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Lilly Endowment names new CAPE grantees; renewal grants also listed; total CAPE funding now tops \$230 million

Six years ago Lilly Endowment Inc. announced a new statewide initiative called CAPE (Community Alliances to Promote Education). Part of the Endowment's overall efforts to boost the level of educational attainment in the state, CAPE was aimed at individual counties to address their area's most compelling education needs.

The competitive initiative was fueled by the state's more than 90 community foundations that canvassed their areas, engaged parents and interested citizens, labor and arts groups, human service and education groups, and business and civic leaders in a sustained discussion of what issues most challenged them. Then they prioritized the needs and developed ways to address them. Up to \$5 million per county was allowed for implementation grants.

With today's announcement of new and renewal grants, the Endowment's investment in CAPE tops \$230 million and covers 60 counties in Indiana.

Through previous rounds of CAPE grants, the Endowment invested \$186.5 million in the programs in 44 counties. Then, last October, the program was opened up to include counties not already involved. Community foundations, or other local charitable organizations they endorse, could apply for new grants on a competitive basis for up to

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\$1.5 million for counties with populations of 50,000 or more, or up to \$750,000 for counties with populations under 50,000. The Endowment is pleased to announce that 18 new CAPE grants covering 16 counties and totaling nearly \$18 million have been approved in this round.

Throughout the year, the Endowment also has offered existing CAPE grantees the opportunity to apply for renewal grants to sustain promising or successful aspects of their previously funded CAPE programs. Existing CAPE grantees have been eligible to apply on a noncompetitive basis for up to \$800,000 per county served. Nineteen renewal grants covering 27 counties already have been announced, and the Endowment today announces eight more such renewal grants representing 11 counties.

“Since the beginning of this initiative, we have been impressed again and again by the efforts of the communities all across the state to ‘buy in’ to this project,” said Sara B. Cobb, Endowment vice president for education. “Groups have convened, planned, consulted and collaborated to find the best ways to address their local education needs. Their collaborations involve businesses, libraries, literacy groups, school corporations, local and national education service providers, universities and colleges. All this has taken a lot of on-the-ground efforts, and we appreciate the hard work of all parties involved.

“Their programs are addressing issues that cover the gamut – literacy for all age levels, early childhood education, community and lifelong learning, parental involvement, and Web-based programs. The future success for this state lies in the educational attainment of its citizens. We have confidence that the awareness of this fact is penetrating the entire state – and the CAPE participants are to be congratulated for their continuing efforts,” she said.

The following counties are recipients of new grants in the CAPE initiative:

Boone County

Western Boone County Community School Corp., Thorntown, \$1.5 million, a preschool program for at-risk children. With the endorsement of the Community Foundation of Boone County, the corporation will establish a preschool program for

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at-risk 4-year-olds in Lebanon and Western Boone school corporations. Two preschool classrooms will be established in each school district. The four classrooms will collaborate to target the needs of youngsters who are deemed at-risk of academic failure based on the results of the developmental screenings conducted through a variety of programs and community events. The grant also will support transportation for children participating in the program, and \$190,000 will be allocated to establish a permanent endowment to sustain the program.

Contact: Lisa John, Community Foundation of Boone County, 317/873-0210

Contact: Judy Hendrix, Western Boone County Community School Corp, 765/482-6333

Cass County

United Way of Cass County, Logansport, \$750,000 for an early literacy program.

The United Way of Cass County will expand a public awareness campaign; increase access to literary materials and activities; provide training programs for parents and professional development for teachers and child-care providers; sponsor a series of community and school-based events and activities; encourage business and school partnerships; expand outreach to non-English-speaking communities and at-risk families; and offer greater access to existing local and national literacy programs and resources.

The plan was endorsed by the Cass County Community Foundation.

Contact: Joyce Gebhardt, United Way of Cass County, 574/753-3533

Contact: Deanna Crispen, Cass County Community Foundation, 574/722-2200

Clark County

Community Foundation of Southern Indiana, New Albany, \$1.5 million for programs to help students and families in high-poverty, K-12 schools in Clark County.

The foundation will work with the county's three schools corporations and the Communities In Schools program to implement a series of school-based programs and services in 10 high-poverty elementary schools in the county. Funds will be used to establish an after-school homework support program, language development training sessions for preschoolers and their families, life skills training for children in grades 3-5, school- and home-based social support and referral services, school-based family and student emotional counseling and therapy and a parenting program.

