



Paul M. Angell Family Foundation

To Our Community,

Thank you for all the ways you've risen to meet the needs of your communities this year. Although our sector continues to grapple with enormous strains, signs of progress and resilience abound.

In the past year, our grantee partners have worked to strengthen their communities, amplified the voices and stories of underrepresented artists, united to protect our ocean biodiversity, expanded community centers, and so much more. Your efforts to build and adapt demonstrate your unwavering commitment to opening new pathways to progress.

The Paul M. Angell Foundation has also continued to grow rapidly, and we know many of you are curious about what that means for our priorities. We're excited to begin sharing where we're headed and how we're strengthening our support for you.

We've been building our team, having recently welcomed Joanna Trotter as our first Vice President of Programs. We're excited for the expertise she brings in using philanthropy as a tool for change. Expect more announcements to come as we welcome a new Director of Social Impact and add capacity across grants management, information technology, and our Marine Conservation program.

As our team grows, so does our ability to support your evolving work. The foundation recently added Democracy as a new grantmaking area, and our board already approved the first \$9 million in grants. We look forward to sharing the priorities shaping our Democracy work soon. Our Marine Conservation team is preparing to scope new grantmaking opportunities and connect with grantees at the upcoming Our Ocean Conference in Mombasa, Kenya, in June, while our Social Impact team continues to partner with those advancing community-driven solutions, most recently convening youth and youth organizers in Chicago. In the Performing Arts, we are preparing an RFP to help bring new creative works to life, and we will have more to share in the near future.

This year, you'll continue to see momentum across the foundation. We've celebrated promotions (congratulations to our newest Senior Program Officers, Mark Anthony of Social Impact and Jules of Marine Conservation!). Marwen—a grantee partner helping Chicago's young people build futures through the arts—produced original, beautiful works of art for our office space that capture the spirit of our grantmaking areas.

Behind the scenes, we've been working to ensure that the foundation's day-to-day work truly aligns with our mission. We're refining our branding and communications with a new website launching this summer, exploring strategies to build the capacity of our grantees and uplift their stories, and undergoing a strategic planning process that will shape how we aim to spark change in the years ahead. To ensure our rapid growth over the past two years leads to deeper impact, we're making a concerted effort to clarify how we work and build cohesion across the foundation. As we continue to listen, learn, and explore new possibilities, we remain steadfast in our values and commitments. We'll share more on each of these efforts in the coming months.

At the foundation, Chicago summers always bring a sense of possibility, and we're committed to supporting you in carrying that spirit into your work. Thank you for all that you do.

To possibility,

Kim Van Horn

Chief Executive Officer

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2026: Our Progress So Far

\$58.1M

in grant funding during the first half of 2026

\$9M

in democracy grants

300

grants

276

total grantees

MARINE CONSERVATION



\$25.4M

in grant funding during the first half of 2026

PERFORMING ARTS



\$13M

in grant funding during the first half of 2026

SOCIAL IMPACT



\$10.7M

in grant funding during the first half of 2026



Installed by Pablo Aburto of Art On The Wall

A New Look for Our Office

In Fall 2025, Marwen's high school artists-in-residence were commissioned to create a collection of original artworks for our office, taking inspiration from our three focus areas: Marine Conservation, Performing Arts, and Social Impact.

Art on the Wall, a local Chicago business, recently installed the artworks in our office, commemorating our 10 years of partnership with Marwen.