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## NEWS RELEASE: Consumers Energy Foundation Makes \$200,000 Grant for Jackson County Small Businesses

JACKSON, MICH. May 6, 2020 - The Jackson Community Foundation (JCF) and the Enterprise Group (EG) of Jackson have received a \$200,000 gift from the Consumers Energy Foundation. The money will be used to create grants for small businesses affected by COVID-19 pandemic in Jackson County – focus will be given to businesses owned by women, minorities and small businesses who have not received support from other funding sources. This grant represents a portion of \$1.8 million Consumers Energy Foundation has granted to nine organizations throughout Michigan. The two organizations will work together to make grants to Jackson County small businesses.

"Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and have been significantly impacted during this unprecedented time," said Brandon Hofmeister, president of the Consumers Energy Foundation. "Consumers Energy is committed to helping Michigan's small business community succeed now, more than ever. We are making an investment in our communities, business owners, workers and their families, and a commitment to help power through together."

"The Enterprise Group thanks the Consumers Energy Foundation for their support of small business in Jackson County. The resources the Foundation have committed to support small business, and minority and women owned enterprises, are critical in meeting their operational expenses during the COVID crisis. The EG Community Ventures Corp. is proud to partner with the Jackson Community Foundation to disburse these funds in our community" said Tim Rogers, EG President.

"We worked quite efficiently with the Enterprise Group in April to quickly disperse a \$1 million donation from Consumers Energy CEO, Patti Poppe and husband Eric, to Jackson County small businesses," said Monica Moser, JCF President & CEO. "The effect COVID-19 has had on our small businesses has been devastating and we look forward to working with the EG again on this new initiative. Having an organization like the Consumers Energy Foundation in Jackson County is truly a gift to our entire community."

To apply go to: [www.enterprisegroup.org](http://www.enterprisegroup.org). Donations to this initiative can be made at [www.jacksoncf.org](http://www.jacksoncf.org). Please note "Consumers Small Business Relief" in the description box.

The Consumers Energy Foundation's contribution is part of an effort to help small business customers in this time of need. Consumers Energy is promoting a hotline, 800-805-0490, and [ConsumersEnergy.com/smallbusinessrelief](http://ConsumersEnergy.com/smallbusinessrelief) to provide meaningful and immediate help.

**The Consumers Energy Foundation** is the charitable arm of Consumers Energy, Michigan's largest energy provider. The Foundation enables communities to thrive and grow by investing in what's most important to Michigan — its people, our planet and Michigan's prosperity. For more information about the Consumers Energy Foundation, visit [www.ConsumersEnergy.com/foundation](http://www.ConsumersEnergy.com/foundation).

#### **About Jackson Community Foundation**

The Jackson Community Foundation connects people and resources to causes that strengthen and build our community. We are committed to providing our community with a sustainable aspect of philanthropy - providing leadership and problem solving in the present and preparing for the future with a permanent endowment. For Jackson. For good. For ever. Visit our website at [www.jacksoncf.org](http://www.jacksoncf.org), or follow us on Facebook.

#### **About The Enterprise Group of Jackson, Inc.**

The Enterprise Group of Jackson, Inc. provides a one-stop resource to achieve solutions and coordinate business and manufacturing capabilities to promote prosperity, strengthen the economy, stimulate job creation and support business retention and growth. For more information, visit The EG's website at [www.enterprisegroup.org](http://www.enterprisegroup.org).