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**WAYNE COUNTY FOUNDATION  
AWARDS \$117,899 IN SPRING GRANT CYCLE**

The Wayne County Foundation has awarded \$117,899 to twenty-two local organizations in support of programs or projects designed to enhance the spirit of the community and improve the quality of life across 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.”

All of the Foundation’s community grantmaking is made possible by income from unrestricted and endowed field-of-interest funds.

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

<b>Achieva Resources Corporation, Inc.</b>	To purchase age appropriate books for the EXCEL program.	\$4,000.00
<b>Animal Care Alliance</b>	To purchase electro surgery equipment.	\$6,000.00
<b>Boy Scouts of America</b>	For registration fees of Wayne County students to participate in STEM Scouts.	\$5,250.00
<b>Cambridge City Main Street</b>	For roof replacement on the Matthias and Kline historical building.	\$5,000.00
<b>Center City Development</b>	In support of the Tech Education partnership with Earlham College.	\$1,500.00
<b>Christian Charities</b>	In support of the Backpack Blessings program with at least 25% to benefit the Hagerstown community.	\$5,000.00
<b>Circle U Help Center, Inc.</b>	To purchase updated kitchen equipment.	\$3,750.00
<b>Communities In Schools of Wayne County</b>	To support Site Coordination services.	\$15,000.00
<b>Diplomas</b>	For tuition to keep 4 teen parents and 2 children in school for a whole school year.	\$7,200.00
<b>Every Child Can Read</b>	In support of the Third Grade Academy.	\$5,000.00
<b>Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana</b>	In support of the Healthy Food for Families program.	\$7,500.00

<b>Hagerstown Nettle Creek Players</b>	In support of the Nettle Creek Players Summer Stock Tent Theatre Season.	\$5,000.00
<b>HELP the Animals</b>	To replace a portion of the roof of the H.E.L.P. Shelter.	\$2,725.00
<b>Independent Living Center of Eastern Indiana</b>	To purchase assistive devices for continued independence.	\$10,000.00
<b>Indiana Women In Need Foundation</b>	For support services of women living in Wayne County and enduring treatment for breast cancer.	\$3,000.00
<b>JACY House</b>	In support of the Speak Up Be Safe program.	\$2,000.00
<b>Richmond Day Nursery</b>	To purchase cots and couches for the children.	\$2,204.00
<b>Richmond Parks and Recreation</b>	To purchase a fence in Phase I of the Playground with a Purpose project.	\$5,000.00
<b>Special Olympics Indiana - Wayne County</b>	In support of the Wayne County Special Olympics annual summer games.	\$4,420.00
<b>Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District</b>	For Conservation Days 2017	\$2,000.00
<b>Western Wayne Heritage</b>	To publish a book in coordination with the Voices of the Past event.	\$1,350.00
<b>Williamsburg Area Community Center</b>	For window replacement and roof repairs.	\$15,000.00

Details of the Foundation's Challenge Match are being finalized. Please visit the Foundation's Web site ([www.waynecountyfoundation.org](http://www.waynecountyfoundation.org)) or contact Lisa Bates at 962-1638 for additional information.

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.