



## Chapter 15

### Grant Sources



There are numerous sources of grants for libraries, though opportunities are always changing. The following list is a sampling of funding sources, both private and public, available at the time of this manual's latest revision.

Please notify us of any new grant opportunities that may be of interest to Indiana libraries by contacting Angela Fox at [anfox@library.in.gov](mailto:anfox@library.in.gov) or (317) 234-6550.

### LOCAL

#### **Community Foundations**

<https://www.tgci.com/funding-sources/IN/community>

Many counties in Indiana have a community foundation that collects and invests money for local agencies and returns the interest earned to them. They may also offer grants or funding

opportunities for which public libraries can apply. The Grantsmanship Center offers a directory of community foundations in the state on its website. Local community foundations are the first place many libraries look for funds, as these organizations want to keep the funds in said community and tend to have a narrow geographic focus.

### **Public Service/Social Organizations**

Organizations such as Kiwanis, Lions Club, Rotary, etc. regularly offer funding opportunities in their communities and have sponsored library projects in the past. Local chapters of fraternities and sororities sometimes provide grants as part of their philanthropic efforts.

## **STATE**

### **LSTA Grants**

<https://www.in.gov/library/services-for-libraries/lsta/>

Although not offered every year, LSTA sub-grants are a great opportunity for Indiana libraries when available. Funding is made possible by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), which distributes federal funds to states annually under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). The Indiana State Library can sometimes reserve a portion of these funds for competitive sub-grant opportunities. Grant programs vary but generally include technology and digitization initiatives. Please check our website for current grant opportunities.

### **Heritage Support Grants**

<https://indianahistory.org/across-indiana/heritage-support-grants/>

The Indiana Historical Society, with funding from Lilly Endowment Inc., offers Heritage Support Grants for a wide variety of projects to help Indiana's local organizations meet high priority needs in areas of Collections Stewardship, Capacity Building, Sustainability, and Planning. In addition to grants, IHS also offers free [fundraising mini webinars](#) and ongoing coaching for grant applicants.

### **Indiana Humanities**

<https://indianahumanities.org/grants/>

Indiana Humanities oversees multiple grant programs that provide Indiana nonprofit organizations with funds to develop and implement in-depth public humanities programming. Eligible programs can include public workshops, film screenings, lectures and panels, creation of exhibits, reading/discussion programs, and any number of other formats, provided they're open to the public and utilize the humanities as a tool for engagement. Check their website regularly,

as grant opportunities change from year to year.

### **Community Development Block Grants**

<https://www.in.gov/ocra/cdbg/>

These federally funded grants come from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Unlike most state or federal grant opportunities – construction is an allowable cost. Libraries are invited to apply for [Public Facilities Program](#) grants (under the CDBG Construction Grant umbrella) to enhance the lives of community members. Libraries should contact their local Community Liaison to discuss grant opportunities. The map of liaisons can be found on their website at: <https://www.in.gov/ocra/about/community-liaisons/>.

### **Indiana Historic Preservation Fund Grants**

<https://www.in.gov/dnr/historic-preservation/financial-assistance/grants/>

The Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) is federal money that the National Park Service distributes to the states each year. In Indiana, the HPF program is administered by the DNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology (DHPA). The program fosters historic preservation and archaeology activity by assisting projects that will aid the State in meeting its goals for cultural resource management.

## **FEDERAL**

### **National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)**

<https://www.neh.gov/grants>

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is an independent federal agency dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities. As the largest federal funder of the humanities, NEH offers many grant programs to support museums, historic sites, colleges, universities, K-12 teachers, libraries, public television and radio stations, research institutions, independent scholars, and nonprofits nationwide.

### **United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities>

The USDA's Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant program provides affordable funding to develop or improve essential public services and facilities in rural communities (population less than 20,000). Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment and pay related project expenses. Funding is available in the form of low interest direct loans, grants, or a combination of the two.

