

TYPES OF PROJECTS FUNDED

The Foundation funds organizations, programs, projects, and initiatives that seek to improve the quality of life in Wayne County, Indiana, and enhance the spirit of the Wayne County community. With few exceptions, funding requests for these purposes can be classified into one of the following categories:

Category	Defining Characteristics
Seed/Startup	<p>New organization or initiative seeking qualified charity status (seed) or having received it in the last three years (startup).</p> <p>Represents a new approach to a problem or opportunity that is not already in place.</p>
Bridge	<p>Organizations or established programs in transition from one funding model to another or in need of temporary support until the regular funding model can be re-established.</p>
A Special or One-Time Project or Event	<p>A new program or initiative of an established organization or a one-time event / project with a specific dollar amount required for completion.</p>
Capital Improvement	<p>Very similar to a Special or One-Time Project request, but involving major capital improvements to facilities or equipment</p> <p>Usually involving a community-wide campaign to generate the necessary funds from many contributors.</p>
Capacity Building	<p>A program or initiative of an existing organization that is designed both to provide benefit to the community and advance the ability of the organization to do its work more effectively in the future.</p>
Sustaining	<p>A recurring program or initiative of an existing organization that has received prior Foundation support.</p>