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2023 GRANTEE

PROJECT

10th Street Beautification



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Near East Area Renewal



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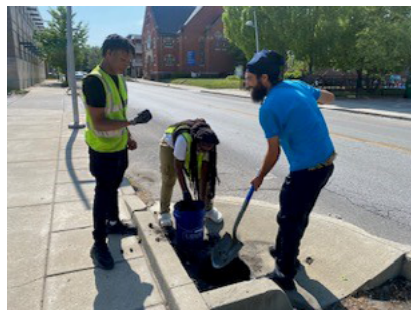
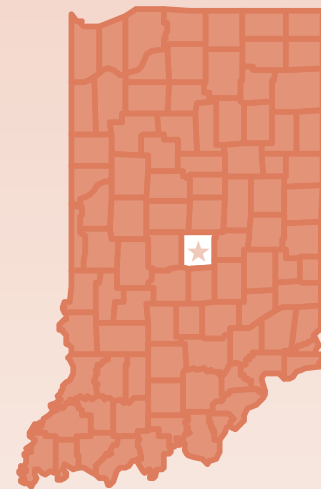
\$1,500

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Near East Area Renewal (NEAR) has beautified and continued to maintain the landscaping surrounding the 10th Street Corridor. NEAR partnered with Groundwork Indy and Teenworks to complete the work. Groundwork Indy is a social and environmental justice organization that employs and empowers youth in Indianapolis to beautify their surroundings. Teenworks provides teens with a summer job that teaches them the importance of self-discipline, a hard day's work, and giving back to the community. During their summer employment program at Teenworks, teens responsibilities include community farming, park beautification, school clean outs and more. The investment from the MIBOR ECDC covered the cost of five maintenance events and 1 planting day by Groundwork Indy and 2 painting days by Teenworks.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Creates Enhancements to the Streetscape
- Creates Greenspace Improvements
- Increases Access to Public Arts
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place





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Affordable & Quality Housing on the Far Eastside



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HOPE Community Dev Corp



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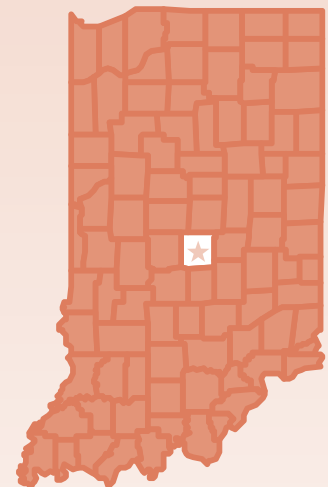
\$2,000

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

With the support from the MIBOR ECDC along with the grants awarded by the City of Indianapolis LIFT Indy initiative and the Urban League's African American Quality of Life Initiative, HOPE CDC was able to create a new affordable housing initiative as well as ramping up an owner-occupied repair program on the Far Eastside of Indianapolis. The support from the MIBOR ECDC supported the organization's staff capacity to implement the housing initiatives in 2023.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Strengthens and Directs Development Towards Existing Communities
- Brings Diverse Community Members Together in Order to Assess Needs and Set Priorities
- Creates Attainable and Equitable Housing
- Promotes Attainable Homeownership
- Increases Property Values
- Promotes the Success of Minority Homeownership and Eliminating Racial Inequities in Homeownership Rates





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Artistic Benches

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The City of Westfield is increasing their public art offerings through a new initiative with art benches. The City of Westfield purchased new concrete benches that are now covered in beautiful artwork done by local artists and has had an artist call out period. Artists were directed to submit a concept design to paint directly onto the concrete benches. Artists have been provided a stipend for their work. Benches will be placed around the city and community parks.



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City of Westfield

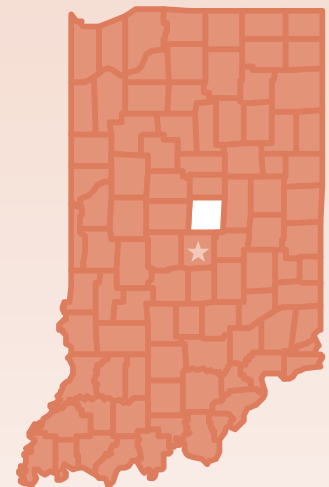


INVESTMENT

\$2,000

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Encourages Downtown Revitalization
- Creates Enhancements to the Streetscapes
- Increases Access to Public Arts
- Increases Accessibility of Public Amenities
- Improves Amenities
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Encourages Attractive, Walkable and Vital Downtowns
- Provides Additional Amenities to Attract New Visitors





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Asphalt Art Initiative



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Blue River Community Foundation



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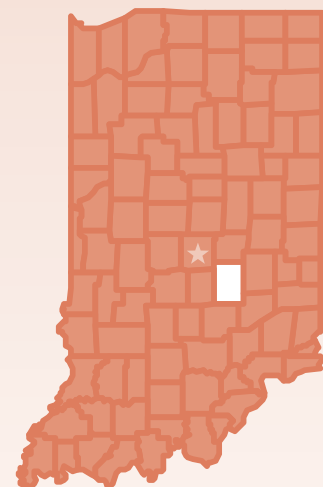
\$2,000

