

2019 Grant Cycle #1 Awards

Montgomery County Community Foundation awarded the first round of grant for 2019 this week with surprise visits! Eight awards were made totaling \$133,642 as follows:

Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County: \$2,500 to increase the museum's STEM and Computer Science offerings especially for children and support for the 2019 exhibit on Emergency Preparedness. *The grant was made possible by William and Amy Roth Fund and the Anita Rugar Fund.*

Friends of Sugar Creek: \$1,862 will provide support for their Kids, Canoes, and Crinoids educational program for youth ages 10-14 to be held in July. *The David and Sheridan Hadley Health and Wellness Fund, the Paul and Irmgard McKinney Fund, and the Community Fund made the grant possible.*

Mountie Mission, Inc. accepts donated items such as household goods, furniture, and clothing that is made available for those with need. They received \$25,000 to purchase a van so that they can make pick-ups and deliveries as needed. *The A.F. Ramsey Trust Fund and the Community Fund made the grant possible.*

New Beginnings Child Care received \$17,400 for movable partitions, furniture and furnishings that will create much needed additional classroom space in the gym. *The Roland Brooks ad Helen Johnson Wynne Fund, the Damon C. and Bernice Seaman Wray Fund, and the First Merchants Charitable Foundation Fund made the grant possible.*

North Montgomery School Corporation received \$6,000 to support the expansion of their Early Learning Academy into Sommer and Sugar Creek Elementary Schools for the next school years. *The Tom and Cynda Mellish Fund and the Dr. Fred and Elizabeth Daugherty Trust Fund made the grant possible.*

Walnut Township Community Organization received \$10,280 to add a restroom to their Community Building. *The Dr. Fred and Elizabeth Daugherty Fund, the Barbara and Larry Frye Fund, and the Community Fund made the grant possible.*

Waveland Strong, Inc. received \$42,600 for new lighting at the town park, along with additional and upgraded electrical service. The park is in the center of town and is the venue for the monthly Farmers' market and Movies Under the Stars events. *The Community Fund, the Mike and Rhonda Mitchell Family Fund, and the Community Youth Engagement Pass-through Fund made the award possible.*

Wayne Township Community Improvement, Inc. received \$28,000 to help fund the construction of a permanent, covered stage in the Waynetown Park. The park hosts a variety of events throughout the year including the Freedom Fest, Fish Fry, baseball tournaments, Christmas in the Park, etc. *The Community Fund and the Clark and Nancy Sennett Fund made the grant possible.*

2019 Grant Cycle #2 Awards

Eleven awards were made totaling \$171,307.62 as follows:

Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County received \$16,000 (Irwin Lee Detchon Fund) to make repairs to the aging facility to allow for the safe and efficient operation of the shelter.

Crawfordsville Adult Resource Academy received \$17,248.62 (Anonymous Donor) to add new technology and support to the High School Equivalency (HSE) program offered at the Montgomery County jail.

Crawfordsville Main Street Program

This \$7,900 grant (Herbert, Genevieve and Marian Morrison Fund) has two components: First, design is an integral part of Main Street's "Four Point Approach" for Downtown development so a portion will be used to purchase winter/holiday décor for Pike Place. The second focus is "Community Tree Education." Main Street will provide its partners with educational brochures that cover a variety of tree topics written with the consumer in mind.

League of Women Voters received \$4,400 (Dr. William and Nancy Doemel Fund; \$3,750 Max K. Tannenbaum Fund) to fund a yearlong celebration of the Suffrage Movement and 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. There will be an essay contest for students, trivia nights, forums and speakers, a Women's Suffrage Walking Tour, monthly Read with the League events, reenactments and plays and much, much more.

Lew Wallace Study Preservation Society received \$5,750 (Herbert, Genevieve and Marian Morrison Fund) for educational programming. From guest speakers and book readings, to Magic Lantern Shows, the year promises something of interest for everyone.

Montgomery County IN DAV Chapter 103 received \$17,000 (DeVon W. and Mary Jane Flaningam Fund) to be used as a match for a State grant to purchase a new van. The van will serve all veterans in Montgomery County with transportation to required medical care from the nearest VA Hospital.

Town of New Richmond will use a grant of \$22,500 (Irwin Lee Detchon Fund) to purchase and install new playground equipment in the town's park. Besides the direct benefit of providing a fun and safe place for children to play, it is hoped the improvements will attract and retain young families to the town.

North Montgomery School Corporation received \$11,129 (Faye O. and Anna Winter Schenck Fund) for its Health & Welfare Fund. This fund addresses the health needs of students who otherwise might not have access to it. It also provides training and various equipment to assure a safe academic environment in which all students can grow and acquire knowledge and skills to achieve their potential.

Rainbows & Rhymes Preschool received \$24,580 (Irwin Lee Detchon, Nucor Fund, James G. & Susan Smith Fund and the Max K. Tannenbaum Fund) to prepare for becoming a Paths to Quality provider of extended day preschool and childcare for children ages 3-5 beginning in August 2020. This includes staff training, curriculum, and safety improvements to the building.

