

Drawing on Detroit Inquiry

The USC Center on Philanthropy and Public Policy, in partnership with the Kresge Foundation, has undertaken a yearlong inquiry into the Detroit experience, seeking insights it may hold for the future of American cities.

There are numerous strategies underway in Detroit that other cities can learn from and adapt. But what is most significant about Detroit is not strategy-specific: it is the overall recalibration of roles and responsibilities across the public, private, philanthropic, and nonprofit sectors. This fundamental transformation carries implications that extend well beyond cities in crisis. In an era of persistent municipal deficits and limited resources, it may contain seeds of a new agenda for American cities.

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