Contact: Laura Hansen Dean, Community Foundation of Southern Indiana, 812/948-4662

Dearborn County

Dearborn Community Foundation, Lawrenceburg, \$750,000 for school-based programs targeting at-risk students and their families. The foundation will implement a two-part program. First, a program will be established to increase attendance rates by hiring one counselor for each school corporation. The counselors will work with students with multiple absences and develop action plans to address the relevant issues. They will

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identify other resources and services available to families and students. Second, an after-school tutoring program will be established at 11 schools in the county.

Contact: Fred McCarter, Dearborn Community Foundation, 812/539-4115

Floyd County

New Albany-Floyd County Consolidated School Corp., \$1,142,000 for an early literacy program. To ensure that all children in the county are reading at grade level by the third grade, the school corporation, in collaboration with the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana, will establish a series of programs to improve early literacy skills of at-risk children and families. A communitywide public relations and outreach program will promote the importance of reading in the preschool years. Grant funds will provide development support for teachers and students in preschools and elementary schools. A Communities In Schools program will be established to provide school-based support services for students and families.

Community Foundation of Southern Indiana, \$358,000 to establish an endowment to provide additional resources to sustain successful early literacy programming.

Contact: Dennis Brooks, New Albany-Floyd County School Corp., 812/949-4212

Contact: Laura Hansen Dean, Community Foundation of Southern Indiana, 812/948-4662

Henry County

Henry County Community Foundation, New Castle, \$749,640 for programs to expand postsecondary opportunities. Programming and services will be expanded at an existing postsecondary education center. More staff will be hired to market the services more effectively and to counsel current and potential users of the center on financial aid opportunities, mentoring programs and tutoring services. Scholarship assistance will be made available for first-time enrollees. A collaboration among the Henry County Memorial Hospital, the Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana nursing program and Indiana University East will encourage the matriculation of high school students enrolled in the New Castle Vocational School academic and career programs into the health professions. Also a \$98,000 endowment will be created to address future technology needs at the center.

Contact: Jerry Schaeffer, Henry County Community Foundation, 765/529-2235

Howard County

Indiana University Foundation, \$1.5 million for an early childhood education center in Howard County. IU Kokomo and the Community Foundation of Howard County will establish an early childhood education center to promote awareness of the importance of kindergarten readiness. Also, the center will research and provide best practice information and training to families and child-care providers, work with libraries

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to establish early childhood education resource centers, offer courses leading to degrees and certificates in early childhood education, and provide professional development opportunities for K-12 staff and teachers. Grant funds also will be used to establish a \$300,000 permanent endowment for the center.

Contact: Stuart Green, IU Kokomo, 765/455-9227

Contact: Ron Harper, Community Foundation of Howard County, 765/454-7298

Jefferson County

Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County, Madison, \$750,000 for a countywide, after-school program targeting at-risk elementary school students. The community foundation will establish the Jefferson County Learning Network (JCLN), which will address the intellectual and emotional needs of at-risk students in the upper elementary grades throughout the county's three school corporations. The program will complement another middle-grades project that is already under way. All programs will offer after-school support in math and language arts. Each of the county's nine elementary schools will be eligible for grant funds to implement its own set of programs. The goal is to provide a seamless continuum of supportive interventions from Grades 1-8 to ensure every student is prepared to succeed in high school.

Contact: Louise Markel, Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County, 812/265-3327

Johnson County

Franklin College, \$1,199,965 for an early literacy program. With the endorsement of the Johnson County Community Foundation, the college will establish an early literacy program with five components. First, for children and families from birth to 3 years old, activities will connect parents with available resources and volunteer support. Second, for children 3-5 years old, the public library system will help disseminate resources and information to parents, child-care providers, preschools and home schools. Third, for children and families from pre-K to kindergarten, curriculum and training opportunities will be provided for parents and teachers to improve literacy and instruction. Fourth, pre- and post-kindergarten summer reading camps will be established. Fifth, an awareness campaign will be conducted among business and service organizations to promote the importance of early literacy.

Johnson County Community Foundation, \$300,000 to establish an endowment to support the long-term sustainability of successful CAPE programs.

