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## **Legacy Fund of Hamilton County Awards \$160,000+ To Support Range of County's Not-For-Profits**

*Grants will address community-wide needs, including hunger, affordable housing, support for the arts, education and more.*

CARMEL, IN (MAY 27, 2014) — Legacy Fund of Hamilton County, an affiliate of the Central Indiana Community Foundation, awarded a total of \$162,400 in grants as approved by Legacy Fund's Board of Directors at its May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 board of directors meeting.

The grant awards included \$137,400 in grants made to 13 not-for-profits serving Hamilton County residents. The LINK Advisory Council, a youth-based philanthropic council created by Legacy Fund, also awarded \$10,000 to three other not-for-profit organizations serving Hamilton County residents. An additional matching grant of \$15,000 in partnership with the Hamilton County Convention and Visitors Bureau was made to help build capacity at county-based arts organizations (both organizations contributed \$15,000 each to support the project).

The grants were made possible by Legacy Fund's Community Endowment Fund, and also The Sheridan Fund and the City of Noblesville Fund, which awarded city-specific grants. The Donald W. Johnson Fund for Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County, which addresses senior-focused issues, made an additional grant.

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The Legacy Fund Community Endowment Fund is an "unrestricted" fund created by donors with an interest in supporting Hamilton County. The City of Noblesville Fund was created to focus on Noblesville-specific issues. The Sheridan Fund was created by the Biddle Memorial Foundation and JBS United to address issues specific to the town of Sheridan. The Donald W. Johnson Fund for Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County was created in 2012 to better support the County's senior-needs. Grant allocations from the Community Endowment Fund are approved by Legacy Fund Board of Directors.

Created in 2002 by Legacy Fund to give Hamilton County youth an opportunity to be directly involved in their community and to inspire leadership in high school

students through service, grantmaking and educational opportunities, The LINK Advisory Council made grants to support Second Helpings (a food rescue and re-use organization); Hamilton County East Public Library and Live the Way, Inc., which supports a community garden program in Noblesville.

“These broad-based, community endowment funds demonstrate our donors’ commitment to Hamilton County,” said Corby D. Thompson, board chair, Legacy Fund. “They also demonstrate our donors’ faith in Legacy Fund’s grants staff and board of directors’ ability to identify critical issues and needs, and then support effective not-for-profits that are addressing those needs.”

| Organization                                   | Amount Awarded                                     | Grant Purpose   | Community Served                         |
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| Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville               | \$5,000: Legacy Fund Community Endowment Fund and  | To support Educational Programming at the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville. | Noblesville                              |
|  | \$5,000: Noblesville Fund                          |   |  |
| Diabetic Youth Foundation of Indiana           | \$5,000: Legacy Fund Community Endowment Fund      | To support the 2014 Camp Until a Cure program.                              | Hamilton County                          |
| Englishton Park United Presbyterian Ministries | \$8,000: Legacy Fund Community Endowment Fund      | To support the Englishton Park Academic Remediation Training Center.        | Hamilton County                          |
| Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana                  | \$12,000: Legacy Fund Community Endowment Fund     | To support the Mobile Food Pantry in Hamilton County.                       | Noblesville, Sheridan & Hamilton Heights |
|  | \$5,000: Noblesville Fund                          |   |  |
|  | \$3,000: Sheridan Fund                             |   |  |
| Habitat for Humanity Hamilton County           | \$5,000: Legacy Fund Community Endowment Fund and  | To support the Nunn Family Home Build project.                              | Noblesville                              |
|  | \$2,500: Noblesville Fund                          |   |  |
| Hamilton County Leadership Academy             | \$26,000: Legacy Fund Community Endowment Fund and | To support an additional staff person at HCLA.                              | Hamilton County                          |
|  | \$2,000: Noblesville Fund                          |   |  |

