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**WAYNE COUNTY FOUNDATION  
AWARDS \$89,885 IN KEY INITIATIVE GRANT CYCLE**

The Wayne County Foundation has awarded \$89,885 to six local organizations in support of strategic priorities identified by *Forward Wayne County*.

“The wide range of projects and initiatives proposed for this cycle was especially impressive,” said Steve Borchers, the Foundation’s executive director. “We have no doubt that the ones selected for funding will have a meaningful impact on our community.”

This is the complete list of grant awards approved by the Foundation’s Board of Directors at its August meeting:

**Cambridge City Main Street    \$25,000**

In support of the development of a flexible use, multi-faceted Arts and Development Center to be situated in the historic canal-era Mathias and Kline buildings located on Main Street in Cambridge City.

**Centerville-Abington Schools    \$8,735**

To expand current preschool offerings with the goal of reducing the number of students needing retention in Kindergarten

**Earlham College    \$18,500**

In support of the Earlham EPIC Grant Challenge-an incentivized competition structured to develop Earlham-community partnerships that will collaboratively propose solutions to local social and economic problems.

**Indiana University East    \$10,150**

In support of a new program called Empower Wayne County. The program will provide exciting learning opportunities for students and a chance for local non-profits to utilize IU East students’ expertise and energy to develop new programs or tackle projects that help move these organizations forward.

**Junior Achievement of Eastern Indiana \$2,500**

To expand the career readiness programming for high school seniors in Wayne County

**Richmond Neighborhood Restoration \$25,000**

To increase the capital capacity of Richmond Neighborhood Restoration's Loan Fund for property acquisition.

*The Wayne County Foundation exists to foster and encourage private philanthropic giving, to enhance the spirit of community and to improve the quality of life in the Wayne County, Indiana, area now and for future generations.*