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Additional \$6,625,000 in COVID-19 Relief Awards Announced for United Ways in Indiana

Indianapolis – Indiana United Ways (IUW) has made grants totaling \$6,625,000 to 16 United Ways across Indiana to help them address the local economic, health and human service needs that have arisen because of the COVID-19 pandemic. With the addition of these awards, IUW has provided a total of \$24,625,000 to 32 United Ways across the state.

IUW, the state professional association for United Ways in Indiana, made the grants through the United Way COVID-19 Economic Relief Initiative, which was created on April 1 with support from a \$30 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.

The purpose of the United Way COVID-19 Economic Relief Initiative is to disburse funds expeditiously into local communities to help human services agencies on the frontlines provide food, emergency childcare and other critical services. The amounts of the grants are based on the populations of the counties served.

The first wave of grants was awarded April 20 to United Ways collectively serving nearly three million Hoosiers. This second wave helps United Ways that serve more than half a million additional Indiana residents. All of the grants are being made to help communities that are facing urgent relief needs and that have well-developed partnerships to ensure that funds are distributed where they are needed most.

Applications were reviewed by a highly engaged standing committee of IUW that manages IUW's ongoing natural disaster response fund. Second round awardees include:

- Decatur County United Fund (\$150,000)
- Starke County United Fund (\$125,000)
- United Way of Clinton County (\$200,000)
- United Way of Delaware, Henry and Randolph Counties (\$1,100,000)
- United Way of Grant County (\$400,000)
- United Way of Huntington County (\$225,000)
- United Way of Jennings County (\$175,000)
- United Way of Johnson County (\$900,000)
- United Way of Knox County (\$225,000)
- United Way of Kosciusko County (\$450,000)
- United Way of Madison County (\$800,000)
- United Way of Marshall County (\$275,000)
- United Way of Noble County (\$275,000)
- United Way of Porter County (\$1,000,000)
- United Way of Scott County (\$150,000)
- United Way of Wells County (\$175,000)

“United Ways in Indiana continue to respond to the current pandemic by coordinating community resources, identifying top unmet needs, and advocating for our most vulnerable

Hoosiers. We are continuously grateful to Lilly Endowment for supporting the continued work of United Ways across Indiana as they care for individuals and families affected by COVID-19,” said Ron Turpin of Fort Wayne, Board Chair for IUW and Board Member Emeritus for United Way of Allen County.

United Ways will leverage local partnerships to assess needs and make investments in organizations that are working to meet community needs. United Way grantees may serve multiple counties with their award and will likely release funds locally in rounds based on changing needs.

The \$30 million grant from Lilly Endowment provided the resources for IUW to reach 86 of Indiana’s 92 counties, with allocations based upon population size. Through these two rounds of grants, IUW is providing funds for residents in 53 of those counties. IUW is committed to reaching the remaining counties and is preparing to make additional grants to United Ways across the state.

The remaining six Indiana counties – Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Marion and Morgan Counties – are served by United Way of Central Indiana (UWCI), a member of IUW. UWCI is funding organizations primarily in Marion County through its COVID-19 Community Economic Relief Fund. That fund was launched on March 13 with a \$15 million grant from Lilly Endowment. UWCI released its first round of funding decisions on March 24 and a second round on April 7. Lilly Endowment announced an additional grant of \$3.5 million in early April to provide COVID-19-related support for five counties served by UWCI in addition to Marion County.

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Indiana United Ways is the state association for United Ways in Indiana that supports thriving United Ways through capacity building, shared services, and partnering. For more information, contact Maureen Noe, President & CEO at Maureen.noe@iuw.org.