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Colorful asphalt art has been added to the Blue River Trail in downtown Shelbyville to attract more people to utilize the Blue River Trail, provide safety for pedestrians and cyclists, honor a local artist and create an overall greater sense of place in Shelby County. The colorful pavement art designs are inspired by the artwork of Roland Hobart, a native of Shelbyville.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Encourages Historic Preservation
- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Encourages Downtown Revitalization
- Creates Active, Vital Downtown Destinations
- Increases Access to Public Arts
- Increases Accessibility of Public Amenities
- Creates Walkable Communities
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Encourages Attractive, Walkable and Vital Downtowns
- Increases Safety
- Improves Standards of Health and Living
- Promotes Active Living
- Provides Additional Amenities to Attract New Visitors
- Increases Tourism Opportunities
- Promotes Unique Visitor Experiences





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Bicentennial Legends Mural Program: Etheridge Knight Mural



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Arts Council of Indianapolis



INVESTMENT

\$2,500

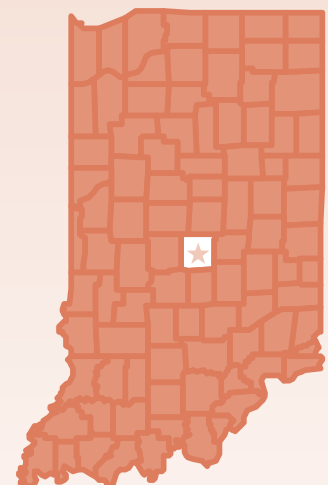
PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Bicentennial Legends Mural Series is intended to commemorate, through civic-scale portraiture, individuals key to Indianapolis and Indiana history and culture, focusing on established Bicentennial guiding principles (History, Civic Pride, Innovation, and Legacy). The series is also intended to call attention to individuals whose contributions may have been overlooked (or deliberately denied) during their lifetime because of their race, gender, economic status, or other factors. The investment from MIBOR went to support the creation of a two-story portrait mural of Black Art Movement poet Etheridge Knight. The mural is located on the east wall of 435 Massachusetts Avenue, the building currently housing the Chatterbox Jazz Club, and has helped enhance the history, culture, and reputation of the Massachusetts Avenue Cultural District. For more information on Knight's life and legacy in Indianapolis, visit: [Etheridge Knight | Indy Arts Council](#).



IMPACT METRICS:

- Encourages Historic Preservation within a Community
- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Creates Active, Vital Downtown Destinations
- Creates Enhancements to the Streetscape
- Promotes Cultural Opportunities
- Increases Community Engagement
- Increases Access to Public Arts
- Creates Civic Engagement
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Encourages Equitable Cultural Development
- Promotes Inclusive Activation and Programming
- Brings Awareness and Importance to Historical Community Figures
- Increases Tourism Opportunities
- Promotes Unique Visitor Experiences
- Provides Additional Amenities and Events to Attract New Visitors





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Blinds for Affordable Housing Units



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INHP



INVESTMENT

\$5,000

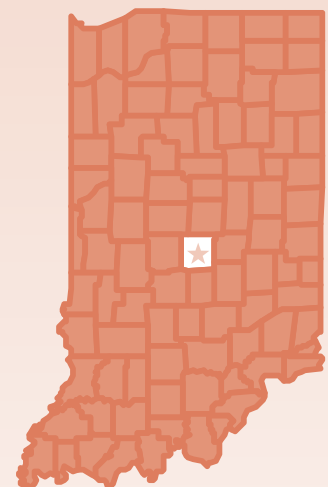
PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Low inventory and rising home prices have been adversely affecting affordability for homebuyers with low and moderate incomes in Marion County. Finding and keeping an affordable rental is equally difficult. INHP works to increase the supply of affordable housing options accessible to clients with low and moderate incomes in Indianapolis. They do this by developing affordable single-family homes and collaborating with community and neighborhood partners to develop both single and multi-family projects. Strategies include providing direct investment, community lending, and grants to those committed to creating and maintaining the supply of affordable housing.

INHP built around 40 homes in 2023. Due to the increasing prices of construction materials, land acquisition and pre-development costs, it now costs (on average) \$300,000 to build a 3 bedroom/2 bath home in Indianapolis. However, families with low and moderate incomes can only afford a home that costs approximately \$150,000 without becoming housing cost burdened. Housing cost burdened is defined as spending more than 30% of income on housing. This leaves a gap of \$150,000 per house that must be covered by philanthropic or federal dollars. This is a drastic increase from 18 months ago when costs were approximately \$60,000 per affordable single-family home. These funds cover general construction costs and specific items such as appliances, blinds, ramps, and security for the home. While these items seem small, they are vital to create a safe and inviting home. In fact, it is due to the feedback from an INHP client that INHP is adding blinds to every single home they develop. During a walk-through with a single-female client, she shared that adding blinds provided peace of mind and safety for her and her children moving into a new home. Since that feedback, INHP requires blinds on all their developed homes. The investment from the MIBOR ECDC helped underwrite 20 sets of blinds to provide safety for INHP clients and helped offset INHP's costs to maintain affordability within their affordable housing developments.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Creates Equitable and Attainable Housing
- Promotes Attainable Housing
- Advances Generational Wealth
- Promotes the Success of Minority Homeownership Rates
- Increases Safety





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Bloombox Festival

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Bloombox Festival is the Harrison Center for the Art's Annual Music Festival. The free, day-long festival featured independent local musicians and visual artists in downtown Indianapolis who performed original live music and create original work. The event that drew a crowd of over 5,000 people provided a unique opportunity for interaction with local artists and the community.



