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NEWS RELEASE

## Grants Will Help National Youth-Serving Organizations Strengthen Their Indiana Affiliates

INDIANAPOLIS – Lilly Endowment Inc. has approved grants totaling \$91.5 million to nine national youth-serving organizations to support a wide variety of strategies to enhance and expand the impact of their Indiana affiliates and chapters. The grants reflect the Endowment's longstanding commitment to the healthy development of youth in Indiana and to the youth workers and organizations that serve them.

Grant amounts, which range from \$3 million to \$30 million, are based on several factors that include the number of youth served by the organization in Indiana, the number of its Indiana affiliates, the depth and breadth of its programs in the state, and the extent to which the organization's affiliates serve youth affected by poverty and other social challenges. The funded organizations and amounts are:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, Tampa, FL | \$5 million

Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Atlanta, GA | \$30 million

Girls Incorporated, New York, NY | \$3 million

Girl Scouts of the United States of America, New York, NY | \$15 million

Junior Achievement USA, Colorado Springs, CO | \$7.5 million

National Boy Scouts of America Foundation, Irving, TX | \$10 million

National Council of YMCAs of the United States of America, Chicago, IL | \$15 million

National FFA Foundation Inc., Indianapolis, IN | \$3 million

YWCA USA, Inc., Washington, DC | \$3 million

Among the strategies funded through the grants are the following:

- Building organizational capacity to serve more youth, especially youth from underserved populations.

- Improving recruitment, retention and training of staff and volunteers.
- Addressing mental health and wellness needs of Indiana youth.
- Helping affiliates collaborate more effectively on programs and on shared services, such as administrative processes, data collection, evaluation and fundraising.
- Strengthening programs that foster healthy youth development through family and community engagement.
- Developing stronger programs for academic success, career readiness and higher education enrollment and completion of Indiana youth.
- Improving connections with Indiana schools and other community organizations to strengthen outreach and program development.

“The affiliates and chapters of the organizations funded with these grants collectively serve more than 400,000 youth in Indiana. The Endowment believes that these grants will help the organizations serve more effectively and reach even more youth. We are especially encouraged by the potential for enhanced impact from the collaborations envisioned by many of the organizations,” said Ted Maple, the Endowment’s vice president for education. “We also are pleased by the interest of the national organizations in replicating strategies that succeed in Indiana with their affiliates and chapters around the country.”

Earlier in 2022, the Endowment invited the organizations to apply for \$100,000 planning grants so they could gather input from their affiliates and chapters, survey young people, families and other stakeholders, and explore the most pressing challenges and promising opportunities facing their Indiana affiliates and chapters. Each of the nine organizations received planning grants and developed compelling proposals to strengthen the ability of their Indiana affiliates and chapters to promote the healthy development of Indiana youth.

Although the strategies funded through these grants will help the organizations serve young people from all backgrounds, they will especially help strengthen and expand their service to youth who are affected by poverty and other social challenges and their efforts to promote the success of young people from communities of color who are disproportionately affected by these challenges.

## **About Lilly Endowment**

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