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## **Hendricks County Community Foundation Awarded \$3 Million GIFT IX Community Support Grant**

The Hendricks County Community Foundation (HCCF) has received a grant of \$3 million dollars from Lilly Endowment Inc. through the Community Support Grant component of the ninth phase of its Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT IX) initiative. This is one of 92 Community Support Grants being awarded through GIFT IX, a statewide Lilly Endowment initiative designed to support the efforts of community foundations to strengthen the quality of life in the communities they serve.

The Community Support Grant is designed to provide the Community Foundation with flexible funding to enhance its grantmaking capacity to address compelling, near-term needs in its county. HCCF will have up to three years to use its grant to address community-driven priorities.

"This grant is a transformative investment in the people and places of Hendricks County," said William Rhodehamel, President & CEO of HCCF. "This funding gives us the capacity to be even more responsive and effective as we address our most pressing local challenges. We are excited to work alongside our community partners to turn these resources into meaningful, long-term improvements for our county and its residents."

Lilly Endowment created the GIFT initiative in 1990 to help local communities in Indiana develop the philanthropic capacity to identify local needs and challenges and work with other organizations and residents to help their communities thrive. Through GIFT IX, Lilly Endowment has allocated up to \$271.5 million to support Indiana's community foundations in growing their financial resources and further strengthening their ability to address their community's highest-priority challenges and opportunities.



Lilly Endowment Lilly Endowment Inc. is an Indianapolis-based private foundation created in 1937 by J.K. Lilly, Sr. and his sons Eli and J.K. Jr. through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly and Company. Although the gifts of stock remain a financial bedrock of the Endowment, it is a separate entity from the company, with a distinct governing board, staff and location. In keeping with the founders' wishes, the Endowment supports the causes of community development, education and religion. The Endowment funds programs throughout the United States, especially in the field of religion, and maintains a special commitment to its founders' hometown, Indianapolis, and home state, Indiana.

The Mission of the Hendricks County Community Foundation: To be a trusted community partner in understanding needs, aligning resources, and empowering people to address today's priorities and create lasting impact. Our vision is Hendricks County as a place where everyone has the opportunity to have a fulfilling life and the tools they need to build a stronger future together. The Community Foundation manages assets of over \$40 million in a collection of funds created by individuals, families, businesses and organizations for charitable purposes. In 2025, the Community Foundation gave over \$2.35M 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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