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Harrison Center for the Arts

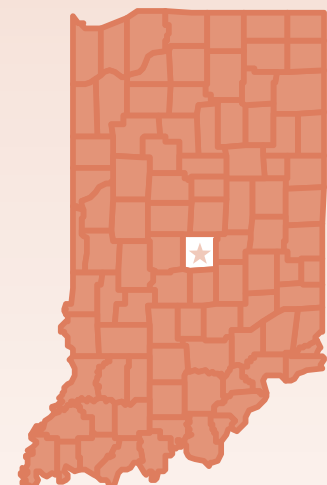


INVESTMENT

\$2,000

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Creates Active, Vital Downtown Destinations
- Promotes Cultural Opportunities
- Fosters Community Participation
- Increases Access to Public Arts
- Increases Parks and Recreation Programming
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Encourages Attractive, Walkable and Vital Downtowns
- Promotes Inclusive Activation and Programming
- Promotes Equitable Cultural Development
- Promotes Inclusive Activation and Programming
- Connects Talent
- Encourages Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Increases Tourism Opportunities
- Promotes Unique Visitor Experiences
- Provides Additional Amenities and Events to Attract New Visitors





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Brown County Bicycle Signage



GRANTEE

Brown County Mountain Biking, Inc.



INVESTMENT

\$3,000

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Brown County is quickly becoming a destination for cyclist all over the world due to the unique combination of trails. Hundreds of cyclists come to the area weekly to enjoy not only the trails, but also the local restaurants, shops and entertainment. Brown County Mountain Biking installed signs all over Brown County and the Town of Nashville that promote safe cycling, creating a “cycling friendly” destination. Signs include those that promote Indiana’s 3 feet passing laws around cyclists and laws allowing cyclists full use of the lanes. .

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Creates Active, Vital Downtown Destinations
- Creates Walkable Communities
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Creates Greenspace Improvements
- Creates a Comprehensive Signage Program
- Increases Safety
- Improves Standards of Health and Living
- Promotes Active Living
- Provides Additional Amenities to Attract New Visitors
- Increases Tourism Opportunities
- Promotes Unique Visitor Experiences
- Improves Access to Environmental Benefits
- Promotes Natural Features and Destinations





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Chapel Rock Trailhead



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Indy Gateway Inc.



INVESTMENT

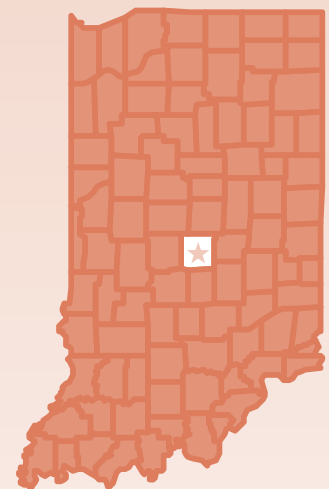
\$2,000

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Indy Gateway's efforts have included improved standards of health, promoting cultural opportunities, assisting in securing funds for the development of trails to enhance infrastructure connectivity, and advocating for expanding green spaces and beautification efforts specifically on the west side community in Marion County. While there was not trail access on the westside of Marion County, with the support from MIBOR, the construction of the B&O Trailhead at Chapel Rock Christian Church will now allow Marion County residents access to the trail, creating a great asset and quality of life project that will enhance local neighborhoods.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Creates Greenspace Improvements
- Advocates for Expanding Greenspaces and Beautification Efforts
- Increases Accessibility of Public Amenities
- Increases Safety
- Improves Standards of Health and Living
- Promotes Active Living
- Improves Access to Environmental Benefits
- Promotes Natural Features and Destinations





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Community Theater at Brown County Playhouse

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The decades, The Brown County Playhouse has served as a hub of entertainment for its patrons, offering a variety of shows, musicals, movies and more. To continue encouraging downtown tourism and community engagement, MIBOR ECDC invested \$2,000 to provide financial assistance with the production of five mounted plays. For information on upcoming shows and events, please visit: browncountypayhouse.org.



