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Note to editors/assignment editors: All the Summer Youth Program Fund grantees will meet May 10 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Marott, 2625 N. Meridian St., to discuss grant policies and procedures. For more information about programs in your area, call the Marion County Commission on Youth hotline (1-888-4-YOUTH-8), or call 317-921-1288 to request a summer youth directory. Additional information is available through the Information and Referral Network helpline at 317-926-HELP.

Lilly Endowment gives nearly \$800,000 for summer youth programming

A busy, fun and educational summer lies ahead for Marion County young people who participate in the varied programs of scores of local nonprofit organizations. For the 14th year, Lilly Endowment Inc. is supporting the Summer Youth Program with grants to 93 agencies totaling \$780,656.

The Endowment is one of 13 area funders who together this year have awarded more than \$1.5 million to 127 programs in Marion County. The grants will serve more than 34,000 youth throughout the summer.

Besides the Endowment, other funders in the Summer Youth Program are the Ackerman Foundation, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Christel DeHaan Family Foundation, City of Indianapolis/Department of Metropolitan Development, the Efroymsen Fund, Hoover Family Foundation, the Indianapolis Foundation, the Indianapolis Foundation Library Fund, Irwin Financial Foundation, Moore Foundation, Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust and Pacers Foundation.

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The collaboration, which the Endowment has supported since 1996, involves a uniform information and application process for agencies and organizations, although the funding decisions are made by the individual funders.

“The variety of programs for kids is especially rewarding,” said Willis K. Bright, Endowment director of youth programming. “They can learn about computers or learn to play golf, they can learn job-readiness skills or how to improve their reading. There should be something for every young person who wants to participate.

“All these programs provide parents with safe places where their children can learn new activities and skills – and have fun – during working hours,” he noted.

Endowment funds in this year’s Summer Youth Program will go to 121 programs, including 14 residential camps for special populations, such as asthmatic and autistic children, \$85,000; 24 different sets of enhancement activities, such as arts and sports programs, \$135,775; 72 daily programs based in churches or community organizations, \$490,381; and 11 youth-employment programs, such as lifeguard skills and job-readiness programs, \$69,500.

The following organizations have received Summer Youth Program Fund grants from the Endowment:

Aiki Concepts - \$3,000

American Diabetes Association, Indiana Affiliate - \$7,500

American Lung Association of Indiana - \$6,500

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Area Youth Ministry - \$3,000

Association of Retarded Children (ARC) - \$7,000

Bicycle Action Project - \$7,500

Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis - \$21,000

Brightwood Community Center - \$6,000

Broadway United Methodist Church - \$9,000

Butler-Tarkington Neighborhood Association - \$7,000

Camp Fire Boys and Girls - \$4,700

Campbell Chapel Youth & Family Services - \$2,500

Camptown - \$3,000

Catholic Social Services - \$11,186

Charity Christian Center Church - \$2,000

Children's Bureau of Indianapolis – \$15,000

Clarian Health Partners - \$5,000

Community Centers of Indianapolis (11) - \$97,000

Cosmo Knights Scholarship Fund – \$10,250

Covenant Baptist Church - \$4,500

Damar Services - \$7,000

Diabetic Youth Foundation of Indiana - \$7,500

Dyslexia Institute of Indiana - \$5,000

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East Tenth United Methodist Children and Youth Center - \$9,000

Eastside Community Investments - \$6,000

Ebenezer Church & World Ministries - \$7,500

Edna Martin Christian Church - \$5,000

First Baptist Church of Indianapolis - \$7,000

First-Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church - \$22,500

Freetown Village - \$17,000

Friends of Holliday Park - \$3,300

Garden City Christian Church - \$5,500

Girls Inc. of Indianapolis - \$15,000

Good News Ministries - \$3,000

Great Commission Church of God - \$9,000

Happy Hollow Children's Camp - \$9,000

Hispanic Wholistic Education Center - \$17,500

Indiana State Fair Commission - \$5,500

Indianapolis Algebra Project - \$3,000

Indianapolis Art Center - \$6,500

Indianapolis Humane Society - \$2,025

Indianapolis Junior Golf Foundation - \$10,000

Indianapolis Northside Interfaith Hospitality Network - \$2,695

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Indianapolis Parks Foundation - \$7,500

Indianapolis Public Housing Agency - \$11,000

Indianapolis Symphonic Choir - \$6,000

James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association - \$7,500

Jameson Camp - \$10,000

KIDS - \$5,500

Kaleidoscope Church and Community Partnership - \$11,000

Lawrence Township Foundation - \$2,500

Life Line Community Center - \$5,000

Little Bethel Missionary Baptist Church - \$6,000

Little Red Door Cancer Agency - \$5,000

Lutheran Child and Family Services - \$4,000

Madame Walker Urban Life Center - \$11,000

Marian College - \$5,000

Marion County Commission on Youth - \$7,500

Marion County Extension Programs - \$7,500

Messiah Missionary Baptist Church - \$1,500

MSD of Perry Township - \$13,000

Muscular Dystrophy Association - \$5,000

National Junior Tennis League of Indianapolis - \$7,500

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- 100 Black Men of Indianapolis - \$20,000**
- Our Home Resident Management Corporation - \$2,500**
- Peace Learning Center - \$6,000**
- Philharmonic Orchestra of Indianapolis - \$6,000**
- Project SEED - \$5,000**
- Redeemer Hospitality Mission - \$5,000**
- Robinson Community Social Service Foundation - \$5,000**
- R/ROS Community Development Corp. - \$7,500**
- Ruth Lilly Health Education Center - \$3,000**
- St. Florian Center - \$17,500**
- St. Richard's School Foundation - \$12,000**
- St. Rita Church - \$7,500**
- St. Vincent Unity Development Center - \$8,000**
- Second Missionary Baptist Church - \$3,500**
- Seventh and Eighth United Christian Church - \$10,500**
- Shepherd Community - \$7,000**
- Southeast Neighborhood Development - \$6,000**
- Talented Kids, Adults & Teens - \$2,000**
- Theater on the Square - \$3,000**
- Urban Arts Consortium of Indianapolis - \$8,500**

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Vision Multimedia Workshop - \$5,000

Visions - \$3,500

Visions Ministries - \$4,000

Vivian Smith House Teen Parenting Program - \$5,000

Westminster United Presbyterian Church - \$5,000

Witherspoon Performing Arts Center - \$3,000

YMCA of Indianapolis - \$15,500

Young Audiences of Indiana - \$15,000

Youth Job Preparedness Program - \$7,000

YWCA of Indianapolis - \$15,000