

*Where Local Good Grows*



**Hendricks County  
Community Foundation**

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## **Community Foundation Awards \$154,000 in COVID-19 Relief Grants to Local Nonprofits**

The Hendricks County Community Foundation (HCCF) made \$154,000 in grants to continue to support the needs of local nonprofits as a result of COVID-19, including increased expenses, decreased giving, and cancelled or reimagined fundraisers. These grants are unrestricted but require a \$1 to \$1 match to encourage charitable giving from our community to support their fundraising efforts.

Twenty-six applications were reviewed, and 17 awards were made based on the organizational impact on the community, impact of COVID-19 on the organization, and organizational capacity. "The Community Foundation received nearly \$10M in asks from local agencies, which also recorded just over \$1M in COVID-related funding including PPP loans," says William Rhodehamel, HCCF President and CEO. "The need in our community is great; I hope this encourages donors across our community to step up to meet needs at these and other nonprofits that work day in and day out to make Hendricks County a great place to live, work, and play."

Due to the outsized need, grants were capped at \$20,000 per organization. Phase 2 Matching Grants totaling \$154,000 were awarded to the following organizations:

- Friends of the Hendricks County Historical Museum. \$3,250
- Girls Nite In International - \$2,500
- Hendricks College Network - \$5,000
- Hendricks County 4-H & Ag. Fair Assoc., Inc. - \$ 20,000
- Hendricks County Arts Council - \$2,500
- Hendricks County Senior Services - \$20,000
- Hendricks Regional Health YMCA - \$20,000
- Hope Healthcare Services - \$2,500
- Leadership Hendricks County - \$5,000
- Learning Trails & TheraTails Inc. - \$5,000
- Level Two Inc. - \$5,000
- Meals On Wheels of Hendricks County - \$ 1,250
- Rock Steady Boxing of Brownsburg - \$3,250
- Sheltering Wings - \$6,250
- Strides to Success - \$20,000
- Susie's Place Child Advocacy Center - \$12,500
- Sycamore Rehabilitation Services - \$20,000

All grants were approved by the Board of Directors on August 27th and notifications

were sent on August 28th. Organizations that received offers will have from September 1 through December 31, 2020 to fundraise to meet their match, and payments will be distributed to nonprofits as the match is met or by January 15, 2021.

In local surveys by the Community Foundation, 83% of nonprofits noted a high or very high COVID-19 impact on the folks they serve while 65% have indicated lost revenue. If you're able, the Community Foundation recommends making a gift to your favorite local nonprofit at this time or making a gift to the Community Foundation to help us respond to the changing needs in Hendricks County now and into the future.

The Hendricks County Community Foundation partners with generous people to realize their charitable goals while addressing community needs in meaningful and lasting ways. The Community Foundation manages assets of over \$18 million in a collection of funds created by individuals, families, businesses and organizations for charitable purposes. In 2019, the Community Foundation awarded over \$1.6 million in grants to charitable organizations and scholarships to local students. For more information, call 317-268-6240 or visit [www.hendrickscountycf.org](http://www.hendrickscountycf.org).



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