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INDIANA UNITED WAYS TO AWARD \$80 MILLION FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana United Ways (IUW), the state membership association for 42 of Indiana’s 44 United Ways serving Indiana counties, is pleased to announce a new Statewide Capital Projects Initiative, supported by Lilly Endowment Inc. From 2024 through 2028, this Initiative will make available \$80 million in capital project matching grants to select nonprofit organizations working in collaboration with local United Ways. The long-term goal of the Initiative is to accelerate development and completion of capital projects across the state that help to increase the availability and quality of essential health and human services.

“Thanks to the generosity of Lilly Endowment, Indiana United Ways can invest in compelling capital projects led by local nonprofits recommended by our local United Way members. We’re excited to see the impact that this Initiative will have on the availability and quality of essential health and human services in communities of all sizes in our state,” said Michael Budd, President & CEO of Indiana United Ways.

“This is an opportunity for communities around the state to leverage their local United Way partnerships and bring transformational funds into their cities, counties, and rural areas to drive system-level impact,” added Karen Pipes, Indiana United Ways Board Chair.

“Throughout the state, the United Way makes a difference in the lives of individuals and families and, in doing so, helps to improve quality of life in local communities,” said Ronni Kloth, Lilly Endowment’s vice president for community development. “Indiana United Ways’ new Statewide Capital Projects Initiative will help to address the capital needs of dozens of critical human and social services organizations.”

Eligible organizations can seek grants of up to \$1.5 million and be no more than 50 percent of the cost of a project. Organizations must apply in collaboration with their local IUW Member United Way. Beginning January 2024, nonprofits directly delivering essential health and human services that have construction and renovation needs are encouraged to reach out to their local IUW Member United Way during the early stages of capital project development to discuss the requirements of the Initiative and determine whether a project addressing those needs may be eligible for funding.

Applications to support projects that are submitted by or in collaboration with local IUW Member United Ways will be reviewed by IUW’s Statewide Capital Projects Initiative Committee, which comprises volunteers with expertise in architecture, construction, nonprofit management, finance, and other disciplines. All final decisions regarding grants will be made by IUW.

Find your local IUW Member United Way and learn details about the Initiative at iuw.org/capitalgrants. IUW plans to begin accepting applications in January 2024.

Nonprofits located within Boone, Hendricks, Hamilton, Hancock, Marion, Morgan and Putnam Counties are ineligible for the Initiative. These communities are served through United Way of Central Indiana's (UWCI) Capital Projects Fund, which is also supported by Lilly Endowment.

About Indiana United Ways

Indiana United Ways (IUW) is the state membership association for 42 of Indiana's 44 United Ways serving Indiana counties. It provides a wide range of advocacy, training, technical assistance, networking, and grant opportunities to ensure that local United Ways meet their community's most pressing needs.

The Statewide Capital Projects Initiative is a new funding opportunity, led by Indiana United Ways and supported by Lilly Endowment Inc. The Initiative will award \$80 million in capital project matching grants to select nonprofit organizations between 2024-2028. Nonprofits with capital needs directly associated with providing essential health and human services may be eligible to apply. All nonprofits must apply in collaboration with a local IUW Member United Way.

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