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During their March meeting, members of The Troy Foundation Distribution Committee recommended and the Governing Board approved grants totaling **\$153,474.72** to 26 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 Richard Shellenbarger Music Fund, the Lucy Fund, and the Patricia Star Willis 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** received \$1,161.36 to support community outings and field trips for students with disabilities. This provides opportunities for students to develop life and vocational skills through real-world experiences such as visiting local businesses, restaurants, and educational facilities.
- **CASA/GAL of Miami County, Inc.** was awarded \$1,500 to support CASA Family Day. This provides children and families involved in the child welfare system with opportunities to strengthen relationships and create positive memories. This grant is a partnership between the General Fund (\$710) and the Patricia Starr Willis Fund (\$790).
- **Kids Read Now** received \$1,875 to support its Ready, Set, Read! Summer LitKits program. This provides books and literacy activities to local students, helping prevent summer learning loss and encouraging family engagement in reading.
- **Troy City Schools** was awarded \$2,000 to support the Boonshoft Outreach Educational Program. This provides students with hands-on STEM learning experiences that enhance classroom instruction and encourage curiosity in science and technology.
- **Miami County Public Health** received \$2,000 to support the Cold Chain Emergency Power Resilience Project. This helps ensure critical vaccines and medications remain protected during power outages, strengthening public health preparedness.
- **Troy City Schools** was awarded \$2,000 to support the Theatre Workshop Safety and Storage Project. This improves safety and organization for students participating in theater productions while enhancing educational opportunities in the performing arts.
- **Troy City Schools** received \$3,975 to support IXL for Junior High Math Lab students. This provides personalized math intervention and skill development opportunities for students who are performing below grade level.
- **CISV Midwest Ohio Chapter** was awarded \$2,000 to support its 2026 National Dues. This expands access to leadership development and cultural exchange opportunities for local youth.

- **The Centered Foundation** received \$2,175 to support the Super Kids Fitness Challenge. This provides youth and families with opportunities to participate in physical activity and learn healthy lifestyle habits through a free community event.
- **Miami County Educational Service Center** was awarded \$4,415 to support the YouScience Career Aptitude and Interest Assessment program. This provides students with career exploration tools that help connect their strengths and interests to future educational and career pathways.
- **Miami Valley Nonprofit Collaborative** received \$5,000 to support onsite training opportunities for Troy-area nonprofits. This strengthens local nonprofit organizations by providing professional development and capacity-building resources.
- **Scouting America** was awarded \$5,000 to support efforts to grow Scouting in the Troy area. This provides leadership development, character-building experiences, and outdoor education opportunities for local youth.
- **Ohio's Hospice of Miami County** received \$8,483.36 to support the purchase of two new Dinamaps vital signs monitors. This improves patient comfort and enhances the quality of end-of-life care provided at the Troy inpatient unit.
- **The New Path, Inc.** was awarded \$10,000 to support the Troy Clubhouse 2026–2027 school year program. This provides educational and personal development opportunities for students through after-school programming and mentorship.
- **Troy City Schools** received \$10,000 to support the creation of a specialized sensory room at Cookson Elementary School. This provides students with sensory, behavioral, and emotional support resources that improve learning readiness and educational inclusion.
- **Special Olympics Ohio** was awarded \$10,800 to provide updated uniforms for Special Olympics athletes in the Troy area. This enhances the athletic experience for participants while promoting inclusion and community engagement.
- **Miami County Visitors & Convention Bureau** received \$15,000 to support Donut Jam, a community event held in conjunction with Tour de Donut. This provides free family-friendly activities, entertainment, and educational experiences for residents and visitors.
- **Isaiah's Place** was awarded \$31,000 to support the expansion of Child Advocacy Center services. This increases access to critical services for children and families impacted by abuse and trauma.
- **Friends of the Hayner** received \$35,000 to support exterior painting of the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center. This helps preserve a historic community asset while maintaining its appearance and accessibility for future generations.

Priority Needs Fund Grants

- **Bethany Center** was awarded \$5,800 to support the delivery of essential services throughout Miami County. This provides meals, groceries, clothing, hygiene items, homeless support services, and resource connections for individuals and families in need.
- **First United Church of Christ** received \$15,000 to support its Weekend Backpack Food Program. This provides nutritious meals and snacks for children facing food insecurity when school meals are unavailable.

- **Lincoln Community Center** was awarded \$40,000 to support its partnership with Samaritan Behavioral Health. This expands access to mental health counseling, psychiatric services, and care navigation for children, adults, and families in the Troy community.

Grant Awarded from the Lucy Fund

- **Health Partners Free Clinic** received \$440 for General Support
- **The Miami County Dental Clinic** received \$440 for General Support

Grant Awarded from the Richard Shellenbarger Music Fund

- **Troy Mayors' Concerts, Inc.** received \$5,000 to support the 2026 Troy Mayor's Concert. This provides the community with access to live musical performances and cultural enrichment opportunities.
- **Troy Civic Band** was awarded \$10,485.40 to support operations and continued storage and consolidation of its music library. This helps sustain free community concerts and preserves access to quality musical programming for area residents.

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 Monday, August 17th by 4:00 PM for review at the June meeting.