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Brown County Playhouse

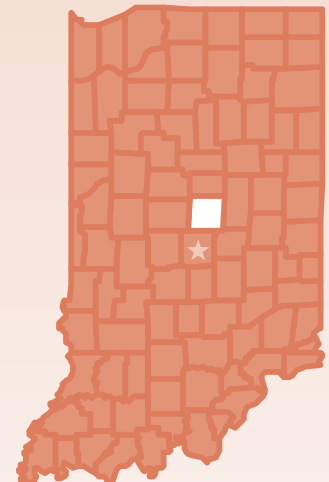


INVESTMENT

\$2,000

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Creates Active, Vital Downtown Destinations
- Promotes Cultural Opportunities
- Fosters Community Engagement
- Increases Year-Round Recreational Opportunities
- Increases Access to Public Arts
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Promotes Inclusive Activation and Programming
- Increases Tourism Opportunities
- Promotes Unique Visitor Experiences
- Provides Additional Amenities and Events to Attract New Visitors





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Decatur County Park Playground Upgrade



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Decatur Co Parks and Recreation Dept



INVESTMENT

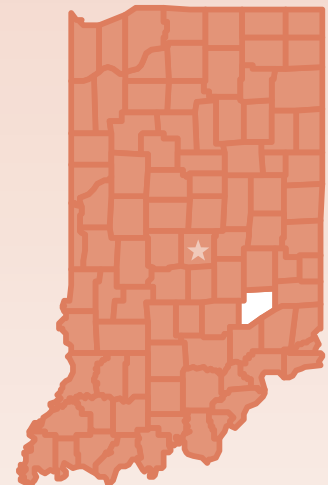
\$2,468

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

During a summer storm in 2023, a swing set was damaged. With the support from MIBOR ECDC, the swings have been replaced to not only match the color of the new swing set but to also include a new therapeutic swing. The therapeutic swing is also known as an inclusive swing seat as it allows users of all abilities to enjoy swinging. The remaining three seats serve users of all ages, one is a belt swing seat and the other two are 360-degree tot swing seat.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Creates Greenspace Improvements
- Enhances Park Department Assets
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Improves Standards of Health and Living
- Promotes Active Living
- Provides Additional Amenities to Attract New Visitors
- Improves Access to Environmental Benefits





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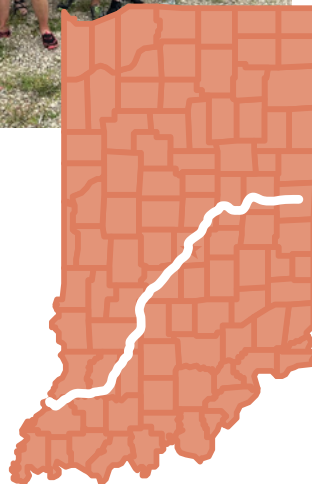
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Discover (Our) White River Advocacy Initiative

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The White River Advocacy Initiative was used to continue to grow the support of the White River and the White River Vision Plan. The investment from MIBOR ECDC helped support Discover Our White River in hiring Friends of the White River to lead 8 free river schools for elected officials, local media influencers and MIBOR members. In the fall of 2023, MIBOR ECDC sponsored a promotion to inspire user-generated content on social media platforms and for use in earned media where people shared their photos of connecting to the river and winners received prize packages, including participating in a river school for free.



GRANTEE

Discover White River



INVESTMENT

\$5,000

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Creates Greenspace Improvements
- Advocates for Expanding Greenspaces and Beautification Efforts
- Promotes Cultural Opportunities
- Enhances Park Department Assets
- Increases Community Engagement and Participation
- Increases Accessibility of Public Amenities
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Improves Standards of Health and Living
- Promotes Active Living
- Provides Additional Amenities to Attract New Visitors
- Improves Access to Environmental Benefits
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Strengthens and Directs Development Towards Existing Communities
- Encourages Community and Stakeholder Collaboration
- Encourages Approaches that are Community-Driven, Comprehensive, and Collaborative
- Fosters Civic Engagement
- Encourages Collaboration Among Organizations, Agencies and Local Government
- Fosters Regional Collaboration
- Supports the Regional Tourism Industry
- Increases Tourism Opportunities
- Promotes Unique Visitor Experiences
- Provides Additional Amenities to Attract New Visitors



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DREAM Alive Career Pathway Development



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DREAM Alive, Inc.



INVESTMENT

\$5,000

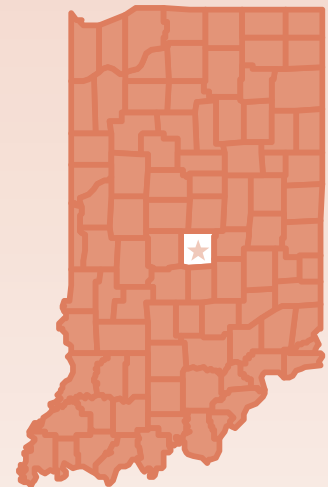
PROJECT OVERVIEW:

DREAM Alive (DA) is helping vulnerable youth break the cycle of poverty by providing mentoring and career development programs for 6 continual years. Since 2011, youth completing DA have a 100% high school graduation rate, compared to the 72% school average over the same time period. Among many other measurable outcomes and metrics, including a 96% career outcomes rate, DA students have decreased suspension rates, increased desire to succeed in school, increased belief in oneself, and increase in career achievement as a result of their involvement in the program.

