Staff Bio

Joseph Martin joined the staff of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation as a program officer for its Flint-Area grant making team on January 1, 2015. A Michigan native, he most recently worked at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) in Lansing. In addition to his duties as a program officer, Martin will serve as a loaned executive to the non-profit Uptown Reinvestment Corporation (URC), assisting with the development of mixed use real estate projects related to the revitalization of downtown Flint.

Prior to joining the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, he was appointed the Executive Director of the Michigan Magnet Fund in 2014 to oversee the application and management of the New Market Tax Credit Program. Additionally, Mr. Martin served as a Structured Financial Projects and NMTC Manager at the MEDC. In this role, he structured and closed $500 plus million in loan and equity transactions involving public-private partnerships utilizing foundation PRI and grant monies, tax increment financing, NMTCs, Historic Tax Credits and Michigan Community Revitalization loan and equity contributions. A Michigan native, Martin began working for MEDC in 2007 as a community and economic development incentive specialist. He was promoted to manager of MEDC’s Michigan Community Revitalization Program and the MEGA Brownfield Tax Increment Financing program in 2012. In mid-2014, he accepted the position of structured financial project manager for MEDC. Prior to MEDC, Martin worked for the Michigan State University’s (MSU) Department of Agricultural Economics at Michigan State University (MSU) as a visiting specialist. A graduate of MSU, he received both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.