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Lilly Endowment gives \$2 million for summer youth programs and capital projects

Thousands of Indianapolis young people already have signed up for full schedules of summer activities that will enhance their academic performance and help them develop valuable new skills and perspectives - while having plenty of fun besides.

The Summer Youth Program Fund - the collective effort of 11 area funders - will tempt youngsters with classes on calculus, art, critical thinking, creative writing, photography, reading, public speaking, computer math, editing, maps, music, painting, geography, drama, gardening, science, vocabulary, United States history, writing, math, spelling, insect identification and rocket science.

They will learn about anger management, budgeting, leadership development, self-confidence, decision-making, conflict resolution, cultural studies, self-discipline, financial literacy, healthy lifestyles, money management, social skills, career planning, employer expectations and problem solving.

The healthy dose of fun will include swimming, canoeing, mountain biking, basketball, hunting and fishing, horseback riding, archery, gymnastics, skating, dancing, camping, bowling, backpacking, rock climbing - and visiting virtually every known cultural institution in town.

The Endowment is one of 11 area funders who together this year have awarded more than \$2.5 million in program funding for 187 summer programs in Marion County. Of this total, the Endowment has awarded more than \$1.3 million for program grants.

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Other funders of the summer youth programs are the Christel DeHaan Family Foundation, City of Indianapolis/Department of Metropolitan Development, Clowes Fund, Eli Lilly and Company Foundation, Hoover Family Foundation, Indianapolis Foundation, Indianapolis Foundation Library Fund, JP Morgan Chase Foundation, Lumina Foundation for Education and Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust.

The Endowment has participated in this effort since 1995. The collaboration uses a joint orientation, application and evaluation process for agencies and organizations; however, the funding decisions are made by individual funders. Adult and youth staff can take advantage of training opportunities that focus on planning programs suitable for various age groups.

“The staff and volunteers of the organizations that provide summer youth programming in our community impress us each year with their enthusiasm and creativity,” said Willis K. Bright, Endowment director of youth programming. “Their commitment to serving as effectively as possible the youth who participate in these programs is truly exemplary. We are pleased to support their efforts to provide a myriad of safe, constructive and fun summer activities for our community’s youth.”

Besides supporting summer programs, the Endowment awarded over \$459,037 to pay for modest capital projects for summer program grantees. To be eligible for the capital funding, the organization had to show that the project is needed to improve its capability to conduct its summer youth programs. These capital grants were awarded to 30 organizations listed at the end of this release. Among other things, they fund facility renovations and the purchase of computer equipment and vans and mini-buses to transport program participants.

Finally, the Marion County Commission on Youth received a grant of \$145,363 to fund youth staff training, evaluation and end-of-summer educational awards.

Endowment program funds this year will be used to support 161 agencies (conducting 184 different programs). These programs are categorized as follows:

- 26 residential camps for special populations such as asthmatic and autistic children, \$184,000;
- 53 different sets of enhancement activities such as arts and sports programs, \$375,500;
- 98 daily programs based in churches or community organizations, \$779,100; and
- 7 youth-employment programs, \$57,000.

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The following 161 organizations have received grants from the Endowment for these programs:

African Community International - \$4,000
American Diabetes Association, Indiana Affiliate - \$9,500
Antioch Neighborhood Restoration & Outreach Ministry - \$9,250
Art With a Heart - \$14,000
Asante Children's Theatre - \$3,000
At-Your-School (AYS) Child Services - \$3,000
Bethesda Temple Apostolic Church - \$4,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana - \$3,000
Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre - \$3,000
Bosma Industries for the Blind - \$3,500
Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis (4) - \$34,250
Brebeuf Preparatory School - \$2,500
Brightwood Community Center - \$5,000
Broadway United Methodist Church - \$8,000
Butler University - \$6,000
Calvary Temple Assembly of God - \$7,500
Camptown - \$10,000
Catholic Charities Indianapolis (2) - \$14,800
Catholic Youth Organization - \$7,000
Charity Church Ministry - \$5,000
Children's Bureau - \$15,000
Children's Museum of Indianapolis - \$5,000
Christamore House - \$10,000
Christel House Academy - \$5,000
Circle City Frontiers Club - \$7,500
Claude McNeal's Musical Theatre Training Program - \$7,000
Coburn Place Safe Haven - \$3,750