The MIBOR ECDC invested \$5,000 to support DA's middle school career pathway development trips. Specifically, DA takes their youth on regular, weekly career development trips to local businesses in order to help them dream about potential future career paths. The investment served around 250 youth and provided 10 of these life changing trips to local business in 2023. In 2022, 98% of DA youth reported that this program made them more confident in their career path and increased their desire to achieve in school.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Increases Talent Retention
- Increases Workforce Development Efforts
- Encourages Business to Positively Impact Communities
- Connects Talent
- Encourages Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Supports Discovering Career Pathways for High School to Post-Secondary Education
- Supports the Retention of Young Professionals





PROJECT

Economic Development Day for Signature Program



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Leadership Johnson County



INVESTMENT

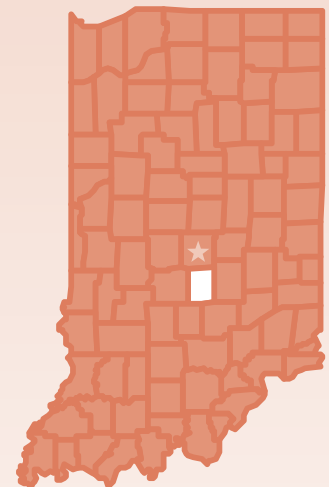
\$1,500

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Leadership Johnson County is a nine-month program composed of one-day leadership forums designed to train and strengthen 21st century leaders in Johnson County. Each phase of the program focuses on their core mission of “cultivating and developing informed and involved citizens working to make the community better.” With the support from the MIBOR ECDC, LJC successfully conducted the Economic Development Program Day. The main purpose of economic development day is for participants to experience a simulation activity, so they better understand what it takes to recruit, attract, and retain companies in a community. The participants learn from local experts about tax incentives for companies and they learn what companies are looking for when considering locating or relocating to a particular area. The class members are given a community to represent and are then tasked with researching the community and “selling” their community to a company representative. The group also works on retaining the business for many years to come.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Encourages Community Engagement
- Encourages Community and Stakeholder Collaboration
- Encourages Approaches that are Community-Driven, Comprehensive and Collaborative
- Creates Civic Engagement
- Promotes Inclusive Activation and Programming
- Supports Local Economic Development Education
- Provides Business Attraction, Retention and Expansion Education





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Economic Development Organizations

INVESTMENT



\$20,000

(\$2,500 to each Organization)

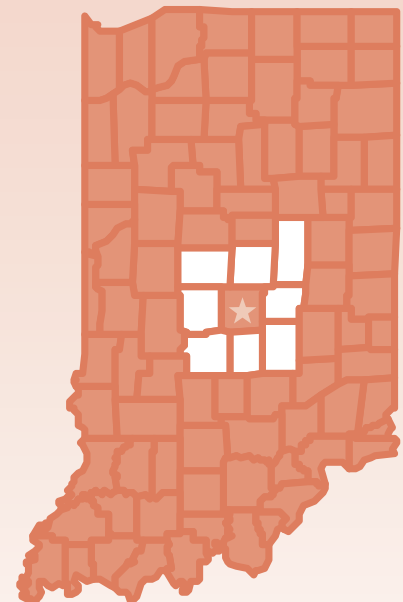
PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Economic development has been a priority of MIBOR REALTOR® Association for many years. Dating back to the early 1990s, MIBOR became involved with economic development efforts in central Indiana because of the valuable connection of economic development and housing strategies.

MIBOR currently invests in eight local economic development organizations (LEDOS) around the region. By supporting the LEDOs, REALTORS® gain a seat at the table to help shape decisions on housing and the local economy.

ORGANIZATIONS:

- Madison County Corporation for Economic Development
- Boone Economic Development Corporation
- Hamilton County Economic Development Corporation
- Hancock County Economic Development Corporation
- Hendricks County Economic Development Corporation
- Morgan County Economic Development Corporation
- Shelby County Economic Development Corporation
- Johnson County Economic Development





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Enhancing Recreational Spaces in the Town of Ingalls



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Town of Ingalls



INVESTMENT

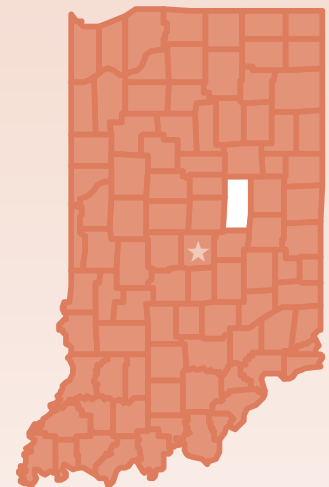
\$3,000

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

With the support of the MIBOR ECDC the Town of Ingalls was able to fund the comprehensive enhancement of a combined basketball and pickleball court, including the installation of benches, landscaping and the painting of the courts. These enhancements have transformed the space into a vibrant and inviting community hub that promotes physical activity, inclusivity and community engagement, fostering a sense of pride and ownership within the Ingalls community.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Creates Active, Vital Downtown Destinations
- Creates Greenspace Improvements
- Fosters Community Engagement
- Enhances Park Department Assets
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Improves Standards of Health and Living
- Promotes Active Living
- Provides Additional Amenities to Attract New Visitors
- Improves Access to Environmental Benefits





