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During their April meeting, members of The Troy Foundation Distribution Committee approved grants totaling \$505,091.86 to 27 programs. The grants will be used in support of the Foundation's mission to improve the quality of life for our community by connecting donors to charitable causes for a better tomorrow. Grants were awarded from the General Fund, the Priority Needs Fund, the Clyde & Kathryn Marr Fund, the Kathryn Marr Fund, the David B. & Helen N. Meeker Fund, the Fifth Third Bank Fund for Arts and Culture, the Lucy Fund, the Lafferty Family Fund, and the Ruth Hollinger and J. Cameron Dungan Fund

**General Fund Grants**

General Fund grants are made possible thanks to contributions from our unrestricted funds: the Charles Morrill & Virginia McCullough Allen Fund, the Gladys J. Burnett Fund, the Harold & Lillian Miles Fund, the Hayner Family Fund, the Leo H. Faust & Grace Fern Heck Faust Endowment Fund, the Leo & Vivian Nolan Memorial Fund, the Mark & Dorothy Knoop Fund, and the Ralph & Margaret Heberding Fund.

- **Troy City Schools** was awarded \$648 for a field trip to Piqua 36 Skate Club. This field trip will include a STEM lesson focused on force and motion.
- **Miami County Educational Service Center** received \$1,000 for their Excellence in Education Banquet in May. This banquet celebrates the valedictorians and salutatorians of Miami County High Schools and the teachers who influenced them the most.
- **T.L. Baseball Boosters, Inc.** was awarded an additional \$2,000 to repair the warning track at Duke Park's Legion Field. The warning track will improve player safety and the playability of the field.
- **Young Life** received \$2,000 for transportation to Young Life Camp. The camp is designed to give young people a positive outlook on the role they play in the world.
- **Troy Recreation Association** received \$5,000 toward Summer Lunch Buddies. This program reduces the summer reading slide through reading and activities with local students. This grant is a partnership between the General Fund (\$2,600) and the Priority Needs Fund (\$2,400).
- **Overfield Tavern Museum** was granted \$5,000 to cover the cost of supplies for their archaeology field school and public archaeology program. This program will include and five-week archaeological dig at the site of the Overfield Tavern Museum and a public archaeology day open to the entire community.
- **Seeds of Hope** was granted \$5,040 for their bed fund. Seeds of Hope purchases new twin beds for new foster families to ease the transition of a child into a foster or kinship home.
- **Troy Church of the Brethren** was awarded \$6,000 for their laundry ministry. Volunteers from the church provide quarters and detergent to anyone in need of help with their laundry on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Sherwood Laundry.
- **We Love Birthday Parties** received \$6,000 for updates to their community family room. Updates to this room will better suit it for their programming and provide a rentable space to create income for the nonprofit to support their programming.

- **American Red Cross – Miami Valley Ohio Chapter** was granted \$8,000 for their Home Fire Campaign. This project will provide financial assistance to victims of home fires in Troy.
- **Miami County Pickleball Association** was granted \$8,800 to install divider fences between the pickleball courts at Duke Park. These fences will replace the old tennis nets and improve player safety.
- **Miami County Visitors & Convention Bureau** was granted \$13,000 toward Donut Jam. This event welcomes Tour de Donut participants to Troy with food, entertainment and activities for riders and community members of all ages.
- **The New Path** was awarded \$13,728 for their Clubhouse Internship. The teen interns for Clubhouse plan after-school and summer programming for younger students. This grant is a partnership between the General Fund (\$5,864) and the Priority Needs Fund (\$5,864).
- **Miami County Public Health** received \$15,000 in support of their diaper bank. This program provides diapers and wipes to guardians who qualify for WIC. Recipients are served on a walk-in basis.
- **Troy-Miami County Public Library** received \$15,000 to purchase tables and chairs for their new meeting space in the basement of the library. The new meeting space will be able to accommodate 60 people.
- **Miami County Local Food Council** was granted \$17,255 to support the Cherry Street Local Farmers Market. The market will be open weekly on Saturdays from June 8<sup>th</sup> to September 28<sup>th</sup> and provides a space for local farmers and merchants to sell their goods.
- **Miami County Dental Clinic** was granted \$30,000 to provide dental allowances for uninsured and underinsured patients. The clinic provides affordable dental care to approximately 4,800 patients from Troy and serves many Troy students through their Traveling Smiles program. This grant is a partnership between the General Fund (\$29,315) and the Lucy Fund (\$685).
- **Partners in Hope** was granted \$40,000 to support education, development, and case management services. These programs educate, assist, and follow a person as they learn about resources and how to apply them to transition to a more stable lifestyle.
- **Partners in Hope** was awarded \$45,000 for the Summer Lunches Program. This collaborative project alongside the Lincoln Community Center and Troy Recreation Association provides lunch for school age children every weekday during the summer break. This grant is a partnership between the General Fund (\$22,500) and the Priority Needs Fund (\$22,500).
- **Lincoln Community Center** received \$50,069.86 in support of their Summer Youth Program. This program is free to students and provides a safe and educational environment for them during the summer.
- **The Edison Foundation** was granted \$250,000 to be paid out over the next five years for an addition to the nursing wing at Edison State Community College. This addition will add 6,000 square feet to the current nursing wing, allowing the school to better serve its nursing students.

#### **Priority Needs Fund Grants**

- **St. John United Church of Christ** was awarded \$7,004 for childcare at the Grandfamilies of Miami County program. This support group for grandparents raising their grandchildren takes place in the Gathering Place at St. John's United Church of Christ.
- **Habitat for Humanity of Miami and Shelby Counties** was awarded \$20,000 for their Home Repair Program to cover the cost of building materials. A portion of this grant is designated for accessibility projects such as ramps. This grant is a partnership between the Priority Needs Fund (15,000), the Clyde & Kathryn Marr Fund (\$3,975), and the Kathryn Marr Fund (\$1,025).
- **Community Rides** was granted \$50,000 for the Community Rides to Work program. This program provides affordable rides to work for Troy residents who do not have other reliable options for transportation.

#### **Grant awarded from the Fifth Third Bank Fund for Arts & Culture**

- **Vandalia Youth Theatre** received \$1,000 to support their expansion of services in Troy. Vandalia Youth Theatre will perform at the Arbogast Performing Arts Center this fall. They also feature several students from Troy in their performance.

**Grant awarded from the David B. and Helen N. Meeker Fund**

- **Troy Football Parents Association, Inc.** was awarded \$6,285 to purchase new away jerseys for the Troy High School varsity and junior varsity football team.

**Grant awarded from the Ruth Hollinger and J. Cameron Dungan Fund (\$628) in partnership with the Lafferty Family Fund (\$1,572)**

- **Troy Main Street, Inc.** was awarded \$2,200 for their downtown planter program in 2023. This beautification project in downtown Troy offers flowers and planters at no cost to Distinguished Business Members of Troy Main Street.

The Distribution Committee meets quarterly to review grant applications. Only organizations with a 501(c)(3) status are eligible to apply. For more information about The Troy Foundation and its funds that make these grants possible please visit [www.thetrovfoundation.org](http://www.thetrovfoundation.org). The deadline for submitting a grant application for the next quarterly meeting is Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> by 11:59 PM for review at the June meeting.