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Note to editors/assignment editors: All the Summer Youth Program Fund grantees will meet May 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. 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 \$895,000 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 15th year, Lilly Endowment Inc. is supporting the Summer Youth Program with grants to 103 agencies totaling \$895,000.

The Endowment is one of 14 area funders who together this year have awarded more than \$1.6 million to 143 programs in Marion County. The grants will serve more than 44,000 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 & Project E, City of Indianapolis/Department of Metropolitan Development, the Clowes Fund, 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 Women's Fund of Central Indiana.

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The collaboration, which the Endowment has supported since 1995, 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 138 programs, including 18 residential camps for special populations, such as asthmatic and autistic children, \$110,000; 34 different sets of enhancement activities, such as arts and sports programs, \$176,050; 74 daily programs based in churches or community organizations, \$522,302; and 12 youth-employment programs, such as lifeguard skills and job-readiness programs, \$86,648.

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

Aiki Concepts - \$5,000

American Cabaret Theatre - \$4,000

American Diabetes Association, Indiana Affiliate - \$8,500

American Lung Association of Indiana - \$7,000
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Area Youth Ministry - \$3,500

Association of Retarded Children (ARC) - \$7,500

Barnes United Methodist Church - \$1,500

Bicycle Action Project - \$10,000

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana - \$2,000

Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis (9) - \$38,000

Broadway United Methodist Church - \$9,000

Brookside United Methodist Church - \$3,000

Butler-Tarkington Neighborhood Association - \$8,000

Calvary Temple of Indianapolis - \$9,000

Camp Fire Boys and Girls - \$4,500

Camptown - \$3,500

Catholic Social Services (2) - \$12,118

Catholic Youth Organization - \$6,500

Cherubims Inc. - \$3,000

Children's Bureau of Indianapolis – \$16,000

Clarian Health Partners - \$6,124

Community Centers of Indianapolis (13) - \$131,290

Cosmo Knights Scholarship Fund – \$6,250

Damar Services - \$7,500

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Dayspring Center - \$3,000

Diabetic Youth Foundation of Indiana - \$8,000

Dirty Dozen Hunting & Fishing Club - \$3,000

Dyslexia Institute of Indiana - \$5,500

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church - \$5,000

Edna Martin Christian Church - \$5,500

Far Northwest Community Development Corp. - \$2,650

First Baptist Church, North Indianapolis - \$7,000

First-Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church (2) - \$25,500

Freetown Village - \$17,000

Garden City Christian Church - \$5,500

Girls Inc. of Indianapolis (2) - \$14,250

Good News Mission - \$7,000

Great Commission Church of God - \$9,000

Happy Hollow Children's Camp - \$10,500

Hemophilia of Indiana - \$4,000

Hispanic Wholistic Education Center - \$11,000

Hoosier Capital Girl Scout Council - \$3,500

Indiana Deaf Camps Foundation - \$4,000

Indiana Sports Corp. - \$10,000

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Indiana State Fair Commission (2) - \$4,500

Indianapolis Algebra Project - \$6,700

Indianapolis Art Center - \$5,300

Indianapolis Humane Society - \$2,500

Indianapolis Junior Golf Foundation - \$10,000

Indianapolis Northside Interfaith Hospitality Network - \$3,500

Indianapolis Parks Foundation (5) - \$16,254

Indianapolis Public Housing Agency - \$12,500

Indianapolis Symphonic Choir - \$7,500

James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association - \$8,000

Jameson Camp - \$11,000

Jireh Sports - \$2,500

KIDS (Kids in Discipleship and Service) - \$5,750

Life Line Community Center - \$5,500

Little Bethel Missionary Baptist Church - \$6,500

Little Red Door Cancer Agency - \$5,000

Lutheran Child and Family Services - \$6,000

Madame Walker Urban Life Center - \$13,600

Marian College (2) - \$10,000

Messiah Missionary Baptist Church - \$2,044

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- Metro Ministries - \$6,500**
 - MSD of Perry Township - \$15,000**
 - MSD of Washington Township - \$4,500**
 - Muscular Dystrophy Association - \$5,000**
 - National Junior Tennis League of Indianapolis - \$7,500**
 - New Covenant Church & Ministries - \$5,500**
 - Notre Dame Club of Indianapolis - \$3,000**
 - Oasis Christian Community Development Corporation - \$2,500**
 - Old Centrum Foundation - \$4,500**
 - 100 Black Men of Indianapolis - \$10,000**
 - Our Home Resident Management Corporation - \$5,000**
 - Peace Learning Center - \$9,000**
 - People's Burn Foundation of Indiana - \$3,000**
 - Philharmonic Orchestra of Indianapolis - \$6,500**
 - Project IMPACT - \$3,000**
 - Project SEED - \$8,500**
 - Redeemer Hospitality Mission - \$6,500**
 - Robinson Community Social Service Foundation - \$6,500**
 - Ruth Lilly Center for Health Education - \$4,000**
 - St. Florian Center - \$20,000**
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St. Francis Healthcare Foundation - \$3,500

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church - \$2,000

St. Richard's School Foundation - \$14,000

Salvation Army - \$3,000

School on Wheels - \$2,000

Second Baptist Church - \$5,500

Southeast Neighborhood Development - \$6,000

Speedway Baptist Church Daycare - \$3,000

Theater on the Square - \$4,000

Urban Arts Consortium of Indianapolis - \$15,500

Visions Ministries - \$4,500

Vivian Smith House - \$5,000

VSA Arts of Indiana - \$7,000

Westminster United Presbyterian Church - \$6,500

Witherspoon Performing Arts Center - \$2,500

YMCA of Indianapolis (7) - \$19,170

Young Audiences of Indiana - \$15,000

Youth Job Preparedness Program - \$7,500

YWCA of Indianapolis - \$15,000