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Gardens of Vernon Township



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Vernon Township



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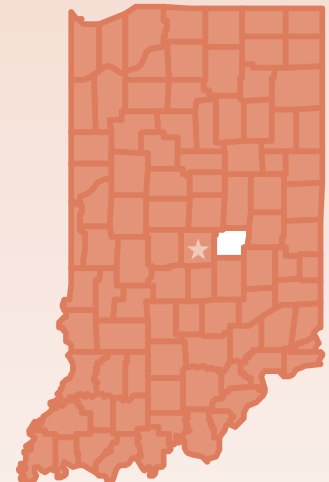
\$1,000

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Vernon Township partnered with Mt Vernon Schools, the McCordsville Wellness Center, Vernon Township Library, Hancock County Master Gardeners, Fortville Farmers Market, FARM and Purdue Extension to develop The Gardens of Vernon Township. The Gardens have been developed south of Vitality Drive just off 67 at the western gateway to Fortville. The Gardens of Vernon Township includes community garden plots, children's nature area, pavilion and gathering space, a small orchard and a pollinator garden. The garden has hired a maintenance coordinator and volunteers from a local nonprofit are helping with programming and additional maintenance. During the installation of the garden, the township learned they would need to extend the existing drainage, which was more expensive than originally anticipated. Because of this cost, the township was searching for additional funding to cover the costs of the additional garden components. The MIBOR ECDC investment supported some of the additional components of the garden.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Creates Greenspace Improvements
- Advocates for Expanding Greenspaces and Beautification Efforts
- Fosters Community Engagement and Participation
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Encourages Approaches that are Community-Driven, Comprehensive and Collaborative
- Promotes Inclusive Activation and Programming
- Improves Standards of Health and Living
- Promotes Active Living
- Improves Access to Environmental Benefits





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Garfield Park Art & Music Festival



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Musical Family Tree



INVESTMENT

\$1,000

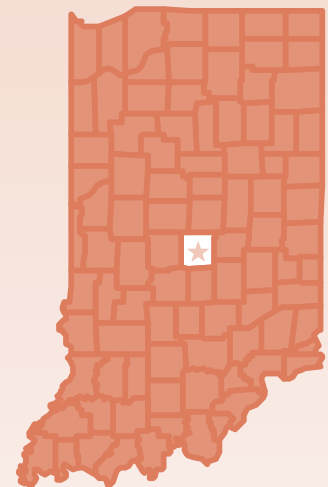
PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The 2023 Garfield Park Art and Music Festival is an annual, free, all-ages Arts and Music Festival centrally located in historic Garfield Park. The mission of the GPAMF is to continue to grow the notoriety of the event to celebrate and showcase the local talent in the Indianapolis art and music scene in a diverse, inclusive, and equitable way - by highlighting and uplifting artists and musicians who are BIPOC or often underrepresented. The support from MIBOR ECDC provided funds to increasing marketing and outreach efforts to grow the notoriety and attendance, support efforts to pay equitable increases to musicians and artists who perform and support increased infrastructure to help safely grow the size of the event.



IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Promotes Cultural Opportunities
- Increases Community Engagement and Participation
- Increases Access to Public Arts
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Promotes Inclusive Activation and Programming
- Increases Tourism Opportunities
- Promotes Unique Visitor Experiences
- Provides Additional Events to Attract New Visitors





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Green Space for Youth & Teen Mental Health & Physical Activity



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The Boys & Girls Club of Morgan Co



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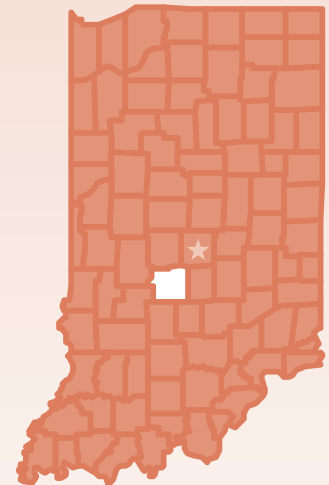
\$3,000

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The mission of the Boys & Girls Club of Morgan County (BGCMC) is to empower all youth, especially those who need us most, to grow to their full potential to be responsible, caring, and productive citizens. BGCMC offers affordable after-school and break-day childcare (only \$20 per year), provide nutritional snacks and academic assistance, and offer programs that enhance the physical and social/emotional wellbeing of youth ages 5-18 living in Morgan County, Indiana. With the support of the MIBOR ECDC, BGCMC was able to create an outdoor greenspace on what was an underused and overgrown lot on the organization's property. The greenspace serves as a space to improve the mental health of youth and teens through participation in health, wellness, and educational small group programs and recreational activities. The investment was used to create a large playing field, clear scrub trees/brush, create a seating area with picnic tables, mitigate invasive weeds and add an overhead pop-up shelter. The outdoor greenspace will be used by all BGCMC members, and the space will also be available to the community at-large, thereby serving hundreds or thousands more.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Creates Greenspace Improvements
- Advocates for Expanding Greenspaces and Beautification Efforts
- Increases Community Engagement and Participation
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Improves Standards of Health and Living
- Promotes Active Living
- Provides Additional Amenities to Attract New Visitors
- Improves Access to Environmental Benefits
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Promotes Unique Visitor Experiences
- Provides Additional Amenities to Attract New Visitors





