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Press Release

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THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS FOUR GRANTS TOTALING \$46,000.

GRANT COUNTY, IN (June 20, 2019)— The Community Foundation of Grant County, Indiana, Inc. is excited to announce that four local organizations have met the predetermined challenged amount for our second annual Crowdfunding Grants. These organizations are SAWs – Servants at Work, Inc., Carey Services, Hoosier Shakes, and Marion Parks and Recreation Department. Each entity had 60-days, from April 19, 2019 to June 19, 2019, to crowdfund local donations for 50% of their financial need for their program or project.

Crowdfunding Grant Recipients Include:

Organization Name	Program/Project	Community Foundation Grant	Amount raised by the community	Total amount to the organization	Funds
Hoosier Shakes	Hoosier Shakes' 2019 summer stock season	\$10,000	\$11,500	\$21,500	Impact Grant Fund Community Impact Fund Ward and Maxyne Arnold Memorial Fund Charlotte E. Barton Memorial Fund Marie P. Brown Memorial Fund Marcille L. "Grandma" Carter Fund Community Foundation Board of Directors' Fund Reba A. Crouch Fund Dailey Family Fund Fred O. Eward Fund Judy Fitzgerald Community Fund Earl B. Gottschalk Memorial Fund Indiana Wesleyan University Community Impact Fund Merlin J. Loew Endowment Fund Maidenberg Community Fund MutualBank Community Impact Fund Dorothy B. Pence Endowment Fund Phi Delta Kappa, Alpha Chapter-Marion, Indiana Ned J. Pulley Fund
Carey Services	Two new transportation buses	\$10,000	\$10,150	\$20,150	Impact Grant Fund

SAWs – Servants at Work, Inc.	Materials and installation of twelve wooden wheelchair ramps	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$12,000	Judy Fitzgerald Community Fund Irving Family Endowment Fund
Marion Parks and Recreation Department	Six new Pickleball courts with lighting in Matter Park	\$20,000	\$39,192	\$59,192	Impact Grant Fund Community Impact Fund

The Organizations and Projects:

Hoosier Shakes raised \$11,500 for their 2019 summer stock season. Hoosier Shakes presents two of Shakespeare’s plays in repertory every summer. The 2019 season will include performances of Othello and As You Like It, which will be performed together in repertory.

Othello presents us with a unique opportunity to confront issues of racism in Marion and Grant County by engaging audiences to consider the impact of discrimination in the life of the title character. Othello tells the story of two men – one white, and one black – as they wrestle with race, power, and jealousy. Through the enterprise of theatre, Hoosier Shakes will help our community examine the manner in which racism is socially constructed. They will present the play and then encourage conversations and promote meaningful discussion among the patrons by hosting talkbacks and providing discussion guides.

As a foil to the tragedy of Othello, they will also offer Shakespeare’s comedy As You Like It. This play compliments Othello because it also examines the impacts of betrayal and, conversely, the impact of loyalty. Ultimately, As You Like It is a story about the healing and empowering nature of love in many forms – between couples, between family members, and within a community. Paired together, Othello and As You Like It empower audiences to examine, celebrate, and transform their personal, familial, and community relationships.

Because they met the match by raising \$11,500, the Community Foundation of Grant County will award Hoosier Shakes a \$10,000 grant for a total of \$21,500 for the organization.

Carey Services raised \$10,150 for two new transportation buses. Transportation services are an integral part of Carey Services’ programming. A key piece of turning abilities and barriers into opportunities is doing everything possible to get the individuals they serve into the community as much as they desire.

Some of those transportation trips are for employment — either job seeking or helping clients get to and from work after obtaining a job. Some of those trips are for daily living activities such as shopping trips for essential items. And, some of those trips are for recreational purposes.

In short, Carey Services’ transportation fleet allows clients to live their lives as they want, much like any other member of the community. Within that context, their transportation fleet supplements local transportation; many clients use public transportation as much as possible, but client needs for staff assistance and the narrow public transportation options mean the agency provides the vast majority of transportation services.

Because they met the match by raising \$10,150, the Community Foundation of Grant County will award Carey Services a \$10,000 grant for a total of \$20,150 for the organization.

SAWs- Servants at Work, Inc. raised \$6,000 for the materials and installation of twelve wooden wheelchair ramps. Currently, there are at least twelve residents in Grant County with disabilities and/or suffering from the effects of aging, living at or below the Federal poverty guidelines, \$24,250 for a family of four, having no other means of receiving a ramp.

All involved in the project are volunteers, and materials are purchased with grant money received from the area where the ramps are built. Ramp materials cost \$1,000 per ramp.

Because they met the match by raising \$6,000, the Community Foundation of Grant County will award SAWs- Servants at Work, Inc. a \$6,000 grant for a total of \$12,000 for the organization.

Marion Parks and Recreation Department raised \$39,192 for six new Pickleball courts with lighting in Matter Park. Pickleball is a healthy exercise for all ages that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. You can play this sport as singles or doubles and it's played on a smaller version of a tennis court.

This project will take an old, cracked, and unusable facility and turn it into a new exciting activity for the community. The goal for this project is to create 6 new Pickleball courts on the three backcourts at Matter Park and put up new lighting around both the Pickleball and tennis courts.

Because they met the match by raising \$39,192, the Community Foundation of Grant County will award Marion Parks and Recreation Department a \$20,000 grant for a total of \$59,192 for the organization.

Organizations who would like to be considered for funding in the August Field of Interest grant cycle can apply now through July 24th by emailing Meagan Mathias at Meagan@GiveToGrant.org.

Organizations that are seeking funding for projects/programs in the following areas are welcome to apply:

- To aid abused and neglected women and children and/or programs for the benefit of same.
- To support services for abused women in Grant County, Indiana.
- Grants to children suffering with life-threatening illnesses.
- To provide body armor and/or safety equipment for all Grant County law enforcement agencies.
- Grant County programs/projects that support education in the art and skill or sewing, including, but not limited to, scholarships for students with financial need, which will allow them to take part in sewing classes or to purchase necessary sewing supplies for those students and/or as a way to offer these courses to additional students.
- To provide support for financial education programs for Grant County students.
- Financial assistance toward prevention of domestic violence in Grant County.
- To provide support for musical appreciation, encouragement, and participation with recommendations from Grant County schools.
- To provide support for young women's causes.
- To provide AED devices to public locations in Grant County, Indiana.
- To aid and support of Grant County residents who are leukemia victims.