Contact: James Moseley, Franklin College, 317/738-8802

Contact: Sandy Daniels, Johnson County Community Foundation, 317/738-2213

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Montgomery County

Crawfordsville Community School Corp., \$750,000 for a program to raise K-12 student achievement with a focus on school attendance. With the endorsement of the Montgomery County Community Foundation, the school corporation will implement a comprehensive program to strengthen school attendance. First, a public awareness campaign will promote the importance of attendance at school and work. Second, new staff will work to refine and make consistent school attendance policies and procedures in the county. Third, new staff will monitor attendance and help schools develop incentive programs and work with local employers to establish workplace recognition programs that highlight attendance.

Contact: Kathleen Steele, Crawfordsville Community School Corp., 765/362-2342

Contact: Ann Malott, Montgomery County Community Foundation, 765/362-1267

Parke County

Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, \$750,000 for support of the Parke County Learning Center. With the endorsement of the Parke County Community Foundation, Ivy Tech at Terre Haute will establish the learning center, which will feature four specific program areas: workforce development, remediation, postsecondary education, and continuing education. Funds also will be used to establish a \$150,000 endowment to assist long-term sustainability.

Contact: Jeff Pittman, Ivy Tech, 812/298-2200

Contact: Brad Bumgardner, Parke County Community Foundation, 765/569-7223

Shelby County

Blue River Foundation, Shelbyville, \$750,000 for an expanded full-day kindergarten program. Collaborating with the four school corporations in the county, the foundation will expand full-day kindergarten to all schools in the county. This program builds on successful but limited models already in place. It will focus on early literacy skills and school readiness. The grant will provide administrative support for the schools and scholarship support to enable all families to have access to the full-day programming. Also, funds will be used to provide a pre- and post-kindergarten summer reading program.

Contact: Elaine Haehl, Blue River Foundation, 317/392-7955

Steuben County

Steuben County Community Foundation, Angola, \$749,637 for a two-part program focused on early literacy and lifelong learning. Emphasizing kindergarten preparedness, community-based events will be conducted to identify at-risk preschool children. Such children will be offered early literacy training and support from volunteers from the community and Tri-State University. Funds also will establish an educational resource clearinghouse for residents of all ages. The purpose is to heighten awareness of

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the importance of education through presentations, media outlets and advertising. Besides a Web site, other print resources will be developed. Specific program activities for both components of the program will be coordinated by the Steuben County Literacy Coalition. A \$75,000 permanent endowment will be established for the long-term sustainability of the CAPE programs.

Contact: Sharon Stroh, Steuben County Community Foundation, 260/665-6656

Tippecanoe County

Community & Family Resource Center, Lafayette, \$1.5 million for programs to promote school readiness for children from birth to 5 years old. With the endorsement of the Greater Lafayette Community Foundation, the center proposes to establish programs that target at-risk families. As part of a kindergarten-readiness program, an early-care and education program will provide literacy curriculum and developmental assessments for infants and children up to 3 years old. Also, a parenting program will support family literacy, parent education and case management services. Support for families will be provided also through programs and services focused on adult literacy and workforce development. Finally, CAPE funds will be used to initiate a longitudinal study to track children who participate in the programs for the duration of their K-12 education.

Contact: Pam Biggs-Reed, Community & Family Resource Center, 765/742-4848

Contact: Jim Klusman, Greater Lafayette Community Foundation, 765/742-9078

Vigo County

Vigo County School Corp., Terre Haute, \$1.5 million for a program to improve the writing skills of fifth-grade students. With the endorsement of the Wabash Valley Community Foundation, the corporation will use grant funds to enhance the capacity and improve the coordination of existing education programs and services. Grant funds will be used also to promote the importance of writing specifically and education more generally throughout the community. Specific activities include professional development for teachers, an enhanced writing curriculum for all fifth-graders, expanded evaluation of student progress, enhanced career awareness activities at schools and expanded counseling services. Community-based activities include student and family home-based support programs and services, writing centers and summer reading and writing programs at the public library, and author visits to schools and community events.

Contact: Karen Goeller, Vigo County School Corp., 812/462-4218

Contact: Beth Tevlin, Wabash Valley Community Foundation, 812/232-2234

Wayne County

Richmond Community Schools, \$1.5 million for a countywide early literacy program. With the endorsement of the Wayne County Community Foundation, the schools will establish or enhance programs that promote early literacy. First, an existing Parents as Teachers program will be expanded. Second, a preschool literacy coordinator

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will be hired to work with preschool providers and parents. Third, the Communities In Schools program will be expanded to all 14 Wayne County elementary schools. Fourth, a literacy curriculum will be expanded to the 14 schools. Fifth, a \$75,000 endowment will be established to provide sustainability for successful CAPE programs.

