



Looking forward. Giving back.



The Montgomery County Community Foundation (MCCF) has received a grant of \$500,000 as part of Lilly Endowment Inc.'s seventh phase of its Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) initiative. With GIFT VII, the Endowment is making up to \$125 million available to help Indiana community foundations strengthen the towns, cities and counties they serve.

MCCF can use this matching fund grant to build our financial assets and support our charitable activities. At least two-thirds of the matching fund grant must be designated to support the growth of MCCF's unrestricted endowments, which over time will provide flexibility to help the foundation to meet community needs. The Endowment will provide \$2 for every \$1 contributed to MCCF unrestricted endowments during the matching period, October 1, 2018, through December 31, 2020.

MCCF may choose to designate up to one-third of the matching fund grant to support the foundation's own operating needs or specific community or charitable projects. The Endowment will provide 50 cents for every \$1 that MCCF raises during the matching period for these purposes.

"If you've considered establishing a fund at the Montgomery County Community Foundation, or if you're looking for a way to maximize your charitable giving, there has never been a better time or opportunity. If you would like to take advantage of the GIFT VII Initiative, please call us at 362-1267, or please feel free to stop by our office. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you and help you make a lasting investment in your community." – Kelly Taylor, MCCF Executive Director

MCCF manages over 200 endowed funds, each established by donors with visions of making Montgomery County a better place to live. Since 1991, \$20 million in grants and scholarships have been awarded to agencies and students right here in Montgomery County.

The GIFT initiative is part of Lilly Endowment's grantmaking to strengthen Indiana communities and has been a priority of the Endowment since the first phase of GIFT in 1990. The initiative's primary aim is to help Indiana community foundations develop the philanthropic capacity to identify, prioritize and address local opportunities and challenges.

To encourage the engagement of the MCCF board of directors, the Endowment also will award an additional \$100,000 unrestricted grant if the foundation achieves 100 percent financial support from our board members during the period January 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

Starting in 2019, MCCF will have the opportunity to apply for more funds through GIFT VII's community leadership grants. This component includes both planning and implementation grants, which are available to help the foundation deepen its understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing its community; convene key local stakeholders and explore how it can effectively play a leadership role in implementing initiatives and strategies that enhance the quality of life in Montgomery County.

**Lilly Endowment Inc.** is an Indianapolis-based private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by three members of the Lilly family – J.K. Lilly Sr. and sons J.K. Jr. and Eli – through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly & Company. The Endowment exists to support causes of community development, education and religion. Lilly Endowment's community development grantmaking is designed to support efforts that enhance the quality of life in Indianapolis and Indiana.