## **FOUNDATIONS/CORPORATE**

Tip: Try consulting local banks, real estate brokers, convention and visitor bureaus, etc., for possible funding or sponsorships.

### **Believe in Reading**

<https://believeinreading.org/grant-guidelines/>

Believe in Reading is funded by The Steve and Loree Potash Family Foundation and is based in Cleveland, Ohio. Believe in Reading will consider funding programs that serve any age or aspect of supporting reading and literacy, including adult literacy, English as a second language projects, or Braille-related projects for the blind or visually impaired.

### **Dekko Foundation**

<http://www.dekkofoundation.org/grant-making/grantseeker-support/dekko-foundation-101/>

The Dekko Foundation invests year-round in projects and initiatives that help children, young people, and communities thrive, with a major focus on early childhood development programming. Applicants must be located in the following northeast Indiana counties: DeKalb, LaGrange, Kosciusko, Noble, Steuben and Whitley.

### **Dollar General Literacy Foundation**

<https://www.dgliteracy.org/grant-programs/>

Dollar General offers multiple grant programs for literacy service providers, including grants targeted specifically at summer reading, adult literacy, youth literacy, and family literacy. Numerous Indiana public libraries been awarded these grants over the years.

### **Gladys Brooks Foundation**

<http://www.gladysbrooksfoundation.org/guidelines.html>

Grant proposals will be considered generally for resource endowments (for example, print, film, electronic database, speakers/workshops), capital construction and capital equipment. Projects fostering broader public access to global information sources utilizing collaborative efforts, pioneering technologies and equipment are encouraged.

### **Lois Lenski Covey Foundation**

<https://www.loislenskicovey.org/bookmobile-grants/>

The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation awards grants to organizations that operate a lending bookmobile that travels into neighborhoods populated by underserved youth. The grants are

for purchasing books published for young people preschool through grade eight.

### **Perdue Farms Foundation**

<https://corporate.perduefarms.com/company/foundation/>

The Perdue Farms Foundation provides grants to organizations and projects meant to strengthen local communities, with preference given to communities close to their plant facilities. Grant requests under \$1,000 are reviewed on a monthly basis; over \$1,000 on a quarterly basis.

### **Rural Electric Membership Corporation (REMC)**

(check your local REMC website)

Operation Round Up grants provide financial support to nonprofit organizations within counties served by REMC. Organizations within a regional REMC's service area are eligible to apply for up to \$10,000.

### **Walmart**

<https://walmart.org/how-we-give/local-community-grants>

Through the Local Community Grant Program, the Walmart Foundation awards grants ranging from \$250 to \$5,000. The grants are designed to address the unique needs of the local communities and to support organizations with goals that align with one of eight areas of funding, including quality of life, education, and community and economic development.

## Additional Resources to Locate Grants

### American Library Association Grants

<https://www.ala.org/grants>

ALA offers grants, awards, and scholarships via their many divisions. Check this site for a comprehensive list.

### Libraries Transform Communities: Engagement Grant

<https://www.ala.org/tools/programming/LTCEG>

An ALA grants with a history of awards to Indiana libraries, the Libraries Transform Communities Engagement Grant is an annual grant to recognize, promote, and support innovative and meaningful community engagement efforts in libraries. Community engagement is the process of working collaboratively with community members – be they library patrons, residents, faculty, students, or local organizations – to address issues for the betterment of the community.

### Grants Portal for Indiana Libraries

<https://www.in.gov/library/site-index/grants/>

The Indiana State Library maintains this portal, which includes links to various grants and grant registries.

### Grants.gov

<https://www.grants.gov/>

Grants.gov is a central storehouse for information on over 1,000 federal funding opportunities and access to more than \$500 billion in annual awards. **Searching for grant applications does not require registration.** Once registered at this site, you may apply online for any federal grant. Online assistance with the application process is available.

### GrantStation Pathfinder

<https://grantstation.com/public-resources/the-pathfinder>

While a paid membership is required for full-access to GrantStation's resources, non-members can access an abundance of information on grant-writing, grant management, budget and matching funds, data sources for compelling statistics to show needs, and other grant-related topics.

