



WARREN COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Community Grants

2019

What are Community Grants?

Each year, groups and organizations find themselves in situations where they have needs. These needs change year to year, and the organizations needing assistance change from year to year too. Money donated to the community grants fund is considered unrestricted which means it can be used towards different grant requests each year. This flexibility allows the Foundation to help with some of the needs that don't already have specific funds directed to them.

In 2019 was granted to local groups and organizations from this fund. If you are part of a group who has a need that would benefit the community, let us know!



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Group Funded: Culinary Arts Scholarships

Amount Funded: \$1,000

Project: Fine Dining Experiences

The Culinary Arts class received a grant to be able to go to high end restaurants, meet with the chef, see the kitchens, then eat a meal at that location. The Culinary Arts students have the opportunity to prepare meals for public events and corporate events. This opportunity will help them gain relevant experience, and knowledge.

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Group Funded: Seeger Dual Credit

Amount Funded: \$5,000

Project: Seeger Teacher Dual Credit

Seeger is part of the Rural Early College Network. Students who participate in Seeger Early College receive 30 college credits that transfer into many state schools in Indiana. The Class of 2020 earned 1513 college credits. In order to qualify for hosting dual credit courses, teachers must have the proper credentials. This has made it necessary for multiple teachers to go back to school to receive certification. This grant to the school gives just a small incentive for the teachers who are paying for this schooling on their own.



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Group Funded: Valley Oaks Health Education Curriculum

Amount Funded: \$1,000

Project: Beyond the Violence Program

This grant was to support the "Purple Pinky" campaign and the "Wear your heart on your sleeve campaign". Valley Oaks comes into the schools and teaches students about healthy dating and domestic violence awareness

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Group Funded: NICHS Williams Woods' Interpretive Signs

Amount Funded: \$1,900

Project: New interpretive signs

This grant was for signage to line the main trail. Grover and Millie Williams were the owners of this property that went on to become a NICHS Land Trust property. Grover was a poet. He wrote a book of poetry inspired by scenic spots on this property. The sign posts that help hikers know the route have poems from Grover Williams on the posts. The way the sign posts were made will ensure they look great for at least the next 25 years.



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**Group Funded: Williamsport Washington Township
Public Library**

Amount Funded: \$2,006.98

Project: New computer network server

The main server at the library stopped working properly and they needed a new server which had a total cost of \$4,013. The server is vital to library operations including checking out materials, providing free internet services, being able to operate the webpage, etc. This grant covered half of the cost of the server and the Library's "rainy day fund" covered the other half.

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Group Funded: Seeger Film Club

Amount Funded: \$1,000

Project: Summer movies at the Devon

Each summer, the Devon Theater shows free movies for 8-10 consecutive Wednesday's. While the attendees aren't charged admission, that doesn't mean there aren't expenses associated with offering the movies. The rights to be able to show the movies costs about \$3,000 per summer. Warren County Community Foundation and Western Indiana Community Foundation team up to cover those costs



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Group Funded: Warren County WIC

Amount Funded: \$500

Project: WIC office needs

This grant was to purchase diapers and wipes for the local WIC office. There are 146 WIC participants each month. The staff anticipates this will provide supplies that will last the office the entire year.

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Group Funded: Special Olympics

Amount Funded: \$1,000

Project: Special Olympics Summer Games

This grant was to help support the local Special Olympic athletes with going to the Summer Games. This included helping with lodging, food, and transportation to the summer games from June 7-9 at Indiana State. The group has several other fundraisers to go along with this grant



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Group Funded: Warren County Summer Parks Program

Amount Funded: \$1,500

Project: Warren County Summer parks program

The theme of the parks program was "Marvel"ous- there is a "Hero" in all of us. This grant helped pay for the utilities for June and July as well as a magic show and a science show called "Absolutely Science".

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Group Funded: 4-H Swine Grant

Amount Funded: \$1,000

Project: New animal pens

The Warren County 4-H Swine group had always borrowed pens from Fountain County. It made sense for Warren County to purchase their own. The group worked hard to acquire about 75% of the cost, and the Foundation was happy to provide that final 25% that the group needed. These animal pens will last for years to come.



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Group Funded: One Community/One-Read

Amount Funded: \$1,000

Project: Bringing the author to the Bi-County

The 2019 One Community One Read book as selected by Indiana Humanities was "This is where you belong" by Melody Warnick. WCCF partnered with Western Indiana Community Foundation to bring the author to the Bi-County area for a meeting with the author.

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Group Funded: Hope Springs Safe House

Amount Funded: \$2,100

Project: Outdoor improvements for the Hope Springs Safe House

This grant helped pay for 3 projects to be put in place for outdoor improvements on the property. It helped resolve safety issues among the property and gave the residents a quality place to go just to sit and relax outside.



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Group Funded: Heart and Soul Farm

Amount Funded: \$1,800

Project: New yoga mats

This grant helped the Heart and Soul Farm purchase multiple yoga mats. These yoga mats will give the people of the community a chance to practice YOGA without the worry of buying a new yoga mat.

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Group Funded: Shawnee Center Upgrades

Amount Funded: \$1,000

Project: Upgrades on Shawnee Center

This grant helped the Shawnee Center upgrade on renovations. This included removing of floors, vanity sinks, toilets and stalls; and installation of new stalls, toilets, wall mount sinks, drains, and new flooring.



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Group Funded: Williamsport Christian Church

Amount Funded: \$1,000

Project: Williamsport Christian Church Christmas Store.

This grant went to the Williamsport Christian Church to help their annual Christmas Store. They were able to purchase clothing items in the sizes of children to whom will reach out, as well as to supplement their supply of available toys.

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Group Funded: WHIN Walls Mural

Amount Funded: \$500

Project: WHIN Walls

The 10 county WHIN region received a grant from WHIN from the Regional Cultivation Fund for a mural in each of the 10 counties. The murals were spread out over a 4-year period by we had to provide a small match in order to secure \$10,000 towards our mural. The mural will be a 2022 mural in West Lebanon



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Group Funded: Better Way Food Co-op

Amount Funded: \$280

Project: Money towards staffing

The Foundation only had \$280 of money remaining at the end of the 2019 grantmaking year. A Better Way Food Co-Op asked for money to help kickstart getting a part time staff member to work towards a sustainability plan. Other Foundation funds were combined to make this a larger gift.

2019 Community Grant Total:

\$23,586.98

**17 Local Organizations
received Grants**

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