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Local Main Street Organizations Receive Beautification Grants

Wayne County, Indiana– The Wayne County Foundation, via Forward Wayne County, recently awarded four local Main Street organizations beautification and improvement grants.

“We believe that improving our Main Street across the county will make Wayne County stronger and more attractive to incoming business and potential residents,” said Acacia St. John, Program Manager. “These groups have been working collectively since November 2020 as a Main Street Coalition on asset-based community development and strengthening their footprints in the county.”

Those awarded:

- Cambridge City Main Street, \$7,000 for economic vitality improvement: historical signage repair, building façade repair, etc.
- Main Street Centerville, \$7,000 for design and promotion improvements: commercial planters and an art mural.
- Heart of Hagerstown, \$7,000 for design improvement: streetscape, multi-seasonal banners, trash receptacles, etc.
- Main Street Richmond, dba Center City Development Corporation, \$7,000 for design improvement: accessible rear access points for businesses impacted by Phase 2 of the Loop project.

Rebecca Gilliam, Executive Director of the Wayne County Foundation added, “It has been exciting to see these groups come together, share their aspirations for their communities, and work hard to achieve their goals. And now their communities will visually benefit from their work.”

These grants were made possible by the Lilly Endowment, Inc. implementation grant that the Wayne County Foundation received last fall.

About Forward Wayne County

Forward Wayne County, an umbrella unit of the Wayne County Foundation, serves as a county-wide backbone organization to convened coalitions to foster a vibrant economy and promote prosperity in Wane County, Indiana.

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