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Community Alliance of the Far Eastside - \$19,500
Community Hospital Foundation - \$5,000
Concord Center Association - \$22,500
Cornerstone of Hope Church - \$3,500
Cosmo Knights Scholarship Fund - \$6,500
Damar Services - \$6,500
Dance Kaleidoscope - \$2,500
Day Nursery Association of Indianapolis - \$3,500
Dayspring Center - \$7,000
Diabetic Youth Foundation of Indiana - \$8,500
DREAM Alive - \$6,500
Dyslexia Institute of Indiana - \$8,000
East Tenth United Methodist Children and Youth Center - \$12,000
Edna Martin Christian Center - \$14,250
Englishton Park Presbyterian Ministries - \$5,000
Fay Biccard Glick Neighborhood Center at Crooked Creek - \$12,500
Felege Hiywot Center- \$9,000
First-Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church (2) - \$31,250
First Samuel Missionary Baptist Church - \$5,000
Flanner House - \$9,500
Fletcher Place Community Center - \$4,000
Footlite Musicals - \$5,000
Forest Manor Multi-Service Center - \$17,750
Freetown Village - \$17,000
Friendship Westside Center for Excellence - \$4,500
Girl Scouts of Central Indiana - \$7,500
Girls Inc. - \$11,000
Good News Mission - \$6,500
Great Commission Church of God - \$11,500
Happy Hollow Children's Camp - \$18,000

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Harrison Center for the Arts - \$7,500
Hawthorne Social Service Association - \$24,000
Hear Indiana - \$5,000
Hemophilia of Indiana - \$5,000
Hendricks Regional Health Foundation - \$5,000
Horizons Urban Summer Enrichment Program - \$17,500
Indiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church - \$2,500
Indiana Deaf Camps Foundation - \$5,500
Indiana Golf Foundation - \$6,000
Indiana Interfaith Hospitality Network - \$3,500
Indiana Juvenile Justice Task Force - \$6,000
Indiana School for the Deaf - \$5,000
Indiana Sports Corp. - \$9,000
Indiana State Museum Foundation - \$4,500
Indiana University Foundation - \$7,500
Indianapolis Algebra Project - \$30,000
Indianapolis Art Center - \$10,000
Indianapolis Junior Golf Foundation - \$8,000
Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Foundation - \$7,500
Indianapolis Parks Foundation (5) - \$32,000
Indianapolis Public Housing Agency - \$17,000
James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association (dba Riley Children's Foundation) - \$7,500
Jameson Camp - \$17,000
Jerusalem Christian Center - \$2,800
John H. Boner Community Center - \$5,750
Julian Center - \$3,250
Just the Beginning Foundation - \$3,500
Kaleidoscope Church and Community Partnership - \$7,000
Keep Indianapolis Beautiful - \$4,000

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La Plaza (2) - \$18,000
Latter House Foundation - \$4,000
Lawrence United Methodist Church - \$5,000
LifeBridge Community - \$3,500
Life Line Community Center - \$9,000
Lillian Davis Foundation - \$3,500
Little Bethel Missionary Baptist Church - \$9,000
Little Red Door Cancer Agency - \$8,500
Lutheran Child & Family Services of Indiana - \$8,000
Madame Walker Urban Life Center - \$7,500
Marian University - \$7,500
Marion County Commission on Youth - \$7,500
Martin Luther King Multi Service Center - \$6,750
Mary Rigg Neighborhood Center - \$25,000
Metro Ministries - \$8,500
Metropolitan School District of Pike Township - \$6,000
Metropolitan School District of Washington Township - \$5,000
Mission Indy - \$4,000
Mizpah-Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church - \$7,500
Montessori Educational Charity - \$5,000
Mt. Carmel Community Center - \$5,000
Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church - \$5,000
Muscular Dystrophy Association - \$6,000
Music for All - \$7,000
National Junior Tennis League of Indianapolis - \$10,500
National Society of Hispanic MBAs - \$6,500
New Covenant Church & Ministries - \$5,500
New Light Christian Church - \$4,000
Noble of Indiana - \$6,250
Northside New Era Community Outreach - \$3,000

