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This initiative is to strengthen the learning and development of very young children.

Infant & Toddler Care Applications Now Being Accepted

The Community Foundation is now accepting applications from eligible child care programs and centers for Infant & Toddler Care Grants. This funding is a part of the child care initiative to strengthen the learning and development of very young children and is supported by a \$2.8 million dollar grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.

Interested applicants can apply for two types of grants: Facilities Upgrades & Operating Support. The Facilities Upgrades application allows eligible child care programs to request up to \$50,000 to convert or renovate existing spaces with the intention of adding additional child care capacity for ages 0-3, or to improve the quality of care by constructing playgrounds, adding bathrooms or sinks,

or purchasing necessary equipment or furnishings, among other things. Eligible programs can also apply for Operating Support of up to \$60,000 to be utilized over a three-year time frame. Operating Support funds must be used to add capacity to serve children ages 0-3.

“Access to child care continues to be an ongoing issue the Community Foundation and its partners seek to address,” said Alex Hall, vice president of programs at the Community Foundation. “With the support of Lilly Endowment Inc., we are excited to increase the capacity and quality of care for the families in our region.”

Interested in learning more? Contact Alex Hall at 574-267-1901 or alex@kcfoundation.org.

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Triple Your Gift Impact: \$1.00 Matched With \$2.00

The Community Foundation received a matching fund grant totaling \$1.5 million as part of the eighth phase of Lilly Endowment Inc.'s initiative, Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT VIII). The funding will be used to grow unrestricted endowment funds, which the Community Foundation uses to respond to local needs in the areas of human services, civic projects, arts/culture, environmental, recreation, education, and health.

Qualifying matching funds raised to support the Community

Foundation's unrestricted endowment will be eligible for a \$2 (grantor) to \$1 (grantee) match from the Endowment.

"We are so grateful that Lilly Endowment is giving our donors the opportunity to triple the impact of their gifts to our unrestricted endowment and as a result triple their impact," said Stephanie Overbey, CEO at the Community Foundation.

Lilly Endowment has awarded matching fund grants totaling \$133.9 million to community foundations serving all 92 of Indiana's counties. Eligible community foundations

submitted proposals based on the population of the counties they serve. •

In 2023, Lilly Endowment launched GIFT VIII to help community foundations strengthen the towns, cities, and counties they serve. Matching fund grants are one of several funding opportunities designed to help community foundations promote long-term viability; further strengthen their abilities to lead; encourage board engagement; and support and develop strategic efforts to enhance the quality of life in their communities.



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Grant allows 170 Kosciusko families to stay close to their hospitalized children

Hope's Harbor supports children receiving medical care by providing critical hospitality services to their families. The funding Hope's Harbor received from a Community Foundation grant served nearly 170 Kosciusko County families and allowed them to stay close to their hospitalized children.

"Since being awarded a Foundation grant we have provided a safe and comfortable respite away from the hospital for families, and helped to sustain each family's access to healthcare for their child," said Wendy Hoering, Executive Director at Hope's Harbor. "We

also strive to lessen the financial burden on families by providing meals, lodging, and eliminating transportation costs."

The Gohn family, shown below, was able to stay at Hope's Harbor while their twins were in the NICU. "Having the opportunity to stay at Hope's Harbor made some of our most difficult days a little brighter," they said. "It was such a blessing to be within walking distance to our twins and have our family close together."

To learn more about other life changing grant recipients that were recently awarded, follow us on Facebook! •



Our Vision

The Kosciusko County Community Foundation will serve as a trusted catalyst to strengthen connections, engage and build communities, and achieve quantifiable impact.



Our Mission

The Kosciusko County Community Foundation brings caring people and charitable endeavors together to inspire generosity and strengthen communities.



How we accomplish our mission:

Serve as the vehicle for donors' charitable dreams.

Award grants to charitable projects and organizations.

Address community needs as a catalyst and convener.

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MAY 1 KREMC Operation Round
Up Grant Deadline

MAY 7 Nonprofit Workshop &
KHRA Conference

JULY 1 Community Funds Grant
Deadline

AUG 1 KREMC Operation Round
Up & Community Funds
Grant Deadlines

How can we help?

We'll work with you and your professional advisors to
implement a plan that will achieve your charitable dreams.



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