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INDIANA UNITED WAYS TO AWARD CAPITAL PROJECT GRANTS UP TO \$1.5 MILLION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH JENNINGS COUNTY UNITED WAY

North Vernon, Jennings County—Indiana United Ways (IUW), the state membership association for 42 of Indiana's 44 United Ways serving Indiana counties (including Jennings County United Way), is pleased to announce a new Statewide Capital Projects Initiative (SCPI), supported by Lilly Endowment Inc. The Initiative will award \$80 million in capital project matching grants to select nonprofit organizations between 2024-2028. All eligible nonprofits with real estate projects based in Jennings County that are directly associated with providing essential health and human services must apply in collaboration with Jennings County United Way.

"When COVID hit, we were able to bring valuable resources to our service area thanks in part to our IUW membership. Now, we have another amazing opportunity to again work with our state association to increase the availability and quality of health and human services across Jennings County. This is what being part of a United Way network is all about," said Cheri Massey, Executive Director of Jennings County United Way.

Eligible organizations can seek grants for no more than 50 percent of the cost of a project, up to a maximum of \$1.5 million. Beginning in January 2024, nonprofits directly delivering essential health and human services that have construction and renovation needs are encouraged to reach out to Jennings County United Way during the early stages of capital project development to discuss the requirements of the Initiative and determine whether a project addressing those needs in Jennings County may be eligible for funding.

Learn more details about the Initiative and complete an eligibility assessment at iuw.org/capitalgrants. The window for funding opened on January 8, 2024, and Jennings County United Way is now considering applications to recommend to the IUW Statewide Capital Projects Initiative Committee. All eligible organizations with capital projects based in Jennings County should review the grant information and FAQs at iuw.org/capitalgrants and complete an eligibility assessment before reaching out to Jennings County United Way at jcunitedway.org/Contact.htm.

Potential projects will be reviewed by a local team at Jennings County United Way for selection, endorsement, and invitation to apply to the IUW's Statewide Capital Projects Initiative. The IUW SCPI application review committee is comprised of volunteers from across the state of Indiana with expertise in architecture, construction, nonprofit management, finance, and other disciplines. All final decisions regarding grants will be made by Indiana United Ways.

About Jennings County United Way

In existence since 1963, Jennings County United Way is a nonprofit organization focused on improving the quality of life in Jennings County. For more information about Jennings County United Way, visit jcunitedway.org or call 812-346-5257.

About Indiana United Ways

Indiana United Ways (IUW) is the state membership association for 42 of the 44 United Ways serving Indiana counties. It provides a wide range of advocacy, training, technical assistance, networking, and grant opportunities to ensure that local United Ways meet their community's most pressing needs. Between 2024 and 2028, the Statewide Capital Projects Initiative at IUW will award \$80 million in matching grants to select nonprofit organizations. Only nonprofits that directly provide essential health and human services may be eligible to apply. All applications must be submitted in collaboration with the local IUW member United Way serving the county in which a project is located. ###