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FALL 2019

# IMPACT



WABASH VALLEY  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION



## LILLY ENDOWMENT INC. AWARDS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION A \$175,000 PLANNING GRANT

**Lilly Endowment Inc. has awarded a \$175,000 Community Leadership Planning Grant to the Wabash Valley Community Foundation as part of its GIFT Phase VII initiative.**

The Community Foundation received the maximum available funds for its three-county area. This funding will allow the Community Foundation to evaluate its local landscapes, identify and prioritize community needs and assets, develop a deeper understanding of what its role should be within the communities, and prioritize and develop strategies to address high-priority challenges and opportunities.

“We are taking this opportunity to determine what role the Community Foundation should play to address the economic challenges within our Wabash Valley community,” said Beth Tevlin, Executive Director of the Wabash Valley Community Foundation. “Once the planning grant was approved, the Community Foundation retained e2 Entrepreneurial Ecosystems (e2), an initiative of NetWork Kansas, to share its Community Prosperity Framework via analytics, in-person institute and community engagement design and mentorship.”

With its extensive experience spanning decades, e2 focuses on assisting communities and regions of all sizes design and implement a road map for entrepreneur-focused development that produces results.

This allows communities and regions to grow funding for their strategies and ensure sustainability of efforts which enhance outcome realization.

In mid-July, community leaders from Clay, Sullivan and Vigo counties convened during an intensive 24-hour Prosperity Institute training hosted by the Community Foundation and led by e2. The team at e2 provided secondary data so community leaders could understand the regional context and the population, employment and income trends in Clay, Sullivan and Vigo counties. This resulted in community leaders determining the primary drivers for each county’s success, and enabled them to be in a better position to focus on their community’s genuine development opportunities.

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Community leaders convened during a 24-hour Prosperity Institute training.  
Photo Courtesy of e2 Entrepreneurial Ecosystems

The successful completion of the Prosperity Institute training allowed the Community Foundation to begin the process of identifying its strategic role in supporting its communities, as well as begin the application for the second component of Lilly Endowment Inc.'s GIFT VII grant funding.

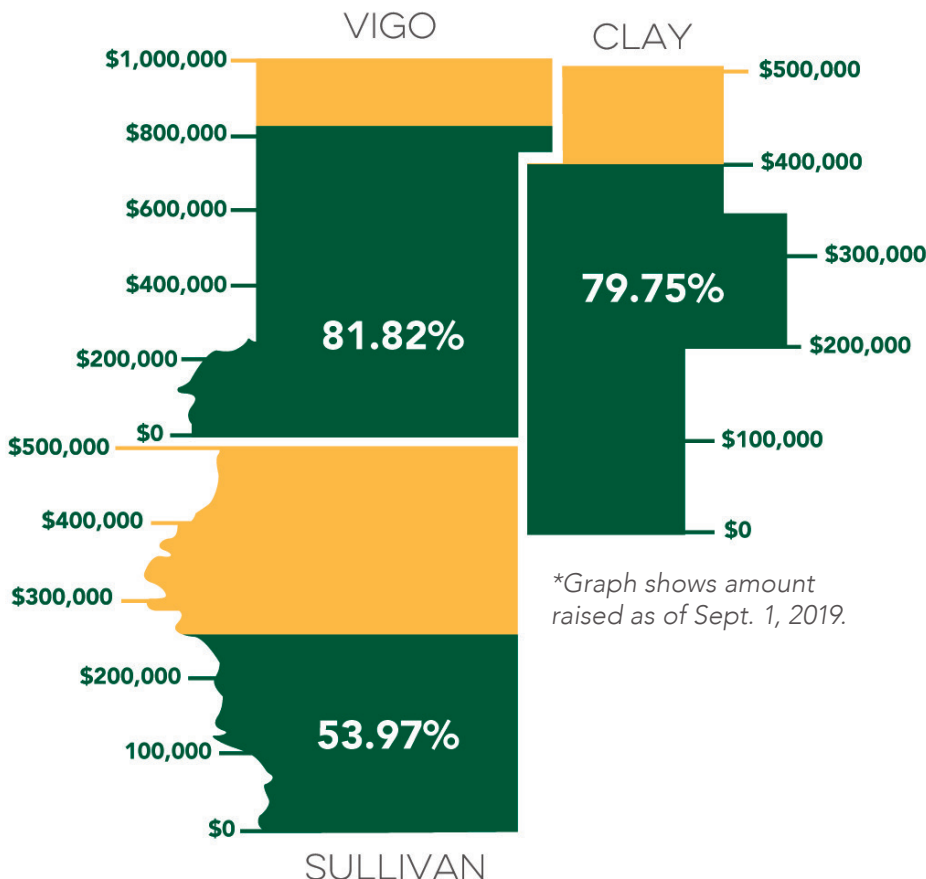
"Lilly Endowment has allocated up to \$11.6 million in grants for community foundations to implement strategic initiatives and programs designed to address key challenges or opportunities identified and prioritized during the planning process," explained Tevlin. "We have compiled all of the research, data and analysis produced from our Prosperity Institute training and are working with local leaders to identify high priority challenges and opportunities for our implementation proposals. If approved, the Community Foundation is eligible to receive an additional \$350,000 for the implementation phase."

