



VADIM AVSHALUMOV

Program Manager, Cultural and Civic Vitality

Vadim Avshalumov supports the grantmaking, learning, and strategic objectives of the Cultural and Civic Vitality focus area and its two grantmaking strategies – Signature Spaces and Arts and Culture. He evaluates grant opportunities, manages a portfolio of grants and projects, and serves as a focus-area representative for grantees and partners.



Vadim joined the William Davidson Foundation in May 2016 and was the program manager for cross-foundation initiatives. In that role, he led the Foundation’s learning and exploration initiative and was involved in the execution of the Signature Spaces portfolio.

From 2014 to 2016, Vadim served as a program manager for the Downtown Detroit Partnership, where he was responsible for vital programs for the Business Improvement Zone. Prior to that, he worked as an urban planning associate with Rock Ventures, focusing on placemaking initiatives in Detroit. He also served as an economic development analyst at Focus: HOPE.

A native of Azerbaijan (then part of the Soviet Union), Vadim grew up in Israel before moving to metropolitan Detroit with his family in the mid-1990s.

He has a master’s degree in urban planning and a real estate certificate from the University of Michigan and two undergraduate degrees, a B.A. in urban studies from Columbia University and a B.A. in Jewish History from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Vadim and his family reside in Birmingham, Michigan.