## **Library Grants Blog**

<http://librarygrants.blogspot.com>

Grant expert/librarian Stephanie Gerding frequently updates this blog with new and ongoing grant opportunities. You can sign up to get daily or automatic emails when a new library grant opportunity is posted.

## **Scholastic – Library Grants**

<https://www.scholastic.com/librarians/programs/grants.htm>

Scholastic's grant aggregator is focused specifically on library grants, on one-time or ongoing library grants and includes both grants with set application deadlines and ongoing funding opportunities.

## Sources of Grants for Indiana Libraries (2023)

Library Name	Grant(s) received
ADAMS PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM	Adams County Community Foundation for summer programming; Adams County Community Foundation for life skills; Farmers & Merchants State Bank for outreach to Amish schools; United Way of Adams County 1000 Books before Kindergarten.
AKRON CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY	NICF Grant for StoryWalk
ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Don Wood Foundation for STEM initiatives; AWS Foundation for Library @ Home vehicle.
ANDERSON PUBLIC LIBRARY	Indiana Arts Commission - Lifelong Arts Indiana Grant 2024
ATTICA PUBLIC LIBRARY	Community Foundation-Summer Reading Programs
AURORA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT	Indiana Humanities Author Visit
BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Heritage Fund - Teen furniture
BATESVILLE MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY	Indiana Humanities - One State/One Story; Duke Energy - Laser Printer for Arts & Innovation Hub; SEIREMC - Author Fair/Author Visit; Creative Aging Grant - Life Drawing Classes for Seniors
BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY	Indiana Arts Commission for a Culture Crawl event
BERNE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Adams County Community Foundation for technology upgrades
BLOOMFIELD-EASTERN GREENE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Greene County Foundation - Furniture refresh in Community meeting rooms; Community Health Partnerships (CHeP) - Community Garden & Nutrition Education; UDWI-REMC - Community Garden.
BOSWELL-GRANT TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	Benton Community Foundation for new roof, partial cost coverage
BROOK-IROQUOIS-WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	SIA Foundation for a/v equipment for programming; JNF for ELL Program Funding.
BROWN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Indiana Arts Commission
BROWNSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY	Indiana Humanities - Cultural Grant; Indiana Humanities-Lilly Scholars Network - Monarch Waystation in Hendricks County
BROWNSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY	Creative Aging Grant from Indiana Arts Commission - 5 sessions Story Telling Pottery for a meal, creating tableware; Dollar General Literacy Grant for youth literacy to be used for books and STEAM kits.



CAMBRIDGE CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Schwegman Foundation
CAMDEN-JACKSON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	Community Foundation for electronic/tech upgrades.
CHARLESTOWN-CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Indiana Arts Council for the Summer Reading Program
CLINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	Giacoletto Foundation
CROWN POINT COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Indiana Humanities Action Grant; Indiana Humanities - One State One Story- Indiana Humanities; Indiana Arts Commission - Lifelong Arts Grant
CULVER-UNION TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	First Farmers Bank and Trust for refresh of teen area.
DELPHI PUBLIC LIBRARY	Indiana Humanities - countywide book discussion.
EARL PARK-RICHLAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	Benton Community Foundation for new front door.
ECKHART PUBLIC LIBRARY	Community Foundation DeKalb County for sensory panels.
EDINBURGH WRIGHT-HAGEMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY	Conover Foundation for Summer Reader Club.
ELKHART PUBLIC LIBRARY	Friends of EPL--multiple grants for costs associated with events and programs.
EVANSVILLE-VANDERBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY	Indiana Arts Commission – Provide professional services to develop and execute creative experiences for adults 65 and over as part of the Lifelong Arts Indiana – Aging Services Providers Program.
FLORA-MONROE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	TAF grant fund from Arts Federation - Money to run our summer art program; REMC grant - Money to purchase a small book cart; Racial Equity Grant from Indiana Humanities - Money to add books related to racial equity to our collection.
FORT BRANCH-JOHNSON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	Gibson County Community Alliance
FRANCESVILLE-SALEM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	Pulaski County Community Foundation for Summer Reading Program.
FRANKFORT COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY-CLINTON CO CONTRACTUAL PUBLIC LIBRARY	Lifelong Arts Indiana Creative Aging for papermaking class, Judith Krug Banned Books Week Event Grant for Acting Workshop; Advancing Racial Equity Collection Development grant to add more books promoting racial equity to the collection.
FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT	Indiana Arts Commission for art programs for seniors.

FULTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Lifelong Arts Indiana - Art classes for seniors; Arts Project Support grant through the Indiana Arts Commission - Makerspace classes for seniors; Indiana Humanities: One State, One Story.
GARRETT PUBLIC LIBRARY	Indiana Humanities, Arts and Seniors.
GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Legacy Foundation for the MakerSpace Lab.
GREENSBURG-DECATUR COUNTY CONTRACTUAL PUBLIC LIBRARY	Honda Manufacturing - Children's programming (mainly Summer Reading program); Decatur County Community Foundation - Period products (purchased Aunt Flow dispensers and period products to give to our patrons for free)
GREENWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY	NBA Trainer's Association Grant - Wellness programming
HAGERSTOWN-JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	Frank and Barbara Schwegman Fund for HJTPL – to provide support for HJTPL.
HAMILTON EAST PUBLIC LIBRARY	Fishers Art Council, for a mural; PLA Digital Literacy Grant, for digital literacy workshops for adults.
HARTFORD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Blackford County Community Foundation - for the "Butterfly Garden" part of our park.
HENRY HENLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Rush County Community Foundation
HUNTINGTON CITY-TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	Indiana Humanities – arts for seniors.
HUSSEY-MAYFIELD MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY	Friends of the Library; HMMPL Foundation; Community Foundation of Boone County; Indiana Humanities; Town of Zionsville; Zionsville Optimist Club; Centerpoint Foundation
INDIANAPOLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY	Emergency Connectivity Fund – Hotspots; Via Library Foundation: Comcast Heartland – Hotspots; Indy Go Foundation - Bus Passes for Social Work Team; Indianapolis Foundation Library Funds - Literacy/Multilingual Programs
JACKSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	CenterPoint Energy Foundation – Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library of Jackson County; Dollar General Literacy Foundation Summer Reading Program; Indiana Arts Commission Lifelong Arts Indiana; Indiana Arts Commission Arts Support
JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	REMC Jasper County - Summer Reading Prizes; Jasper Newton Foundation - Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Arvin Sango - Summer Reading; Community Foundation - Strategic Plan Service; Indiana Arts Council - Art program for seniors
JEFFERSONVILLE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	Samtec - Multimedia studio; Bales Foundation - Multimedia Studio; Community Foundation of Southern Indiana - Booking software, network switches, new firewall

JOHNSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	JCPL received funds from Indiana Humanities for a One State/One Story program series. The JCPL Foundation received several grants to support JCPL. These grants were given to JCPL in 2024 from the JCPL Foundation: Johnson County Community Foundation to create a Healthy Affordable Cooking series; Johnson County REMC's Community Fund to support Explore Summer 2024.
JOYCE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Steuben County Community Foundation - to provide start-up materials for a "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" program at the library.
KENDALLVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Indiana Humanities
KEWANNA-UNION TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	Arrowhead County Resource Conservation and Development
KIRKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY	Dollar General Grant – Summer Reading
KNIGHTSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY	White Family Foundation for carpeting in the renovated Carnegie Library.
KOKOMO-HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Community Foundation of Howard and Tipton Counties for an Art Therapy Program; State (Arts Commission) for a Creative Aging Program
LA CROSSE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Healthcare Foundation of LaPorte County for implementing yoga and cardio drumming programs.
LA PORTE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Healthcare Foundation - for Tai Chi classes
LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	IEEE - help facilitate scientific education and experimentation; Indiana Humanities - Advancing Racial Equity grant for speaker Jantina Anderson; Indiana Humanities - One State, One Story program; Indiana Author Awards - Speaker Larry Sweazy; StarNet - Solar eclipse glasses
LAWRENCEBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT	Dearborn Community Foundation - City of Lawrenceburg Community Grant Phase 1 - To purchase equipment for the Innov812 Workshop located in our Lawrenceburg location
LEBANON PUBLIC LIBRARY	Boone County Foundation for Mango Languages database
LIGONIER PUBLIC LIBRARY	Noble County Community Foundation - Newspaper digitization
MARION PUBLIC LIBRARY	Project for Public Spaces - to improve our courtyard.
MELTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	Orange County Community Foundation - Educational programming; Orange County REMC - Genealogy Room bookshelf
MISHAWAKA-PENN-HARRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY	Indiana Arts Commission - senior art programs
MITCHELL COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Lawrence County Community Foundation- surprise grant provided by anonymous donation for any purpose
MONROE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Wahl Family Trust Grant -Teen Services Technology; Psi Iota Xi Grant - Teen Services After School Snacks

MONTEREY-TIPPECANOE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	PACE/Summer Reading Program
MONTEZUMA PUBLIC LIBRARY	Parke County Community Foundation - 3 new computers AND all software
MONTICELLO-UNION TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	Community Foundation of White County - creative aging
MOORESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	LSTA
MORGAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Indiana Arts Council Grant - brought watercolor supplies and instruction to senior citizens, including an exhibit of final paintings for participants and guests
MORRISON-REEVES LIBRARY	Wayne County Foundation - purchase of laptops for circulation.
MUNCIE-CENTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	Tri Kappa Impact - Display panels, Local History; 21st CCLC Cohort 10 - Great Achievers After School; Rotary - Buy books to give to children; Open Door/8twelve - Scarecrow Festival; Open Door/8twelve - Maring Hunt Garden Expenses
NEW ALBANY-FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Floyd Hospital Foundation - Food Pantry Support for Day Bags
NEW CASTLE-HENRY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Indiana Humanities - Community-wide reading program
NEW HARMONY WORKINGMEN'S INSTITUTE	Posey County Community Foundation - Library materials
NEWTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Jasper Newton Foundation - Stay Sharp kits for our three branches
NOBLE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	NIPSCO for Rain Garden
NORTH MANCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY	Indiana Humanities - One State, One Story; Indiana Arts Commission - Creative Aging for 65 and Older; Science Kits for Public Libraries - kits for circulation; Community Foundation of Wabash County Nonprofit of Year Award - nonrestricted funding.
OAKLAND CITY-COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	Community Foundation – unrestricted; Community Foundation - history/cemetery project; Indiana Humanities -Racial Equity Grant
ODON WINKELPLECK PUBLIC LIBRARY	Two from the REMC Operation Roundup - one for adventure activates during the summer and one for First Aid/CPR class.
OHIO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Ohio County Community Foundation for a server; OCCF junior grant - Madcap Puppet show; OCCF - front desk remodel; American Heart Association - blood pressure reader for public; Indiana Art Commission - free art classes for homeschool

