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Lilly Endowment names 17 more counties to receive CAPE grants; investment grows to \$186 million covering 44 counties

Lilly Endowment Inc. has named 17 more counties that will benefit from grants of up to \$5 million each to participate in the CAPE (Community Alliances to Promote Education) initiative. With this round, the Endowment has invested more than \$186 million in 44 counties during this competitive initiative, which began in 1999.

The CAPE initiative has encouraged the state's more than 90 community foundations to lead discussions and forums in their areas, engage in research, prioritize their area's most pressing educational needs and help devise plans to address them successfully. The community foundations then have submitted proposals for grants to them or to other charitable or educational organizations they endorse to implement these plans.

"All along the way, these county-based foundations have been 'front and center' in convening and encouraging their communities' citizens and organizations to take advantage of the CAPE opportunities to improve education," said Sara B. Cobb, Endowment vice president for education. "They have held public meetings. They have benchmarked their communities against state, national and international standards. They have sought a range of perspectives from parents and students to local, state and national education experts, from public officials and business leaders to higher education officials,

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from social service organizations to arts groups – all to determine what efforts will make the most positive impact on improving education in their counties.

“The dedication and zeal of the community foundations and their colleagues have been truly inspirational,” she said.

In this round of the CAPE competition, the successful applicants – from Elkhart and LaGrange counties in the north to Scott and Crawford counties in the south – zeroed in on reading proficiency and literacy, preschool educational preparation, arts and science interactive programs, greater family participation in education and lifelong learning, education needs of immigrants, technology capabilities and learning centers for all citizens. Altogether, the grants in this round total \$80.7 million.

In the first round of CAPE grants, announced last December, 19 counties received \$68.8 million. In the second round, announced in July, eight counties received \$32.9 million.

“Indiana’s educational challenges remain daunting,” Cobb said. “Nevertheless, we are heartened by this evidence that there is a growing awareness in Indiana communities that improving educational achievement is imperative for future prosperity and that in many situations fundamental new approaches and benchmarks must be used.”

The following counties have received grants in this round of CAPE:

Blackford County

Blackford County Schools (BCS), Hartford City

\$4,637,544

With the endorsement of the Blackford County Foundation, BCS will implement a school-based initiative consisting of several programs to improve reading proficiency among K-3 pupils.

Contact: Benjamin Oswalt, executive director, Blackford County Foundation,
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Brown County

County School Corp. of Brown County

\$3,997,990

Brown County Community Foundation, Nashville

\$999,498 (endowment fund for CAPE programs)

The two organizations will collaborate and establish an educational resource center to provide access to educational and career development information and opportunities for county residents.

Contact: James Brunnemer, executive director, Brown County Community Foundation, 812/988-4882

Clay County

Clay Community Schools, Knightsville

\$4,912,349

In collaboration with the Wabash Valley Community Foundation, the schools will implement a literacy initiative targeting early learners from birth through age 8 and older youth from 15 to 19 years old. Two resource centers will be created to house, coordinate, enhance and promote county literacy programs and activities.

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

Crawford County

Ivy Tech State College-Region 13, Sellersburg

\$5 million

Collaborating with the Community Foundation of Crawford County, Ivy Tech will implement a multifaceted initiative including programs for a full-time kindergarten, an enhanced K-12 curriculum and an adult education program.

Contact: Bonita Coots, executive director, Community Foundation of Crawford County, 812/633-2077

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DeKalb County

DeKalb County Parent Group for Handicapped Children (Children First Center)
\$4,949,466

The DeKalb County Community Foundation endorsed the proposal from the Children First Center to implement a countywide, early literacy initiative to improve preschool educational preparation and elementary curriculum, training and instruction.

Contact: Wendy Oberlin, executive director, DeKalb County Community Foundation, 219/925-0311

Elkhart County and LaGrange County

Goshen (Ind.) College
\$9,993,170

The counties' community foundations endorsed the Goshen College proposal to implement several programs to address countywide educational needs, with specific emphasis on the large Hispanic and Amish populations in the counties.

