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

[Cass County] –Indiana United Ways (IUW), the state membership association for 42 of Indiana's 44 United Ways serving Indiana counties (including United Way of Cass County), 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 Cass County that are directly associated with providing essential health and human services must apply in collaboration with United Way of Cass County.

"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 Cass County. This is what being part of a United Way network is all about," said Chris Armstrong, Executive Director of United Way of Cass County.

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 United Way of Cass County during the early stages of capital project development to discuss the requirements of the Initiative and determine whether a project addressing those needs in Cass County may be eligible for funding.

Learn more details about the Initiative and complete an eligibility assessment at <u>iuw.org/capitalgrants</u>. The window for funding opened on January 8, 2024, and United Way of Cass County is now considering applications to recommend to the IUW Statewide Capital Projects Initiative Committee. All eligible organizations with capital projects based in Cass County should review the grant information and FAQs at <u>iuw.org/capitalgrants</u> and complete an eligibility assessment before reaching out to United Way of Cass County at 574-753-3533 or carmstrong@unitedwayofcasscounty.org

Potential projects will be reviewed by a local team at United Way of Cass County 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 United Way of Cass County

The United Way of Cass County is proud to be a leading organization in Cass County, known for directing resources and addressing root causes of key issues in the community. United Way of Cass County focuses its work in three key areas – Education, Financial Stability, and Health – which are considered the building blocks for a good quality of life. For more information about United Way of Cass County, visit www.unitedwayofcasscounty.org or call 574-753-3533

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.