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Hendricks County Community Foundation

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The Hendricks County Community Foundation Aids in Distributing $564,000 in ARPA Funds

The Hendricks County Community Foundation (HCCF) partnered with the Hendricks County Commissioners and Council to assist with the distribution of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to nonprofits working in Hendricks County. In 2022 HCCF designed a grant application process to distribute up to $6.6 million of these funds, $5.5 million of which was allocated in the same year.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is a $1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by Congress and signed by President Biden to speed up the country's recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing recession. The funding Hendricks County received is part of the $350 billion to help state, local, and tribal governments bridge budget shortfalls and mitigate the fiscal shock of the pandemic.

“We were pleased to partner with county officials during the initial phase of ARPA grantmaking, and are excited to see how the second round of grants this year will fuel and expand capacity for even more local nonprofits creating positive change in our community,” said William Rhodehamel, President & CEO of the Community Foundation.

The second year of ARPA grant applications closed in July 2023 and the HCCF Program Committee recommended competitive grants of approximately **$564,000** for 24 community organizations that help make Hendricks County a great place to live, work and play.

See the list of recipient organizations below:

- YMCA of Greater Indianapolis - $65,000.00
- Child Care Answers of Central Indiana - $59,000.00
- Hendricks County Senior Services, Inc. - $43,880.00
- Plainfield Youth Assistance Program - $43,000.00
- Hendricks County Child Advocacy Center dba Susie's Place - $42,317.85
- Firefly Children & Family Alliance - $41,736.26
- Sheltering Wings - $30,000.00
- Hendricks Live! Inc. - $28,000.00
- The Parks Foundation of Hendricks County, Inc. - $24,830.00
- Meals on Wheels of Hendricks County, Indiana - $20,000.00
- Hope Healthcare Services - $19,000.00
- Strides to Success - $18,900.00
- Little Red Door Cancer Agency - $16,415.00
- Safe Families for Children Alliance - $15,000.00
- My Time To Shine, Inc - $12,787.00
- Hendricks Civic Theatre, Inc. - $12,500.00
- AYS, Inc. - $12,000.00
- Hendricks County Special Olympics - $11,730.00

- Central Indiana K9 Association Inc. - $10,200.00
- Pathway of Hope Incorporated - $9,000.00
- Hendricks County Humane Society Ark, Inc. - $9,000.00
- Friends of the Hendricks County Museum - $8,400.00
- Sycamore Rehabilitation Services, Inc Hendricks County Arc - $6,593.00
- Rock Steady Boxing of Brownsburg d/b/a Fight Back Fitness - $5,500.00

Cassie Mecklenburg, Executive Director of Sheltering Wings, said, "We cannot begin to express our appreciation for the 2023 ARPA grant to clean the duct work for our facility. This is not a task that is attractive to many funders, yet it is vital to the health of our clients and an important function of our preventative maintenance."

Marina Keers, Executive Director of Hendricks County Senior Services (HCSS), also commented on their grant received, "Hendricks County Senior Services is incredibly grateful to our County's elected officials and to the Community Foundation for its investment. The Senior Center is an active and vibrant space for older adults in our community. We are excited to share that funds from the ARPA grant will be dedicated to significant improvements in the Senior Center's fire suppression system, ensuring the Center can continue to provide on-site activities for aging adults. HCSS appreciates the generous support from our community and welcomes all Hendricks County seniors to its Center."

Read more about ARPA grant funding on the Community Foundation website at www.hendrickscountycf.org or by scanning the QR code below.

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 $18 million in a collection of funds created by individuals, families, businesses and organizations for charitable purposes. In 2022 the Community Foundation gave over $1.5M in grants to charitable organizations and scholarships to local students. For more information, call 317-268-6240 or visit **www.hendrickscountycf.org**.

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