Contact: Earl Taylor, executive director of the Elkhart County Community Foundation, 219/295-8761, and/or Evelyn Evers, executive director of the LaGrange County Community Foundation, 219/463-4363.

Fayette County

Indiana University Foundation, Bloomington
\$5 million

With the endorsement of the Fayette County Foundation, Indiana University's East campus at Richmond will establish the Fayette County Arts and Science Center that will provide interactive arts and science programs accessible to all. The programs will target at-risk children and families and nontraditional adult learners.

Contact: Nancy Burke, executive director, Fayette County Foundation, 765/827-9966

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Grant County

Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion
\$5 million

With the endorsement of the Grant County Community Foundation, Indiana Wesleyan will implement a three-pronged initiative to raise the level of career preparation and participation in lifelong learning activities of all county residents.

Contact: Elizabeth Wright, executive director, Grant County Community Foundation, 765/662-0065

Greene County

White River Valley School Corp., Switz City
\$4,652,629

The White River Valley School Corp., with the endorsement of the Greene County Foundation, will implement an initiative to change basic attitudes about the value of education by improving the attendance and participation of students in school and sponsoring learning activities for both students and their parents.

Contact: Mary Aiken, executive director, Greene County Foundation, 812/659-3142

Marshall County

Ancilla Domini College, Donaldson
\$4,102,430
Marshall County Community Foundation, Plymouth
\$890,000 (endowment fund for CAPE programs)

In collaboration with the Marshall County Community Foundation, Ancilla Domini College will establish a series of programs to improve access to information on educational and training opportunities, enhance the quality and quantity of child-care providers and provide greater educational support for the county's Hispanic population.

Contact: Jeff Honzik, executive director, Marshall County Community Foundation, 219/935-5159

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Monroe County

Monroe County School Corp., Bloomington

\$4 million

Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County, Bloomington

\$1 million (endowment fund for CAPE programs)

In collaboration with the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County, the school corporation will implement a many-faceted initiative to strengthen the educational preparation of children from birth through age 18. Four family resource centers will be created to provide early intervention and education support to families with newborn and preschool children, enhance literacy training and support programs in 10 elementary schools and fund community asset-building grants throughout the county.

Contact: Kathleen Wissing, executive director, Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County, 812/333-9016

Noble County

Community Initiatives, Ligonier

\$2,668,570

Endorsed by the Noble County Community Foundation, Community Initiatives will create a resource center, expand after-school youth programs, enhance high-school workforce development efforts and support pre-kindergarten children and their families. The initiative is an effort to promote education and multicultural awareness in response to the rapidly growing immigrant population in the county.

Contact: Dave Knopp, executive director, Noble County Community Foundation, 219/894-3335

Pulaski County

St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer

\$4,997,680

With the endorsement of the Pulaski County Community Foundation, St. Joseph's College will implement a countywide initiative to insure that students enter school prepared to learn and on track to read at grade level by the third grade. The programs also will support educational assistance to adults throughout the county.

Contact: Doug Wilson, executive director, Pulaski County Community Foundation, 219/946-0906

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Ripley County

Southeastern Career Center, Versailles
\$4,917,178

With the endorsement of the Ripley County Community Foundation, the Southeastern Career Center will implement a curriculum development and technology initiative that will enable all students in each of the county's four, geographically dispersed school corporations to have access to an enhanced, coordinated K-12 and postsecondary curriculum.

Contact: Sally Morris, executive director, Ripley County Community Foundation, 812/933-1098

Scott County

Scott County School District 2, Scottsburg
\$5 million

Endorsed by the Community Foundation of Scott County, the school district will establish a family resource center and upgrade and expand the alternative education program to offer evening and weekend access. The local lifelong learning center also will offer an enhanced computer lab and more programs.