Contact: Kristi Knapp, Richmond Community Schools, 765/973-3757

Contact: Stephen Borchers, Wayne County Community Foundation, 765/962-1638

The eight new renewal grants representing 11 counties are the following:

Crawford County – Community Foundation of Crawford County, Milltown, \$800,000, continued support for an expanded full-day kindergarten

Fayette County – Community Education Coalition, Connorsville, \$800,000, continued support for a community-based arts and science education program

Lawrence, Martin, Orange and Washington counties – Hoosier Uplands Economic Development Corp., Mitchell, \$3.2 million, continued support for CAPE programs (early childhood development, K-12 school improvement program, and a workforce/career development program)

Owen County – Owen County Learning Network, Spencer, \$800,000, continued support for CAPE programs targeting preschool children and families, middle school and high school students, and adults

Pulaski County – Eastern Pulaski Community School Corp., Winamac, \$800,000, continued support for a program to enhance pre-K, K-12 and adult education

Ripley County – Southeastern Career Center, Versailles, \$800,000, continued support for a technology-based education program

Sullivan County – Indiana State University, Terre Haute, \$800,000, continued support for a program to use technology to enhance education opportunities

Tipton County – Purdue Research Foundation, \$800,000, continued support of the Tipton County Education Center

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Previously awarded renewal grants (also for up to \$800,000 per county served) were made in March, June and July. They are listed below.

March CAPE renewal grants:

Allen County – Community Partnerships, Fort Wayne, \$800,000, continued support for an early childhood literacy program

Brown County – County School Corporation of Brown County, \$600,000, continued support for an education and career resource center; Brown County Community Foundation, Nashville, \$200,000, continued support of the endowment

DeKalb County – DeKalb County Fund for the Future, Auburn, \$800,000, continued support of a countywide early literacy initiative

Noble County – Community Initiatives, Ligonier, \$800,000, continued support for an initiative to promote pre-K-12 education, workforce development and multicultural awareness

St. Joseph County – Community Foundation of St. Joseph County, South Bend, \$800,000, continued support of an early childhood intervention program

Vanderburgh, Daviess, Gibson, Knox, Pike, Perry, Posey, Warrick and Spencer counties, Alliance Initiatives Fund, Evansville, \$7.2 million, continued support for a regional literacy and teacher development program

Wabash County – Community Foundation of Wabash County, North Manchester, \$800,000, continued support for a collaborative effort to enhance K-12 and adult education

Warren County – Metropolitan School District of Warren County, Williamsport, \$800,000, continued support for a learning and technology center for K-12 and adult education

June CAPE renewal grants:

Bartholomew County – Heritage Fund of Bartholomew County, Columbus, \$800,000, continued support for a K-12 professional development and community education program

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Clay County – Clay Community Schools, Knightsville, \$800,000, continued support for a literacy program for K-3 and high school students

Delaware County – Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County, Muncie, \$800,000, continued support for a program to enhance K-12 education and take steps to assist at-risk elementary, middle and high school students

Grant County – Community Foundation of Grant County, Marion, \$800,000, continued support for programs to enhance educational and career preparation for residents of all ages

Hancock County – Mount Vernon Community School Corp., \$800,000, continued support for a technology-based program for K-12 enrichment and adult learning

Madison County – Anderson University, \$800,000, continued support for an early childhood literacy program

Scott County – Scott County School District 2, Scottsburg, \$800,000, continued support for a communitywide education initiative, including a family resource center, an expanded alternative education program, and a lifelong learning center

July CAPE renewal grants:

Greene County – White River Valley School Corp., Switz City, \$800,000, continued support for an initiative to enhance student and family participation in K-12 education through academic counseling services, a volunteer network, and adult literacy programming

Marshall County – Ancilla Domini College, Donaldson, \$800,000, continued support for a collaborative effort to enhance early childhood, K-12 and adult education

Monroe County – Monroe County Community School Corp., Bloomington, \$800,000, continued support for a multifaceted initiative to expand the educational support system of county youth and families

Switzerland County – Switzerland County School Corp., Vevay, \$800,000, continued support for a technology-based program for high school enrichment and adult learning

Several more renewal grants may be announced by the end of the year.