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PROJECT

Hamilton County 2030 Workforce Vision Plan



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Invest Hamilton County



INVESTMENT

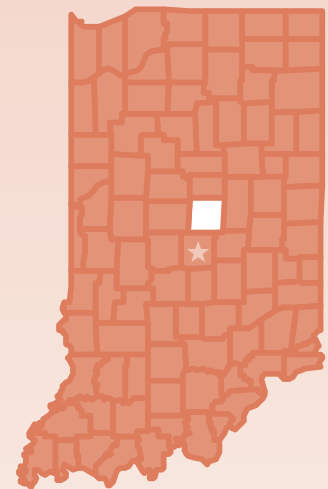
\$5,000

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Hamilton County is the fastest growing county in Indiana and one of the fastest growing in the Midwest. Invest Hamilton County has identified that continued extensive *Workforce Studies* examining the current-state data of the ecosystem are of limited use in such a fast-paced and growing economic region. To that end Invest Hamilton County has establish a unified *Workforce Vision* for Hamilton County that forecasts the talent profile of the community in the year 2030 and delivers annual report cards on key data points and amends forecasts appropriately. The goal of the plan is to build occupation and resident talent profiles based on current trends and economic development goals that showcase where Hamilton County will be in the year 2030. This common vision and the annual report cards will help better align municipal, business, and philanthropic stakeholders with a common data set and vision.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Increases Talent Retention
- Increases Business Retention
- Increases Workforce Development Opportunities
- Connects Talent
- Encourages Collaboration Among Organizations, Agencies and Local Government
- Fosters Community Collaboration





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PROJECT

Hancock County Economic Development Website Update



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Hancock County EDC



INVESTMENT

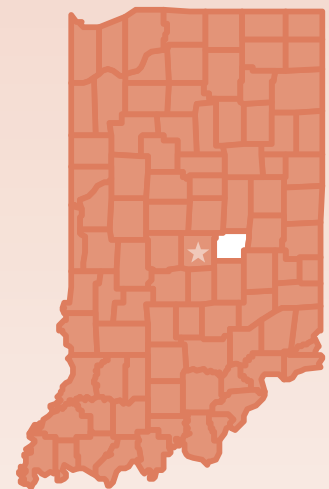
\$2,500

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Hancock County Economic Development Council has updated their website with the support from the MIBOR ECDC. Hancock County Economic Development Council is using their website to highlight the assets and quality of life amenities their communities offer as a way of attracting companies to bring and keep their skilled workforces and quality jobs to Hancock County.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Encourages Approaches that are Community-Driven, Comprehensive and Collaborative
- Increases Talent Attraction Efforts
- Increases Business Retention Efforts
- Encourages Small Business Growth
- Connects Talent
- Encourages Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Increases Tourism Opportunities





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PROJECT

Hendricks County International Festival



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Hendricks Co International Festival



INVESTMENT

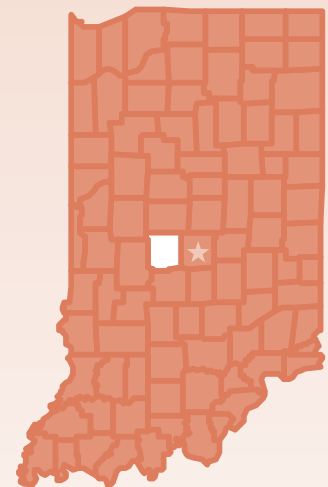
\$1,500

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Hendricks County International Festival was created to introduce diverse cultures to members of the Hendricks County community and to support, encourage and increase awareness for the many cultures who live, work and reside there for free. During the festival, attendees were introduced to new cuisines, live dance and music performances, interactive booths, traditional attire and more from the following countries: India, Pakistan, West Africa, Poland, Russia, Mexico, Japan, Kosovo and Scotland.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Promotes Cultural Opportunities
- Increases Community Engagement and Participation
- Increases Access to Public Arts
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Increases Equitable Cultural Development
- Promotes Inclusive Activation and Programming
- Brings Awareness to Cultures Around the World
- Increases Tourism Opportunities
- Promotes Unique Visitor Experiences
- Provides Additional Events to Attract New Visitors