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| Junior Achievement of Central Indiana    | \$5,400: Legacy Fund Community Endowment Fund   | To support the pilot of Financial Literacy Programs for At-Risk Hamilton County students. | Westfield & Noblesville |
| Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County       | \$7,500: Legacy Fund Community Endowment Fund   | To support the Sponsor-A-Senior Program.  | Hamilton County         |
|  | \$2,000: Noblesville Fund   |   |                         |
|  | \$1,000: Sheridan Fund  |   |                         |
| Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission     | \$3,000: Noblesville Fund   | To support the Shakespeare in the Park program.   | Noblesville             |
| Prevail                                  | \$10,000: Legacy Fund Community Endowment Fund  | To support the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services.                             | Hamilton County         |
| Riley Children's Foundation              | \$5,000: Legacy Fund Community Endowment Fund   | To subsidize 2014 Camp Riley fees for Hamilton County children.                           | Hamilton County         |
| The Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County | \$10,000: Donald W. Johnson Fund  | To support the Community Caring and Together Today programs.                              | Hamilton County         |
| YMCA of Greater Indianapolis             | \$14,000: Legacy Fund Community Endowment and   | To support the Keeping Kids Safe After School program in Hamilton County schools.         | Fishers & Sheridan      |
|  | \$1,000: Sheridan Fund  |   |                         |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                            | <b>\$102,900 Legacy Fund Community Endowment</b><br><b>\$19,500: Noblesville Fund</b><br><b>\$5,000: Sheridan Fund</b><br><b>\$10,000: Donald W. Johnson Fund</b> |   |                         |

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| Second Helpings              | \$3,900               | To support the Hunger Relief and Food Rescue program in Hamilton County | County Wide             |
| Hamilton East Public Library | \$2,100               | To support educational materials for STEM programs                      | Fishers and Noblesville |
| Live the Way, Inc.           | \$4,000               | To support the Noblesville Community Garden Project                     | Noblesville             |
| <b>TOTALS:</b>               | <b>\$10,000</b>       |   |                         |

| <b>Arts Organization Capacity Grants</b>  |   |                         |
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| <b>Organization</b>   | <b>Grant Purpose</b>  | <b>Community Served</b> |
| Hamilton County Artists Association (HCAA)  | HCAA will be completing its first strategic plan this fall to prepare for the shift from a member-oriented organization to an organization that can serve as an active community resource.  | County-wide             |
| Fishers Arts Council  | Fishers Arts Council completed a strategic plan three years ago but lacked the capacity to operationalize it. With the help of this grant and the in-kind CPA skills of a volunteer, Fishers Arts Council will be developing an operations plan and fiscal model to operationalize the goals and objectives of the strategic plan. Long-term goals include hiring an Executive Director and approaching the new City of Fishers for funding following the upcoming election season. | Fishers                 |
| City of Westfield, Westfield Parks Department and Westfield Washington Historical Society | A recent collaborators' meeting had representation from the three entities above as well as churches, arts associations, the library, and Westfield-Washington School Corporation. The collaborative  | City of Westfield       |

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|                        | partnership seeks to offer the full “Westfield experience” to Grand Park visitors by educating tourists on the history, cultural traditions, religious background, arts influences, and other factors that make Westfield unique. Branding and marketing of the project will begin this summer and a strategic plan for the full project will be completed by the end of the year. |             |
| Nickel Plate Arts      | With consultant guidance, Nickel Plate Arts is working to develop a fundraising plan. The organization is currently solely supported by Hamilton County Tourism and seeks to diversify funding streams as the organization grows.  | County-wide |
| <b>TOTAL: \$15,000</b> |  |             |

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**ABOUT LEGACY FUND:**

Legacy Fund, an affiliate of the Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF), is a \$50+ million public foundation that serves Hamilton County by administering charitable funds, foundations and organizational endowments for individuals, families and not-for-profit entities. Established in 1991, Legacy Fund’s goal is to inspire philanthropy as it helps people enhance their family and charitable legacies in tax-smart ways. Legacy Fund has three main priorities: consult with donors, family foundations and professional advisors on charitable giving; award grants; and provide leadership to address community needs.

**ABOUT CENTRAL INDIANA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:**

Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF) is a \$700+ million public foundation transforming the lives of central Indiana residents in three ways: consulting donors, family foundations and their professional advisors on charitable giving; awarding grants to effective not-for-profit organizations; and providing leadership to address community needs and seize opportunities. CICF was established in 1997 as a partnership between The Indianapolis Foundation, serving Marion County since 1916, and Legacy Fund, serving Hamilton County since 1991. For more information about CICF, visit [cicf.org](http://cicf.org), or contact Mike Knight at [mikek@cicf.org](mailto:mikek@cicf.org).