ORLEANS TOWN & TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	Orange County Community Foundation for Summer Reading Program and iPad
OSGOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY	Children's Programming
OWEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Owen County Community Foundation - transportation for field trips to library; Owen County Community Foundation - fencing for the Read and Feed Community Garden; Spencer Pride - tutoring expenses; Owen County Community Foundation - Donation to the Library of Things
OWENSVILLE CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Julia Angle Memorial Grant
OXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY	Benton Community Foundation for our food program for kids
PAOLI PUBLIC LIBRARY	Orange County Community Foundation – Gale Courses
PEABODY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Master Gardeners - Materials for gardening programming; Indiana Humanities - One State/One Story; Indiana Humanities - speaker from the Indiana Authors Speakers Bureau; Indiana Humanities - speaker from the Advanced Racial Equity Speakers Bureau
PENDLETON COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY	South Madison Community Foundation – cooperating reading program with the schools called Arabian Readers
PERRY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Community Foundation - Calming Chairs/Tables; Indiana Arts Commission - Musical Playground; Lois Lenski Grant - Bookmobile grant for materials; Browning/Schergens/TC Hist Soc Grants/Domtar – Digitization; United Way - Child equip
PERU PUBLIC LIBRARY	Psi Iota Xi Sorority
PLAINFIELD-GUILFORD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	Hendricks County Community Foundation - Human Library; Duke Energy - STEM activities for kids & teens; Hendricks County Recycling District - picnic tables for outdoor patron use
PRINCETON PUBLIC LIBRARY	Gibson County Community Foundation - build three free little libraries, one blessing box, and one small fridge to house items grown from our garden towers
REMLINGTON-CARPENTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	Jasper County REMC for English second language class; Indiana Arts Federation for senior art classes and art programs for summer reading; Dollar General for summer reading prizes.
ROACHDALE-FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	Creative Arts AND Aging - Senior Learning; Putnam County Community Foundation - Fitness Classes
ROANN-PAW PAW TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	Community Foundation of Wabash County, for exterior security cameras.
SHELBY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Dollar General Literacy Foundation - Summer Reading; Blue River Community Foundation - Summer Reading
SHOALS PUBLIC LIBRARY	Martin County Community Foundation, Hoosier Uplands, and DMREMC Operation Round-Up - all for building expansion renovation.

SOUTH WHITLEY COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Indiana State Auditor - Broadband Costs; Indiana Arts Commision - Artistic programming; NICCL - technology upgrade; Whitley County Community Foundation - purchase of Library of Things materials; ALA Libraries Serving Communities - Sensory Materials; Whitley County Community Foundation
ST JOSEPH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	National Endowment of the Arts - Supporting Latino poetry/authors programming; Indiana Arts Commission Lifelong Arts grant - Supporting arts workshops for senior citizens
STARKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM	Indiana Humanities - used to pay Honorarium for Elizabeth Berg for the Beyond the Book Festival; Starke County Community Foundation - used to pay honorarium/support Beyond the Book Festival
SULLIVAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Arts Midwest - Every County Funded for a speaker system and a speakers series; Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to provide books for kids 0-5
SWITZERLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Community Foundation of Switzerland County; Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation - summer reading funding, ILF/continuing education, children's tablets
SYRACUSE-TURKEY CREEK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	Indiana Humanities
THORNTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY	IN Arts Commission Lifelong Arts
TIPPECANOE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette - children's furniture; The McAllister Foundation for a kiosk in the youth room.
TYSON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, INC	Rising Son Regional Foundation – maintenance
UNION CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY	ALA – updated ADA-compliant entry door
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Union County Foundation - supporting summer reading; United Way - supporting school breaks meals; Tri Health - supporting Imagination Library
UPLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY	Indiana Humanities - Advancing Racial Equity Collection Development; IEEE Foundation Region 4 - STEM kits for circulation
VERMILLION COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	International Paper Newport Mill – help support summer reading
VERNON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	Indiana Humanities - Advancing Racial Equity for the Collection; Dollar General Literacy Foundation - Summer Reading grant; Community Foundation of Hancock County - funding to provide classes to non-English speakers
VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Indiana Arts Commission - Creative Aging Programming; Indiana Arts Commission - Public Art Sculpture; Northern Indiana Computer Consortium of Libraries - Drone

