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Wayne County Foundation awards \$146,015 through Grant Cycle I

The **Wayne County Foundation** is pleased to announce that **eighteen different local organizations** have been awarded a total of **\$146,015** through its Grant Cycle I. The funding is to support local programs or projects to enhance the spirit of the community and improve the quality of life across Wayne County.

Grant Cycle I is the first of three cycles offered by the Foundation throughout 2022 to support programs and projects for local nonprofit organizations.

‘Here in Wayne County, we are fortunate to have so many nonprofit organizations doing passionate work and meeting the critical needs of our community,’ said Foundation Executive Director Rebecca Gilliam. ‘The Foundation is excited to come alongside these organizations and play even a small role in their work and successes.’

The Wayne County Foundation’s grantmaking is made possible by income from unrestricted and endowed field-of-interest funds. Below is the list of the grant awards approved by the Foundation’s Board of Directors at their May meeting.

Achieva Resources Corporation, Inc.	\$5,000	To support the EXCEL Program; offer developmental screenings for toddlers & more
Amigos the Richmond Latino Center	\$10,000	To support their English language classes
Brighter Path Inc.	\$10,000	To offer scholarships for their equine programs
Circle U Help Center, Inc.	\$5,000	To expand on an in-school food program with Communities in Schools
Crestdale Elementary PTO	\$5,000	To update the school's 30-year-old playground with new equipment
Hagerstown Nettle Creek Players	\$10,000	To support performances and the Young Actor's Workshop
HELP the Animals, Inc.	\$10,000	To install a new cooling system in their main kennel room
Indiana Women in Need Foundation	\$2,800	To assist women and families dealing with the financial effects of breast cancer
Junior Achievement of Eastern Indiana	\$10,000	For the GenJA program, which promotes financial literacy among K-12 students
Morrisson-Reeves Library	\$11,400	To support the StoryWalk program, which promotes children's literacy
Neighborhood Health Center	\$14,500	To help with a Spanish-speaking medical interpreter
Richmond Civic Theatre, Inc.	\$15,000	To support improvements around the facility including to fly, sound, microphone, etc.
Richmond Symphony Orchestra	\$10,000	To support the Sunset Series and other free community programming
Sunrise Therapeutic Riding Center	\$5,000	To support their scholarship program for students
Wayne County Cardinal Greenway	\$15,000	To purchase a new vehicle to assist with trail maintenance
Wayne County Historical Museum	\$5,000	To assist with the implementation of a new Gennett Records exhibit
Women's Workshop Richmond	\$1,100	To support workshops with various groups around the community
Wood Block Press, Inc.	\$1,215	To purchase new trees for the community orchard

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Since 1979, the Wayne County Foundation has existed 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.