Each county is working independently. In Vigo, the Vigo

County Leadership Team has reviewed data, including data produced as part of the recent Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce community plan, "See you in Terre Haute," and narrowed the recommended areas for Community Foundation involvement. Leadership teams in Clay and Sullivan counties have scheduled Community Conversations throughout September, October and November to identify the challenges and opportunities of their respective citizens.

**To learn more about the Community Leadership Planning Grant, receive information about the upcoming Community Conversations or review the compiled information, please visit the Community Foundation's Virtual Library at [wvcf.org/communitydata](http://wvcf.org/communitydata). Community leaders are welcome and encouraged to contact the Community Foundation at 812.232.2234 to submit organizational data to be shared on the Virtual Library.**

## ACT NOW TO TRIPLE YOUR IMPACT!



The Wabash Valley Community Foundation and its affiliates, Clay County Community Foundation and Sullivan County Community Foundation, are in the midst of challenges to raise matching unrestricted endowment dollars under Lilly Endowment Inc.'s GIFT VII initiative.

The Endowment is providing matching funds for current contributions or irrevocable planned gifts made to any new or existing unrestricted endowment funds. Unrestricted endowments provide the funding for the Community Foundation's competitive grant process in each county, as well as for special community projects supported by the Community Foundation. The \$2-for-\$1 matching opportunity is ongoing through December 2020, or until all matching funds have been claimed. Don't miss this opportunity to leverage the match and triple your impact!

**Please contact the Community Foundation at 812.232.2234 to learn more or to make your unrestricted gift to benefit your community forever!**

## \$50,000 CHALLENGE GRANT TO COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC ABUSE

**The Wabash Valley Community Foundation recently awarded a \$50,000 challenge grant to the Council on Domestic Abuse (CODA) to assist in the continuation of the agency's full residential services.**

On August 19, Sarah Campbell, Executive Director of CODA, announced that the agency would temporarily suspend its residential services for survivors of domestic violence unless the agency could raise \$150,000 by September 14. Campbell explained this decision came after extensive delays in contract reimbursements from state-awarded grants, as well as increasing operating costs unable to be covered by grants.

In an effort to raise the needed funds, Campbell appealed to the Terre Haute community by launching the social media campaign, #CommunityForCODA. Within hours, multiple fundraisers had been scheduled by individuals and businesses willing to lend a hand to help our community's most vulnerable.

One week later, on August 26, the Wabash Valley Community Foundation announced the challenge grant, pledging to match every \$2 raised by CODA with \$1, up to a total of \$50,000.

A mere nine days after the Community Foundation issued the challenge grant, CODA announced that it had met its initial fundraising goal of \$150,000, thereby assuring the continuation of its full residential services. Campbell credited the wide variety of fundraisers and donations by businesses and individuals who made reaching this goal possible, including the \$50,000 matching grant from the Community Foundation.

“**THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WORKS EVERY DAY TO HELP CREATE A COMMUNITY WHERE EVERY PERSON CAN THRIVE...**”

Nancy Brattain Rogers,  
Wabash Valley Community Foundation Board President.



“The Community Foundation works every day to help create a community where every person can thrive,” said Nancy Brattain Rogers, Wabash Valley Community Foundation Board President. “Adults and children who face domestic violence cannot thrive. The work CODA does saves the lives of our neighbors and helps families in this community find a path to financial, physical and emotional well-being. Supporting CODA is wholly consistent with our mission and we are pleased we were able to offer this challenge to the community.”

The Community Foundation's unrestricted funds, also known as community endowment funds, provided the funding for this grant. Unrestricted endowment funds typically provide funding for competitive grants, but also allow the Community Foundation to respond quickly to significant community issues such as potential closure of the only residential service for survivors of domestic violence in West Central Indiana.

“This challenge grant reinforces the importance of building unrestricted endowment funds for our communities and its residents,” explained Beth Tevlin, Executive Director of the Wabash Valley Community Foundation. “Because of the unrestricted endowment funds, the Community Foundation was able to act quickly and issue the challenge to assist CODA in reaching its \$150,000 goal.”

**For more information on unrestricted endowment funds, please contact Beth Tevlin at 812.232.2234 or [beth@wvcf.org](mailto:beth@wvcf.org).**



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The Wabash Valley Community Foundation's 26th Annual Spring Golf Outing will be held June 12, 2019 at Hulman Links.

Since its inception 26 years ago, this golf outing has raised more than \$640,000. This tournament is the primary fundraising event for the Community Foundation. The loyal supporters of our golf tournament, many of which have supported the Community Foundation for all 26 years, have helped the Community Foundation fulfill its mission of engaging people, building resources and strengthening our communities.

For the first time, the Community Foundation is offering an early bird discount for paid registrations of any team or hole sponsorships through December 31, 2019. **To take advantage of this discount, register early for the 26th Annual Spring Golf Outing by contacting Ruth Hallam at 812.232.2234 or ruth@wvcf.org.**



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