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Note to editors/assignment editors: All the Summer Youth Program Fund grantees will meet May 9 from 9 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 \$938,635 for summer youth programming

All kinds of activities – from arts to sports to learning academic and job skills – are on the agenda for young people in Marion County who participate in the programs of scores of local nonprofit organizations. For the 16th year, Lilly Endowment Inc. is supporting the Summer Youth Program with grants to 93 agencies totaling \$938,635.

The Endowment is one of 13 area funders who together this year have awarded more than \$1.7 million to 133 programs in Marion County. The grants will serve more than 90,000 youth throughout the summer.

Besides the Endowment, other funders in the Summer Youth Program are the 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.

“Youngsters who attend these programs will be in safe places where their parents won’t have to worry about them during working hours,” said Willis K. Bright, Endowment director of youth programming. “The variety of the programs is truly special. There should be something to interest every youngster who wants to participate.”

Endowment funds in this year’s Summer Youth Program will go to 125 programs, including 18 residential camps for special populations, such as asthmatic and autistic children, \$112,800; 32 different sets of enhancement activities, such as arts and sports programs, \$225,145; 68 daily programs based in churches or community organizations, \$529,690; and 7 youth-employment programs, such as lifeguard skills and job-readiness programs, \$71,000.

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

American Cabaret Theatre - \$5,000

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

American Lung Association of Indiana - \$7,500

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ARC of Indiana - \$7,500

Area Youth Ministry - \$4,600

Art With a Heart - \$3,000

Bicycle Action Project - \$13,000

Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis (10) - \$50,500

Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School - \$5,000

Broadway United Methodist Church - \$9,000

Brookside United Methodist Church - \$6,500

Butler-Tarkington Neighborhood Association - \$8,000

Camp Fire Boys and Girls - \$4,500

Camptown - \$6,000

Catholic Social Services (2) - \$12,450

Catholic Youth Organization - \$6,500

Cherubims - \$4,500

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

Community Centers of Indianapolis (10) - \$121,785

Coppin Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church - \$4,000

Cosmo Knights Scholarship Fund - \$7,000

Damar Services - \$8,500

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Dayspring Center - \$3,000

Dirty Dozen Hunting & Fishing Club - \$4,500

Dyslexia Institute of Indiana - \$6,500

East 10th United Methodist Church and Youth Center - \$9,000

Edna Martin Christian Church - \$6,500

First Baptist Church, North Indianapolis - \$8,000

First-Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church (2) - \$27,000

Freetown Village - \$17,000

Garden City Christian Church - \$6,000

Girls Inc. (2) - \$16,000

Good News Mission - \$8,000

Great Commission Church of God - \$9,750

Happy Hollow Children's Camp - \$12,000

Health and Hospital Corp. of Marion County - \$7,500

Healthy Opportunities for At-Risk Children - \$5,000

Hemophilia of Indiana - \$4,000

Hispanic Wholistic Education Center - \$12,700

Hook's Discovery and Learning Center - \$5,000

Hoosier Capital Girl Scout Council - \$5,000

Indiana Deaf Camps Foundation - \$4,000

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Indiana School for the Deaf - \$4,000

Indiana Sports Corp. - \$10,000

Indiana University Foundation - \$7,250

Indianapolis Algebra Project - \$15,000

Indianapolis Art Center - \$5,800

Indianapolis Junior Golf Foundation - \$10,000

Indianapolis Northside Interfaith Hospitality Network - \$3,500

Indianapolis Parks Foundation (4) - \$18,100

Indianapolis Public Housing Agency - \$15,000

Indianapolis Public Schools - \$7,500

Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Foundation - \$7,500

Jameson Camp - \$13,000

Junior Achievement of Central Indiana - \$3,500

Kaleidoscope Church and Community Partnership - \$12,000

Life-Leadership Development - \$4,500

Little Bethel Missionary Baptist Church - \$6,500

Little Red Door Cancer Agency - \$6,000

Lutheran Child and Family Services - \$7,000

Marian College - \$8,000

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Marion County Extension Programs - \$6,095

Martin University - \$10,000

Metro Ministries - \$7,000

MSD of Perry Township - \$15,000

MSD of Washington Township - \$5,500

Muscular Dystrophy Association - \$6,000

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

New Covenant Church & Ministries - \$5,000

Notre Dame Club of Indianapolis - \$3,000

Oasis Christian Community Development Corp. - \$4,000

Old Centrum Foundation - \$4,000

100 Black Men of Indianapolis - \$13,000

Peace Learning Center - \$10,000

Philharmonic Orchestra of Indianapolis - \$7,500

Project SEED - \$10,000

Redeemer Hospitality Mission - \$6,250

Riley Children's Foundation - \$8,000

Robinson Community Social Service Foundation - \$6,500

St. Florian Center - \$20,000

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St. Francis Healthcare Foundation - \$3,300

St. Richard's School Foundation - \$15,500

Salvation Army - \$5,000

Save the Youth Program - \$5,000

School on Wheels - \$2,000

Shepherd Community (an urban ministry of the Church of the Nazarene) - \$7,500

Theater on the Square - \$5,755

Urban Arts Consortium of Indianapolis - \$12,500

Very Special Arts of Indiana - \$7,800

Westminster United Presbyterian Church - \$7,000

YMCA of Indianapolis (9) - \$29,500

Young Audiences of Indiana - \$17,000

Youth Job Preparedness Program - \$7,500