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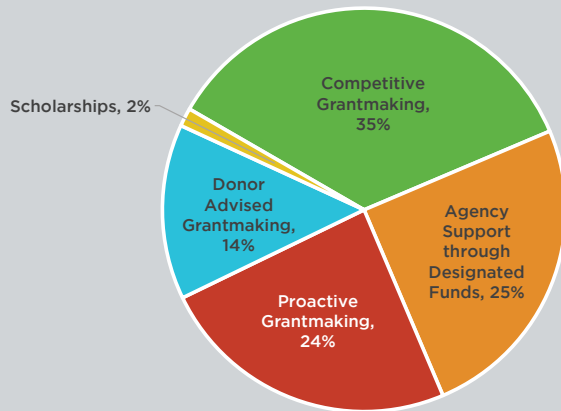
250 Funds

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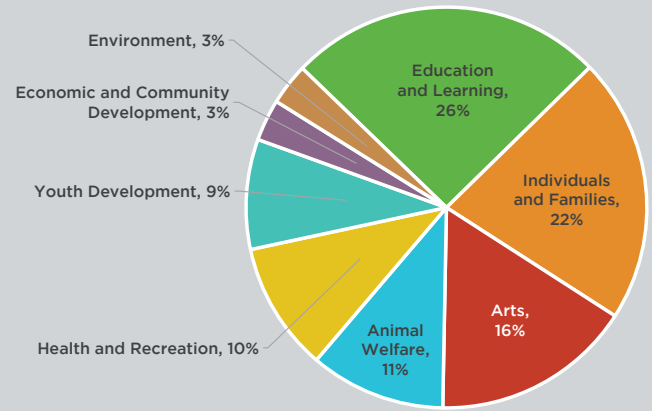
\$30 Million

granted to 400+ organizations since 1990

**Grant Distributions
Fiscal Year 2019**



**Areas of Impact
Fiscal Year 2019**




In Fiscal Year 2019, the Community Foundation distributed \$2 million in grants.

**Community Impact
Funding Initiative**

Through strategic grantmaking, the Foundation fuels innovative ideas and lasting impact by granting funds to nonprofits to meet our community's most pressing needs and seize its most compelling opportunities.

The Fall 2019 round prioritized projects and programs identified in the *Monroe County Quality of Place and Workforce Attraction Plan* developed through the Regional Opportunity Initiatives' (ROI) Ready Communities Initiative. Forty-eight organizations submitted letters of intent; 21 were invited to submit full proposals; and 11 will be awarded grant in amounts from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Projects address workforce development, innovative community facilities and amenities, transportation, community development, housing, Early Head Start, and STEM education.

 **Early Learning
Monroe Smart Start**

Since 2009, The Community Foundation has invested more than \$1.6 million in high quality, early learning. Through Monroe Smart Start, the Community Foundation provides coaching, professional development, and resources to increase the number of children served, providers, and the quality of programs that serve our youngest learners. The Foundation has seeded new classrooms, expansion of existing sites, and curriculum adoption. A cohort model brings early learning educators together to advance quality and professionalism.

In 2019, the Foundation completed a \$1 million campaign to create a permanent funding source for early learning. This year, proceeds from the new fund provided a tuition match for 90 students to participate in the state-funded On My Way Pre-K

program for the 2019/20 school year. A \$250,000 grant to the Community Foundation from the State of Indiana is allowing five local sites to grow their capacity to serve 173 additional children birth to five.

Place-Based Impact Investing

The Foundation is working with Locus Impact Investing to develop a strategy to more creatively using assets to drive local impact. Through a place-based impact investment strategy, the Foundation may invest in local companies, organizations, or funds with the intention of generating measurable community benefits alongside financial returns. Impact investing strategies complement the Foundation's existing grantmaking strategies by a renewable revenue source for addressing local needs and priorities. Using leadership funding from Lilly Endowment Inc., the Foundation will launch a pilot in Spring 2020.

Economic Development Philanthropy

The Community Foundation partnered with Bloomington Economic Development Corporation to develop a Quality of Place and Workforce Attraction Plan using a design-thinking informed approach. Stakeholders from across the county defined tiered priorities and projects to improve Monroe County's ability to retain and attract the in-demand highly skilled workforce necessary to draw diverse opportunities, innovation, and high-paying jobs to Monroe County. This initiative was funded through Regional Opportunity Initiatives' (ROI) Ready Communities Initiative.

Tier 1 Priorities: Dramatically increase affordable housing supply for low- and moderate-income homeowners and renters; Cultivate county connections and countywide identity; Increase public transportation options; and Support transition to the modern economy.

Tier 2 Priorities: Increase Access to Childcare; Expand arts & culture access throughout the county; Increase access to healthcare, including mental health and addiction services.


Tier 3 Priority: Improve government access and diversify participation.

Community Board Fellowship Program

Piloted in the 2019-2020 year, the Board Fellowship program allows interested younger community members to gain real-life experience on community and nonprofit boards. Through shadowing board member mentors, fellows will expand their knowledge and skills in governance and board service, as well as build their networks to facilitate future opportunities for board service throughout the community.

Innovative Community Investments

The Community Foundation utilizes innovative strategies to create positive impact. Our role as community convener means we can quickly devote resources to address our community's most pressing needs and compelling opportunities. Recently those have included:

 **CDFI Friendly Bloomington** is a new nonprofit, incubated by the Community Foundation, to bring more creative approaches to financing community projects. By partnering with funders across the country — called Community Development Finance Institutions – CDFI Friendly Bloomington can remove barriers that may be inhibiting our communities from creating workforce housing, or child-care facilities, or fostering the growth of small businesses. Facilitating access to low cost loans, loan guarantees, new market tax credits, low income housing credits, CDFI Friendly Bloomington will help our community and others in the region become more creative in addressing our gaps and accelerating our potential.

Crisis Diversion Center: The Community Foundation joined Cook Medical, the Bloomington Health Foundation, IU Health, Monroe County, and the City of Bloomington in committing \$1 million to fund the Monroe Crisis Diversion Center. This short-term facility, with stays of less than 24 hours, will improve the lives of those impacted by mental health and substance use disorders.

Switchyard Park: Recognizing the tremendous health, recreation and quality of place value that the Bloomington's Switchyard Park will provide to Monroe County residents, the Community Foundation has made a \$200,000 multiyear commitment to sponsor the community plaza and splash pad.

Regional Opportunity Initiatives (ROI)

ROI is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and a supporting organization of the Community Foundation.

Established in 2016 to advance economic and community prosperity in the Indiana Uplands region, ROI is implementing an education and workforce plan and a regional opportunity fund for quality-of-place investments in an 11-county area encompassing Brown, Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange, Owen and Washington counties.

ROI currently shares office space with the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County and Foundation President and CEO Tina Peterson also serves as the CEO of ROI.

Visit www.regionalopportunityinc.org to learn more about regional development initiatives in the Indiana Uplands.

Growing Charitable Giving and Endowment Building

Thanks to a \$1 million matching initiative from the Lilly Endowment, the Community Foundation is actively building endowment assets to support our charitable activities. To date, more than \$1.75 million has been raised as part of this matching fundraising initiative.



These current incubation projects began as leadership initiatives with investment and leadership from the Community Foundation.