamboo Detroit in the amount of \$28,800.00; and

WHEREAS, this request has been approved by the Office of Budget; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor's Office – Jobs and Economy Team is hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for the FY 2025 Make MI Home Grant.



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Grant Application Request Form (GARF)

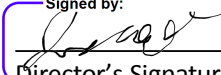
In order to secure the Office of Development and Grants (ODG) approval required under Section 17-4-2 of the Detroit City Code, this form is to be filled out by City Departments as soon as possible upon learning of an opportunity that the Department would like to pursue. This form must be signed and submitted not later than 20 business days prior to the application deadline.

Please submit this form to the following ODG staff: Sajjiah Parker, Assistant Director, parkersa@detroitmi.gov and the Department/Project assigned Development Officer.

City Department	Jobs and Economy Team (JET)
Date	5/7/2025
Department Contact Name	Justin Onwenu, Director of Entrepreneurship and Economic Opportunity.
Department Contact Phone	313-405-5900
Department Contact Email	Justin.Onwenu@detroitmi.gov
Grant Opportunity Title	Make MI Home
Grant Opportunity Funding Agency	Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)
Web Link to Opportunity Information	https://www.michiganbusiness.org/makemihome/
Award Amount (that Department will apply for)	\$250,000
Application Due Date	5/7/2025
Anticipated Proposed Budget Amount	\$310,440
City Match Contribution Amount	0
Source of City Match (include Appropriation Number, Cost Center, and Object Code)	
List of programs/services/activities to be funded and the Budget for each <i>Sample:</i> - ABC Afterschool program: \$150,000 - XYZ Youth leadership program: \$100,000 - Salary/Benefits: \$95,000 - Supplies: \$5,000	The DetroitTech Fellowship Program is a one-year pilot to empower recent graduates from Michigan universities to scale their startups in Detroit by providing housing, mentorship, funding, and integration into the city's startup ecosystem. By supplying comprehensive support to founders and entrepreneurs the program will strengthen Detroit as a hub for AI, biotech, clean energy, smart manufacturing, mobility and other emerging industries.
Brief Statement of Priorities/Purpose for the Application <i>Sample: To support expansion of promising youth development programs in MNO neighborhood.</i>	Locate startup talent in Detroit and help drive the Michigan innovation ecosystem forward.
Key Performance Indicators to be Used to Measure the Programs/Services/Activities <i>Sample:</i> # of kids newly enrolled in ABC and XYZ % of kids from ABC who demonstrate improved educational performance	* New business development * Retention of participating entrepreneurs as Detroit residents

Justin Onwenu

Director's Name (Please Print)

Signed by:

Director's Signature

May 8, 2025

Date

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Bamboo Detroit Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern,

Bamboo Detroit enthusiastically supports the Detroit Tech Residency Fellowship and the City of Detroit and DEGC's application for the MEDC Make MI Home Grant. As a hub for innovation, we are committed to helping fellows succeed by providing them with access to collaborative workspace and community connections.

We are excited to offer 16 monthly coworking memberships valued at **\$150 per membership** (\$28,800 total in kind contribution) at our downtown Detroit location to cover membership for each startup fellow selected plus one member of their staff/leadership team. Costs beyond this in kind contribution or 1 year timeline will be carried by the company. Bamboo looks forward to serving as a welcoming home for the next generation of Detroit-based entrepreneurs.

Sincerely,

Amanda Lewan
Bamboo Detroit





Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Michigan Growth Office
300 N. Washington Sq.,
Lansing, MI 48913

To: Program Officer,

TechTown Detroit proudly supports the Detroit Tech Residency Fellowship proposal and the City of Detroit and DEGC's application for the Make MI Home Grant program. As Detroit's longest-standing and **only** full service business service organization, we've spent two decades supporting local entrepreneurs and growing the city's innovation economy. This Fellowship aligns with that mission by helping the next generation of founders scale in Detroit, and it compliments TechTown's Make MI Home grant awarded in 2024 for our Live Innovate Play program.

TechTown will offer 16 monthly coworking memberships valued at \$170 per membership (\$32,640 total in-kind contribution) to cover membership for each startup fellow selected plus one member of their staff or leadership team. Costs beyond this in-kind contribution or the one-year timeline will be carried by the company. TechTown looks forward to serving as a welcoming home for these emerging founders as they build the future of Detroit's economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ned Staebler", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ned Staebler
President and CEO
TechTown Detroit