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During their June meeting, members of The Troy Foundation Distribution Committee approved grants totaling \$631,933.68 to 28 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 Lucy Fund, the Fifth Third Bank Fund for Arts and Culture, and the Richard Shellenbarger Music 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.

- **Miami County Educational Service Center** was awarded \$1,094.16 in support of community outing field trips that teach life and vocational skills to students in the multiple disability classrooms at Troy Junior High School.
- **Troy City Schools** received \$1,200 to bring the Boonshoft Museum in Motion program to Cookson Elementary. This program will promote STEM related learning to students.
- **Troy Community Works** was granted \$3,000 for Second Story Secrets. This program offers the public the unique opportunity to explore the upper levels of many of Troy's historic downtown buildings.
- **Troy Main Street, Inc.** received \$3,366 to purchase a MacBook Pro and an iPad. These devices will allow Troy Main Street to produce higher quality marketing materials and better support downtown businesses.
- **Miami County OSU Extension** was granted \$4,539.42 to provide educators with a guidebook, online modules, and hands-on training to support school gardening through raised, LED lighting, and hydroponics.
- **Ronald McDonald House Charities Dayton** was awarded \$5,000 to keep families close to their hospitalized children. The program increases access to healthcare for families from out of the area, encourages involvement in child's care, and reduces the financial burden on families.
- **American Red Cross – Miami Valley Ohio Chapter** was awarded \$5,000 for its Disaster Cycle Services program. This provides smoke alarm installations, emergency relief, and recovery assistance to Troy-area families affected by home fires.
- **Troy Civic Band** was awarded \$5,000 in support of their four summer concerts. Troy Civic Band plays traditional band music and performs at Treasure Island Park.
- **Seeds of Hope OH** received \$7,700 for its Summer Program. The program includes a new comic book art class, support groups, Zoom meetings with trauma experts, an ice cream social, pool party, and a Back to School Bash serving over 130 children.
- **Elizabeth's New Life Center** was granted \$8,000 in support of their "Go for the Gold" program at Troy High School and West Central Juvenile Detention Center. This program promotes healthy decision-making and sexual risk avoidance among youth.
- **Miami County 4-H Clubs Camp Inc.** was granted \$12,500 in support for the construction of a new cabin and repairs to existing structures at the 4-H camp. This project will allow the camp to better serve 4-H members at their camps.

- **Troy Junior Football** was granted \$12,500 to purchase new equipment and uniforms for their athletes' grades K-6.
- **The City of Troy** was granted \$17,500 for its tree planting project at McKaig & Race Park. This project will enhance the park's beauty, expand its tree canopy, create a more welcoming space for the community, and honor Troy's Sister City relationship with Takahashi City.
- **Miami County Agricultural Society** received \$20,000 to support the live concert at the 2025 Miami County Fair. This year's concert will feature the Eli Young Band and Emily Ann Roberts.
- **Troy High School Baseball Parents Association** received \$25,000 in support for Phase 1 of the "Field of Dreams" project. Phase 1 includes replacing the backstop, installing new fencing and netting, and enhancing safety and accessibility.
- **The Stadium & Turf Enhancement Project Committee** received \$25,000 to complete the renovations to Ferguson Field. New bleachers will double seating capacity and add handicap accessibility to the site. This grant is a partnership between the General Fund (\$16,802) and the Clyde & Kathryn Marr Fund (\$8,198).
- **Arbogast Performing Arts Center** was granted \$25,000 to support their 2024-2025 performance season. The Arbogast Performing Arts Center expects to host at least fifteen shows throughout the coming season.
- **Isaiah's Place** was granted \$28,302.10 to furnish a new building expansion. This expansion will add ADA-compliant restrooms and entrances, a larger training and meeting room, and additional lobby space to better serve foster families and Child Advocacy Center partners in Miami County.
- **Dayton Performing Arts Alliance** was granted \$30,000 to support its partnership with Troy City Schools, providing students with access to high-quality performing arts experiences through field trips and in-school programs during the 2025–2026 school year. This grant is a partnership between the General Fund (\$27,176) and the Fifth Third Bank Fund for Arts & Culture (\$2,824).
- **Friends of the Hayner** was awarded \$39,832.00 to replace the air conditioning system for the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center. This unit will allow the Cultural Center to continue offering high quality programming throughout the summer months.
- **Overfield Tavern Museum** was granted \$50,000 for Phase 2 of its fire recovery project. This includes archaeological excavation, a Historic Structure Report, dendrochronology, historic paint analysis, and archival research to guide the building's restoration and future site development
- **Pink Ribbon Good** received \$75,000 to support the purchase of a new headquarters in Troy to accommodate its growing staff and expand its capacity to serve breast and gynecological cancer patients. The new space will support the delivery of free meals, transportation, cleaning supplies, and peer support to patients and their families.
- **Miami County Partners for Animal Welfare** was awarded \$80,000 to help construct a modern animal shelter and adoption center in Miami County, designed to improve capacity, veterinary care, and adoption services.

Priority Needs Fund Grants

- **The New Path, Inc.** was granted \$7,000 for its Meals on the Move Ministry. Which delivers food and health commodities to homebound Miami County residents primarily elderly, disabled individuals, and single mothers without transportation.
- **First United Church of Christ** received \$12,000 to support its Weekend Backpack Food Program, which provides bags of nutritious, child-friendly food each Friday to over 360 students in Troy's six elementary schools and Head Start classes. The program ensures that at-risk children have enough to eat over the weekend during the school year, supporting their health, focus, and academic success.
- **Health Partners Free Clinic** was awarded \$25,000 to improve and increase the healthcare services they provide to uninsured and underinsured members of our community. This grant is a partnership between the Priority Needs Fund (\$24,240) and the Lucy Fund (\$760).
- **Miami County YMCA** was granted \$98,400 to support the second year of their before-and-after school childcare pilot program. This funding will allow the program to expand to Concord Elementary School in addition to Cookson and Kyle Elementary Schools for the 2025-2026 school year.

Grant awarded from the Richard Shellenbarger Music Fund

- **Troy Mayors' Concert, Inc.** received \$5,000 to continue its tradition of providing free, high-quality musical performances to the community, with the 2025 summer concert scheduled for August 17, 2025 on Prouty Plaza in downtown Troy.

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.thetroyfoundation.org. The deadline for submitting a grant application for the next quarterly meeting is Thursday, August 15th by 11:59 PM for review at the September meeting.