

Where Local Good Grows



**Hendricks County  
Community Foundation**

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## **The Hendricks County Community Foundation and the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County Announce Strategic Partnership**

Today, the Hendricks County Community Foundation (HCCF) and the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County (PFOHC) announced a long-term strategic partnership to maximize their collective impact in supporting parks, trails and outdoor spaces throughout Hendricks County. To kick off this collaboration, HCCF awarded PFOHC \$20,000 which will be used to provide funding to enhance the cultural, recreational and natural resources in Hendricks County this year.

“We are pleased to award the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County with this annual funding as we work together to create the best outcomes for our entire community,” said William Rhodehamel, HCCF President & CEO. “This partnership will provide a new opportunity and approach to improving the incredible parks and trails throughout Hendricks County.”

In this formal partnership, HCCF will now defer all parks and trails improvement projects to apply for grant funding directly through PFOHC. This new process will allow parks departments equal opportunity to compete for available grant dollars. Additionally, HCCF will now lean on the expertise of PFOHC to make decisions related to the greatest needs of the parks and trails systems in Hendricks County.

“We are grateful for this new partnership with the Hendricks County Community Foundation, the generous grant funding and the vote of confidence to steward these resources for our parks and trails,” said Katy Cummings, PFOHC Executive Director. “This partnership signals the next step in the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County’s growth as we continue to strengthen our mission and make an impact to enhance outdoor spaces in Hendricks County.”

Parks in Hendricks County are invited to apply for these grant dollars through PFOHC. For more information email [katy@pfohc.org](mailto:katy@pfohc.org). A link for more information will also be available on the HCCF website at [hendrickscountycf.org](http://hendrickscountycf.org). In the terms of this new partnership, the \$20,000 in grant funding must be distributed during the 2022 calendar year. A new round of funding for 2023 will be announced at a later date.

**About the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County:** The mission of the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County is to grow financial resources to enhance the public parks and trails in

Hendricks County. Learn more at [www.pfohc.org](http://www.pfohc.org).

**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 \$20 million in a collection of funds created by individuals, families, businesses and organizations for charitable purposes. In 2021, the Community Foundation gave over \$2M 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).



Eric Hessel, HCCF Vice President of Programs, Katy Cummings, Executive Director of PFOHC, Marvin Blade, PFOHC Board Member and other members of Hendricks County Parks & Trails

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