



Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT VIII)

December 2024

Community Leadership Grants List

In the latest round of its Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow initiative (GIFT VIII), Lilly Endowment has awarded 30 grants totaling more than \$171 million to support the efforts of community foundations and their partners throughout Indiana as they work to strengthen quality of life for the people in the towns, cities, counties and regions they serve.

The grants, which range from \$467,327 to \$20 million, will fund a variety of projects and programs that are designed to address priorities driven by the interests and needs of local communities throughout the state. In 2023, the Endowment invited community foundations serving all of Indiana’s 92 counties to participate in GIFT VIII. Community foundations could apply for Community Leadership Grants to help them engage a broad cross-section of local stakeholders to develop and implement large-scale action plans that address high-priority community challenges and opportunities.

Under one component of GIFT VIII, through a highly competitive, two-stage process, each community foundation could seek funding for projects and programs in their own county. They also had an option to collaborate with community foundations in other counties to address shared priorities by participating in one additional joint/regional proposal. They could request funding amounts based on their county’s population or, for collaborative proposals, the combined population of a multi-county region. Community foundations receiving funding for single-county proposals and multi-county proposals will be working in a total of 41 counties across Indiana.

Community Foundations	Counties	Grants
Blackford County Community Foundation	Blackford	\$3,097,510
Blue River Community Foundation	Shelby	\$5,000,000
Cass County Community Foundation	Cass	\$5,000,000
Community Foundation Alliance	Pike	\$5,000,000
Community Foundation Alliance	Gibson, Posey, Warrick and Vanderburgh	\$6,715,058

Community Foundation DeKalb County	DeKalb	\$5,000,000
Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County	Monroe	\$7,394,505
Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County	Brown, Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange and Owen	\$7,834,000
Community Foundation of Elkhart County	Elkhart	\$7,500,000
Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette	Tippecanoe	\$7,061,721
Community Foundation of Jackson County	Jackson	\$3,443,000
Community Foundation of St. Joseph County	St. Joseph	\$10,000,000
Community Foundation of St. Joseph County	Elkhart, Marshall and St. Joseph	\$20,000,000
Community Foundation of Switzerland County	Switzerland	\$467,327
Decatur County Community Foundation	Decatur	\$5,000,000
Dubois County Community Foundation	Dubois	\$1,419,942
Fayette County Foundation and the City of Connersville	Fayette	\$5,000,000 total (\$2,500,000 each)
Greene County Foundation	Greene	\$4,999,486
Harrison County Community Foundation	Harrison	\$4,496,469
Huntington County Community Foundation	Huntington	\$4,806,133
Kosciusko County Community Foundation	Kosciusko	\$1,034,500

LaGrange County Community Foundation	LaGrange	\$5,000,000
Legacy Foundation	Lake, LaPorte and Porter	\$20,000,000
Rush County Community Foundation	Rush	\$5,000,000
Steuben County Community Foundation	Steuben	\$3,007,200
Unity Foundation of LaPorte County	LaPorte	\$3,600,000
Wabash Valley Community Foundation	Vigo	\$6,500,000
Warren County Community Foundation	Fountain, Vermillion and Warren	\$3,000,000
Wayne County Foundation	Wayne	\$5,000,000