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Nu Corinthian Baptist Church - \$5,500
Oasis Christian Community Development Corp. - \$5,000
100 Black Men of Indianapolis - \$23,000
PASSWORD Community Mentoring - \$6,000
Pathway to the Future Learning Center - \$5,500
Peace Learning Center - \$14,000
People's Burn Foundation of Indiana - \$5,000
Philharmonic Orchestra of Indianapolis - \$10,000
Project SEED - \$19,000
Promise Land Christian Community Church - \$6,000
Purdue University - \$7,500
Redeemer Hospitality Mission - \$4,000
Ruth Lilly Center for Health Education - \$6,000
St. Florian Center - \$25,000
St. John's Community Care Services - \$6,000
St. Vincent Hospital Foundation - \$5,000
Salvation Army (2) - \$12,000
Say Yes - \$4,500
School on Wheels - \$6,000
Senior Connects Corp. (dba Net Literacy Corp.) - \$12,000
Shepherd Community (2) - \$19,500
Social Health Association of Indiana - \$7,000
Southeast Community Services - \$6,000
Speedway Baptist Church - \$5,500
Speedway United Methodist Church - \$4,000
Stacey Toran Foundation - \$5,000
Starfish Inc. - \$3,000
Storytelling Arts of Indiana - \$3,000
Technology on the Move - \$6,500
20/20 Inner Vision - \$7,500

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21st Century Charter School at Fall Creek - \$7,500
21st Century Charter School at Fountain Square - \$4,700
University of Notre Dame - \$4,000
Urban Arts Consortium of Indianapolis - \$7,500
Victory Inner-City Ministries - \$4,000
Visions Ministries - \$6,500
VSA Arts of Indiana - \$6,500
Westminster Neighborhood Ministries - \$8,500
Writers' Center of Indianapolis - \$4,500
YMCA of Indianapolis (12) - \$54,300
Young Audiences of Indiana - \$20,000
Young Life (Indianapolis) - \$3,000
Youth Outdoor Exploration Academy - \$6,000
Y-Press - \$3,000
Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church - \$5,000

Capital grants were made to the following 30 organizations:

Art With a Heart - \$11,750
Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis - \$25,000
Brightwood Community Center - \$10,000
Butler University - \$4,234
Camptown - \$25,000
Christel House Academy - \$13,000
Concord Center Association - \$8,976
Edna Martin Christian Center - \$25,000
Felege Hiywot Center - \$22,965
Freetown Village - \$3,500
Great Commission Church of God - \$8,400
Happy Hollow Children's Camp - \$9,000
Harrison Center for the Arts - \$25,000

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Indiana State Museum Foundation - \$2,624
Indiana University Foundation - \$17,500
Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Foundation - \$20,452
Indianapolis Parks Foundation - \$16,900
Jameson Camp - \$22,394
Kaleidoscope Youth Center - \$25,000
LaPlaza - \$25,000
Mary Rigg Neighborhood Center - \$10,000
Mizpah-Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church - \$25,000
Philharmonic Orchestra of Indianapolis - \$1,446
Salvation Army - \$25,000
Shepherd Community - \$14,459
Technology on the Move - \$11,739
Urban Arts of Indianapolis - \$15,780
Westminster Neighborhood Ministries - \$25,000
Writers' Center of Indiana - \$4,108
Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church - \$4,810