Contact: Barb Timberlake, executive director, Community Foundation of Scott County, 812/752-2057

Tipton County

Purdue Research Foundation, West Lafayette
\$3,362,378
Tipton County Foundation
\$650,000 (endowment fund for CAPE programs)

With the endorsement of the Tipton County Foundation, Purdue will establish a learning center with several satellite locations to provide coordinated access to a variety of educational programs and services for county residents of all ages.

Contact: John C. Walker, executive director, Tipton County Foundation, 765/675-8480

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Addendum 1

Recipients in the \$68.8 million first round of CAPE implementation grants covered

programs in 19 counties. Announced last December, the grantees were:

- ◆ Community Partnerships, Fort Wayne, \$5 million, endorsed by the Fort Wayne Community Foundation (focus on reading opportunities for preschool through third-grade children and their families)
- ◆ Heritage Fund of Bartholomew County, Columbus, \$5 million (build on countywide Community Learning System to provide opportunities for residents, from kindergartners to adult workers)
- ◆ Southeast Indiana Network for Education, Evansville, \$19,990,744, a supporting organization of the Community Foundation Alliance (Daviess, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh and Warrick counties) (programs to raise low levels of youth and adult literacy, help at-risk youth, provide professional development for teachers, and improve communication among teachers, parents, students and communities)
- ◆ The Discovery Alliance, Valparaiso, \$15 million; alliance includes the Porter County Community Foundation, Crown Point Community Foundation and the Legacy Foundation in Lake County, and the Unity Foundation of LaPorte County (improve home and community support of youth by expanding five programs, providing literacy education and training, and developing a system to connect customers of higher education with the many providers in northwest Indiana)
- ◆ Spencer-Owen County Community School Corp., Spencer, \$3,016,393, endorsed by the Owen County Community Foundation (establish Owen County Learning Network to work directly with preschoolers and their parents and to add opportunities for middle and high school students)
Owen County Community Foundation, \$754,098 (endowment fund for CAPE programs)
- ◆ Community Foundation of St. Joseph County, South Bend, \$5 million (concentration on enhancing learning opportunities for children from birth to 8 years old through three programs focusing on parent involvement and training teachers in early-childhood development)
- ◆ Switzerland County School Corp., Vevay, \$5 million, endorsed by the Community Foundation of Switzerland County (strengthen high school science, technology and business curricula through distance-learning programs with Indiana University Southeast and Ivy Tech State College)

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- ◆ North Manchester Community Foundation, Wabash County, \$3,985,461, Step Ahead of Wabash County, \$1,014,539 (work with community partners to establish seven programs involving parents of preschool children, child-care providers, teachers and area businesses)
- ◆ Metropolitan School District of Warren County, Williamsport, \$5 million, endorsed by the Warren County Community Foundation (develop learning and technology center to offer previously unavailable educational opportunities; enhance math and reading skills of K-12 students)

Addendum 2

Recipients in the second round of CAPE (offered to 13 community foundations that were unsuccessful with their implementation proposals in the first round) were announced in July. Eight counties received grants totaling \$32.9 million. Grantees were the following:

- ◆ Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County, \$5 million (two programs that provide out-of-school educational support to elementary-through-high school students who are at risk of academic failure)
- ◆ Mount Vernon Community School Corp., Fortville, \$4,687,246, endorsed by the Hancock County Community Foundation (countywide, technology-based initiative through three programs targeting youth, adults and the community-at-large)
Hancock County Community Foundation, \$300,000 (endowment fund for CAPE programs)
- ◆ Phi Delta Kappa, Bloomington, \$13,009,051, endorsed by the community foundations serving Lawrence, Martin, Orange and Washington counties (programs aimed at three areas: early childhood and family education, K-12 school improvement, and workforce and career development)
- ◆ Anderson University, \$4,886,180, endorsed by the Madison County Community Foundation (reading initiative including two programs targeting 12 of the county's lowest-performing elementary schools)
- ◆ Indiana State University, \$4,396,861, endorsed by the Wabash Valley Community Foundation (countywide technology infrastructure and community learning center in Sullivan County)
Wabash Valley Community Foundation, \$603,139 (endowment fund for CAPE programs)

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