WALKERTON-LINCOLN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	ALA grant
WALTON & TIPTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	ALA Libraries Transforming Communities Access 2 Grant for development of a sensory room; Dollar General Summer Reading Grant for summer reading; United Way of Cass County for Mental Health Awareness Event
WARSAW COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Indiana Arts Commission for Lifelong Arts - Aging Service Providers
WASHINGTON CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Public Library Association ATT Digital Literacy Grant
WATERLOO-GRANT TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	Drugfree DeKalb County Coalition - substance abuse prevention and education programming for local elementary aged children
WELLS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Wells County Foundation - Wabash Endowment Fund for teen programming
WEST LAFAYETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Indiana Arts Commission – arts programming
WESTFIELD-WASHINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	Indiana Arts Commission - Lifelong Arts Indiana grant provided free harp and steel drum classes to older adults.
WESTVILLE-NEW DURHAM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY	Indiana Arts Commission - Creative Aging (six-week watercolor class lead by a professional artist); Unity Foundation - Early literacy books and storytime manipulatives
WHITING PUBLIC LIBRARY	Whiting Lions - StoryWalk
WILLARD LIBRARY OF EVANSVILLE	Received a grant to pay a speaker to come to the library from the Indiana State Library

## **Grant Writing Tips**

1. Ask for advice. Start on the application well before the deadline. Solicit help from the granting organization program officer. Ask colleagues to review the application and offer suggestions.
2. Identify projects that would be of benefit to your organization before looking for grants. Ways to do this include conducting a meeting of stakeholders to brainstorm for ideas, creating a file of ideas submitted by staff and patrons, and soliciting ideas from the public. Determine what ideas would be most suitable for grant funding. Be ready when funding opportunities arise instead of reacting to announcements of available grants.
3. Locate grantmaking organizations with goals that match your project. Using the various tools listed above, identify grantors who fund projects similar to your proposed project.
4. Research the grant opportunity. Make sure your library is eligible. Read the guidelines to determine if the project fits with the mission of the granting organization and if there are any restrictions that may prohibit you from accepting the funds. Learn about previous grants awarded by the organization. Determine the funding limits and whether the amount of money being offered will realistically cover the costs for your project.
5. Follow the instructions provided by the grantmaker. Check deadlines. Answer all the questions and include all the necessary parts of the proposal or application when submitting it. If any part of the application is confusing, contact the grant program officer for help.
6. Don't give up if an application isn't funded. If possible, ask for feedback as to why your grant application was denied. Ask about any opportunities for resubmitting the grant. Consider other funding sources.
7. Avoid two common mistakes often made by new applicants. One is including too little detail about the proposed project and giving insufficient justification for the significance of the need. The other is proposing more work than can be reasonably done during the grant period.
8. Think like a reviewer. One of the best ways to learn how to write a grant is to participate on a grant review committee. Organizations that offer publicly funded grants are often looking for individuals willing to assist in grant review.



## **Sources of Grant Writing Classes & Workshops**

*This list is for informational use and does not imply endorsement of any kind.*

### **Colleges/Universities**

Indiana University regularly offers a course on grant writing. Please contact the Department of Information and Library Science for more information. <http://ils.indiana.edu>

### **Professional Organizations**

The Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at Indiana University <https://philanthropy.indianapolis.iu.edu/professional-development/index.html> offers professional development centered on fundraising. The Fund Raising School offers courses such as "Proposal Writing and Grant Management" for a fee; courses can be taken online or in-person.

Candid Learning

<https://learning.candid.org/page/course-catalog>

Candid (formerly Foundation Center) offers a variety of webinars and training courses on fundraising and proposal writing. Once you select a format (live, on-demand), you can filter for free classes.

LYRASIS

[https://my.lyrasis.org/nc\\_upcomingevents](https://my.lyrasis.org/nc_upcomingevents)

LYRASIS sometimes offers classes on grant writing. Past classes have included Grant Writing for Digitization and Preservation Projects and Grant Writing Secrets for Librarians. The site allows you to filter for free classes.

## **Grant Writing Resources**

The Indiana State Library has numerous grant writing resources in their collection. Here is a sampling of what is available.

*The ALA book of library grant money.* Chicago: ALA, 2014.

*The art and science of grant writing.* Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (United States. Dept of Housing and Urban Development), 2006.

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