South Montgomery School Corporation received \$8,000 (Michael D. and Sally A. Hinkle Fund, Irwin Lee Detchon Fund) to provide resource materials, cozy book nooks, and educational play equipment so that they can expand Little Mounties Preschool to include three year olds.

Youth Service Bureau received \$36,800 (Women of Wisdom Fund, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: honoring Rev. Chris Hotopp-Zachary, Mary Vi Leaming RN, and Meda Lorton, Tony & Cindy Cosenza Fund, Irwin Lee Detchon Fund) to support these programs. The CASA program provides a volunteer advocate for every child who is a victim of neglect/abuse. The Child Abuse Prevention program provides community education. Inspire is group mentoring for girls who are identified as needing additional support and guidance. In addition, the alternative school focuses on credit recovery for high school students.

2019 Grant Cycle #3 Awards

Eight agencies accepted grant awards from the third and final grant cycle of 2019. In all, \$139,103 was awarded in the areas of Education, History, Health, Human Services, and Youth.

EDUCATION

Montgomery County Educational Foundation received \$25,000 (Hubert and Martha Massing Fund, Samuel L. and Eva Fern Boots Fund, Chase Fund, Directors Fund, Dale and Linda Petrie Fund, Marty Pool Fund, and the Carl F. and Margaret Henthorn Fund). With it, they will offer grants to schoolteachers in each of the three local school corporations, for innovative classroom projects and activities. These projects provide motivation and real-life experiences for students that will benefit them in their future endeavors.

HISTORY

Montgomery County Historical Society received \$29,503 (Herbert, Genevieve, and Marian Morrison Fund, Max W. Johnson Fund to honor Mary Francis "Fran" Johnson, Dennis and Dee Hohlbein Fund, Hubert and Martha Massing Fund, and the Max K. Tannenbaum Unrestricted Fund). These funds will be used to make needed repairs to Lane Place to ensure the integrity and safety of the building, inside and outside. It will also help fund a website redesign to add more functionality to the site and improving what is often a visitor's first impression.

HEALTH

Crawfordsville Community School Corporation received \$10,000 (Faye O. and Anna Winter Schenck Fund) for its Health & Welfare Fund. This fund addresses the health needs of students who otherwise might not have access to it. It also provides training and various equipment and supplies to assure a safe academic environment in which all students can grow and acquire knowledge and skills to achieve their potential.

South Montgomery School Corporation received \$9,000 (Faye O. and Anna Winter Schenck Fund) for its Health & Welfare Fund. This fund addresses the health needs of students who otherwise might not have access to it. It includes funds for staff training and supplies to ensure a safe learning environment for all students.

HUMAN SERVICES

Pam's Promise Transitional Housing received \$20,800 (Crawfordsville Housing Fund, Gloria and Marvin Oliver Fund, Montgomery County Physicians Fund, Earl F. and Ruby B. Elliott Fund, Leland and Dolores Epperson & Family Fund, Larry and Susan Griffith Fund, M. Gaidene and Stan Hamilton Fund, Walter F. Hulet Fund, and the Max K. Tannenbaum Unrestricted Fund). As the program grows, Pam's Promise strives to improve the service they provide to Montgomery County's homeless population. This will help fund a part-time position for a case manager with expertise in addiction recovery.

Sunshine Vans received \$3,800 (Max K. Tannenbaum Unrestricted Fund, Herman Dicks Fund, and the Beverley J. Turner Fund in memory of John C. White) to purchase two new 2-way radios for the newest vans, as required by law, and a commercial garage door opener for the van garage. The vans provide transportation for those 60 years old or over and/or disabled to medical appointments, grocery stores, pharmacies, banks, work, and personal care appointments, allowing them to maintain independence.

Women's Resource Center received \$6,000 (Faye O. and Anna Winter Schenck Fund, Florence Schultz Trust Fund, and the Leonard and Louise Winchell Fund) to support their work with expectant mothers. Funds will purchase baby needs such as diapers, including cloth diapers, hygiene products, clothes, and infant car seats as well as medical supplies for pregnancy testing and ultrasounds.

YOUTH

Boys & Girls Club received \$35,000 (Walter F. Hulet Fund, Kathy and John Steele Fund, Thomas and Mary Beth Harmon Fund, Amy McFerran Fund, John and Sandy Tidd Fund in memory of Ernest and Anna Tidd and Joan and John Spray, Steve and Diane McLaughlin Fund, Coach Rick and Deb Schavietello Fund, and the Ron and Trudy Dickerson Fund) to purchase a new mini bus. The vehicle will be used to get students to the after-school program and for other club activities. While it varies by season, average attendance is 215 students per day. Currently, some students have long waits for the bus since two trips must be made to a school to transport all the children to the club.