

2025 Spring Donor Impact Report

Below is the Foundation's bi-annual snapshot of data, impact, and priority focus areas where your support is used to better our community.

Understanding Data to Support a Vibrant and Equitable Arts Sector

A strong arts & culture sector in a community can foster connection and social cohesion, promote a sense of belonging, drive economic impact, and improve mental health and wellbeing.

With support from The Barr Foundation, CFMW has added a new Arts & Culture section with seven key indicators to Impact MetroWest, our online data platform. By understanding the data and our region's current strengths and gaps, we hope to build strategies that provide increased opportunities to build a more vibrant and equitable arts sector for everyone.



In 2023, visitors to MetroWest spent nearly \$6.4 billion, representing an **18% increase** since 2006.*



Arts participation in MetroWest schools begins early, with **43.8%** of students in grades K-5 taking art courses, while this number drops to **16.8%** of students in grades 9-12.*



Our sector has grown steadily since 2012, but still lags behind the state with only **5.5 arts establishments per 10,000 residents**.*

*Data provided by Impact MetroWest

Trade and Construction Expo: Empowering Tomorrow's Workforce

On April 1, 2025, the Workforce Development Action Project awarded grant funding to Metro South/West Youth Connections to host the third annual Trade and Construction Expo. Aligned with the Project's mission to expand vocational pathways for under-resourced youth, the Expo has become a key workforce development event. Since its launch in 2023, student attendance has grown by **93%**, with **560 students** participating in 2025.



Courtesy of Metro South/
West Youth Connections



A quarter of attendees were female students



More than **40 companies** involved

Presenting Sponsor:



Avidia Bank

The program has grown significantly over the past 3 years:

2023

289
Students

2024

412
Students

2025

560
Students

Strengthening Communities Through Collective Investment and Impact

In 2024, we are proud of the more than **\$3.5 million** we invested to benefit **465 nonprofit organizations**. Thanks to the tremendous support and partnership of so many individuals, foundations, corporate partners, and Funds, we remain energized by the impact we're able to have on so many lives in MetroWest and beyond.

Community Grantmaking:

\$1,158,437

granted in the areas of Arts & Culture, Environment, Human Services, Hunger Relief, and Youth Development

Action Projects:

\$806,213

to support 14 nonprofit partners in the areas of Equity in Education, Housing & Homelessness Prevention, and Workforce Development

Funds at the Foundation:

\$1,523,964

Includes Donor Advised Funds, Town Funds, Agency Endowed Funds, and Designated Funds