

**Resolution Number 2024-12**  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF MARTIN, INDIANA COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING  
THE SUBMITTAL OF THE LILLY ENDOWMENT GIFT VIII CONCEPT PAPER TO THE LILLY  
ENDOWMENT INCLUDING MARTIN COUNTY AS A PARTNER

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Martin County, Indiana recognizes the need to stimulate growth and to maintain a sound economy within its corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, Martin County has been the focus of multiple studies in recent years to assess the quality of life, education, housing, childcare, and infrastructure strengths and needs of the county; and

WHEREAS, the result of studies have shown an overwhelming need for affordable, market-rate single family housing, affordable rental housing, and affordable, safe, and comprehensive early-childhood education and care services; and

WHEREAS, the workforce demand in Martin and other counties in the Indiana Uplands is expected to continue to rise dramatically in coming decades; and

WHEREAS, the City of Loogootee and Martin County are competitive candidates for upcoming rounds of funding from partners including, but not limited to: The Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority (IHCDA), Indiana's Regional Economic Acceleration & Development Initiative (READi 2.0), The Office of Community & Rural Affairs (OCRA), and others; and

WHEREAS, The Lilly Endowment, Inc. was created in 1937 and continues to keep with the wishes of its founders in supporting the causes of community development, education, and religion; and

WHEREAS, The Community Foundation Partnership of Lawrence and Martin Counties intends to submit a GIFT VIII concept paper to The Lilly Endowment, Inc. seeking funding of up to \$5 million to engage in development of affordable housing and child care facilities in Martin County; and

WHEREAS, The Community Foundation Partnership of Lawrence and Martin Counties must submit a concept paper to The Lilly Endowment, Inc before 12 p.m. (ET) on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 to be eligible for consideration of a more detailed proposal for funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Martin County, Indiana that:

1. The Martin County Commissioners are authorized to appoint a member of the body to join a housing task force coordinated by the Community Foundation in order to aid in drafting policies, ordinances, or procedures necessary to fulfill requirements outlined by a project that has potential to be funded in partnership with The Lilly Endowment, Inc.

2. The Martin County Commissioners commit to their legislative support as funding is secured to address housing and early childhood care and education initiatives, as outlined by priorities in various plans and studies conducted over recent years.

3. The Commissioners of Martin County, Indiana hereby authorizes its president to engage in signing a letter of support and/or memorandum of understanding with the Community Foundation Partnership to aid in their submission of a concept paper to The Lilly Endowment, Inc.

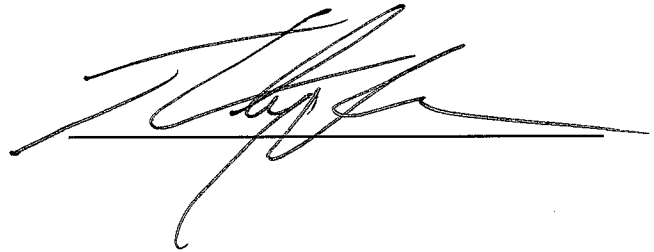
Adopted by the Commissioners of Martin County, Indiana this 2nd day of April 2024, at 9:00 AM.

**THE COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF MARTIN**


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Auditor