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Benjamin Kennedy is vice president of the Place-Based Practice. Benjamin’s leadership involves overseeing grants and investments aimed at helping Detroit and other American cities grapple with a wide array of socio-economic issues.

Prior to joining Kresge in 2009, Benjamin was with JPMorgan Chase in Johannesburg, South Africa, where he was an associate on the firm’s mergers and acquisitions team.

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