SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY-BASED LACTATION SUPPORT

IN ORDER TO BE SUSTAINABLE, THESE ORGANIZATIONS NEED FUNDING.

FROM YOU: *LOCAL BREASTFEEDING ORGANIZATIONS THAT TAKE ON A SYSTEMS-FOCUS ARE CRUCIAL.*

Communities such as Kent, Chippewa, Metro-Detroit, Black women, and Indigenous folx have already established or are in the process of forming these vital support networks.

FROM US: ✓ *YES! 100%. WE AGREE.*

MIBFN is committed to ensuring that every community across Michigan—both geographic and identity-based—has access to breastfeeding-supportive organizations that center equity and justice.

FUNDING IS AN ISSUE OF EQUITY

Volunteering for work that requires this level of dedication—especially when it closely aligns with professional, paid labor—is a privilege that not everyone can afford. The responsibility of leading and sustaining these efforts cannot fall on a single individual; it must be a shared, collective endeavor. For this work to thrive long-term, the collective itself must be supported and compensated, ensuring sustainability and equity in the movement.

THINGS THAT NEED TO BE COMPENSATED/PAID FOR:

Food · Space rental · Supplies · Facilitation · Direct services · Programs · And the list goes on...
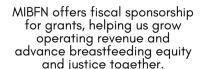
FUNDING THIS WORK IS VITAL

Breastfeeding, especially systems-work, is woefully underfunded as a public health imperative.

WE CAN ACCOMPLISH SO MUCH TOGETHER. HERE ARE SOME STARTING WAYS WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO BRING FUNDS AND SUSTAINABILITY TO YOUR WORK IN THE SHORT-TERM:

MIBFN offers fiscal sponsorship for grants, helping us grow operating revenue and advance breastfeeding equity and justice together.

Corporations with community-based locations are well positioned to donate to local organizations. Ask early. MIBFN can be your non-profit fiscal sponsor, if you need one.

> *"YOU CANNOT RECEIVE IT IF YOU NEVER ASK FOR IT."*
> Anesha Stanley, CLC, CD, BD, PCD, CCCE, Local Breastfeeding Supporter

DID YOU KNOW?

Keys of Hope made an Amazon Wishlist so folks could donate. You can consider making a virtual wishlist and sharing it with your community, too. MIBFN will be happy to share on our socials, too!

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