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**WAYNE COUNTY FOUNDATION  
 AWARDS \$240,398 IN SPRING GRANT CYCLE**

The Wayne County Foundation is pleased to announce that thirty-five different local organizations have been awarded a total of \$240,398 through its 2021 Spring Grant Cycle. The funding is to support local programs or projects aimed to enhance the spirit of the community and improve the quality of life across Wayne County.

‘Wayne County has so many passionate organizations delivering programming and services vital to our community every single day,’ said Foundation Executive Director Rebecca Gilliam. ‘We are excited to have the opportunity to play a role in their success and see the impact of the projects receiving funding this grant cycle.’

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.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Award</b>
Achieva Resources Corp., Inc.	To purchase family resource bags to aid early childhood development	\$5,000
American Red Cross	To provide trained volunteers to support families affected by house fires	\$5,000
Amigos, the Richmond Latino Center	To provide English classes both virtually and in-person	\$7,050
Animal Care Alliance	To assist with food purchases for adoptable cats in-house and in foster care	\$6,000
Birth to Five	To support the Parents as Teachers program	\$2,450
Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County	To support the organization-wide traveling arts program	\$15,000
Brighter Path Inc.	To provide scholarships that enable local children to benefit from therapeutic riding services	\$4,000
Chamber Center for Excellence	To help fund a community-wide cleanup project with HYPE Wayne County	\$2,500

Circle U Help Center, Inc.	To purchase meal containers, items for senior pantries, and moving equipment	\$3,000
Communities in Schools of Wayne County	To support a mentoring program and aid homelessness assistance	\$15,000
Cope Environmental Center	To revitalize 'The Outpost educational space	\$7,550
Every Child Can Read	To support the Third Grade Academy - for students struggling to read at grade level	\$15,000
Friends of Morrisson-Reeves Library	To offer a local history book – 'Wayne County Women & Whisky: Wild & Wooly Times in Early Hoosier Taverns on the Old National Road' and corresponding educational scavenger hunt	\$2,000
Gateway Hunger Relief Center	To purchase and install an indoor refrigerator unit	\$8,000
Girls Inc. of Wayne County	To expand programming through the creation of a new S.T.E.A.M. lab	\$5,594
Hand-in-Hand Adult Day Care	To purchase new carpeting for their facility	\$10,000
Hayes Arboretum	To support the expansion of their east side parking lot	\$7,637
HELP the Animals	To fund spay and neuter services	\$5,000
Independent Living Center of Eastern Ind.	To purchase assistive devices for local residents	\$10,000
Ivy Tech Foundation	To support the Ivy CARES program, which provides emergency aid to students	\$5,000
JACY House	To support body safety classes and enhance organization computer technology	\$13,621
Junior Achievement of Eastern Indiana	To provide in-person and expand online classes for local students	\$6,145
Levi & Catharine Coffin State Historic Site	To expand programming aimed for new youth and adult audiences	\$5,000
Lincoln Middle/High School	To purchase virtual reality headsets for individuals with disabilities	\$7,598
Neighborhood Health Center	To expand the hours of coverage for the certified medical interpreter	\$10,920
Richmond Art Museum	To purchase appropriate museum storage cabinets and archival boxes	\$4,983
Richmond Civic Theatre	To support the renovation of the theatre's basement	\$7,810
Richmond Friends School	To purchase new classroom furniture	\$1,590
Richmond Parks and Recreation	To purchase an inflatable movie screen for family and community events	\$8,449
Richmond Rose Garden	To repave and improve the entrance of the Rose Garden and make ADA compliant	\$3,600
Richmond Symphony Orchestra	To expand the community concert series	\$8,000

Sunrise, Inc. Therapeutic Riding Center	To provide scholarships that enable local children to benefit from therapeutic riding services	\$5,000
Wayne County Food Council	To support an orchard project and materials to engage students at Dennis Middle School	\$3,901
Wayne County Railroaders Association	To provide funding for a handicap accessible ramp and viewing deck	\$5,000
Wayne County SWCD	To support Conservation Days programming for local 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> graders	\$3,000

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Established in 1979, **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.