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2023 GRANTEE

PROJECT

Junior Achievement BizTown



GRANTEE

Junior Achievement of Central Indiana



INVESTMENT

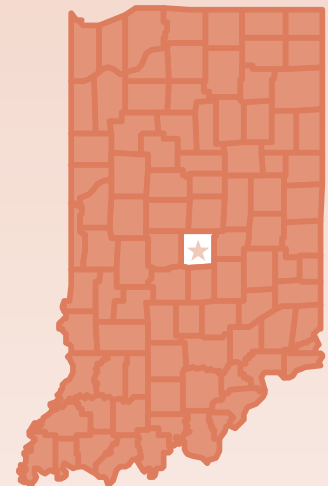
\$3,000

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Junior Achievement of Central Indiana (JA) is a leading non-profit organization, impacting more than 50,000 students during the 2022-2023 school year alone. JA's hands-on, experiential learning programs educate and inspire young people in the areas of work and career readiness, employability/life skills, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy, building the skill sets and mindsets needed to pursue and achieve their dreams. During the 2023-2024 school year, more than 11,000 fifth grade students from schools around central Indiana had the opportunity to experience JA BizTown, JA's signature elementary capstone program, which allows students to see, touch, and live the experience of personal finance in a real-life setting of stores, shops, and financial institutions, by becoming "an adult for the day." Students travel with their class to the JA BizTown facility, where they put into practice what they have learned about in JA coursework prior to the simulation. The Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township sent 1,100 students through this program during the 2023-2024 school year. This district has been actively involved in JA in-school programs for many years. However, participation in JA BizTown has previously been difficult due to the financial barriers. With 70% of their student population identified as low-income by the Indiana Department of Education, and with strains on school funding state-wide, school funding is simply not available to allocate towards JA BizTown. Participation in JA BizTown has an associated cost for curriculum, facility upkeep, on-site materials, technology and personnel. Due to funding structures that vary across school districts, and the fact that many central Indiana school districts have a significant percentage of students benefiting from federal free and reduced lunch programs, JA relies on commitment from community partners to fund the experience for students. The support from the MIBOR ECDC allowed over 100 Lawrence Township students to participate in this impactful experience, ensuring more fifth grade students in these schools have equal access to this program.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Increases Talent Attraction Efforts
- Engages Businesses to Positively Impact Communities
- Connects Talent
- Encourages Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Supports Discovering Career Pathways for Students
- Provides Workforce Development Education





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PROJECT

Meet Indy Networking Sessions



GRANTEE

The IndyHub Foundation



INVESTMENT

\$3,000

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

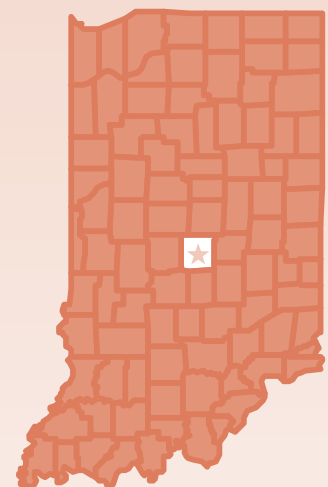
IndyHub focuses programming, initiatives and content on Indy's 20- and 30-somethings. Often referred to as Millennials and Gen Z, these two generations are of critical importance for the growth, vibrance and economic stability of communities. IndyHub seeks to get this key demographic connected, involved and making a difference in Central Indiana so that they are more likely to be retained long-term.

IndyHub created Meet Indy to help individuals build meaningful connections to Indianapolis and its people - connections that lead people to make this their home long term, to build lasting friendships, to harness their passions for civic and social good, and to take on leadership roles that shape Indianapolis for generations to come.

Meet Indy is a free community resource that places emphasis on what is arguably the most important component of IndyHub's work - connection. Meet Indy is more than just networking - it's tying people to the enthusiasm and progress in the air that is Indianapolis right now. With the support from the MIBOR ECDC, Meet Indy will feature (4) topic-specific networking experiences for participants of the Meet Indy program. Sessions will highlight the rich textures and connectivity of our city including: arts & culture, sports, transit, green spaces and waterways, and so much more. Attendees will connect directly with community partners that will offer engagement and volunteer opportunities for residents to learn more and deepen their roots.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Promotes Cultural Opportunities
- Increases Community Engagement and Participation
- Increases Talent Retention
- Encourages Talent Attraction
- Connects Talent
- Promote Inclusive Activation and Programming
- Supports the Retention of Young Professionals
- Promotes Unique Visitor Experiences
- Provides Additional Events to Attract New Visitors





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PROJECT

Mid-North Affordable Housing



GRANTEE

Mapleton-Fall Creek Development Corp



INVESTMENT

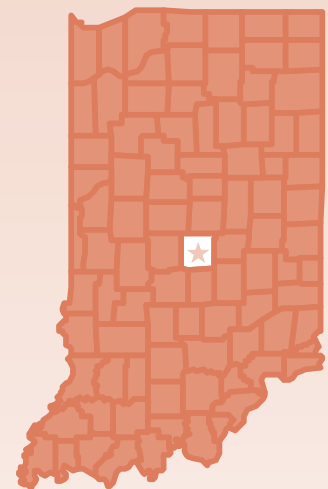
\$5,000

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Mapleton-Fall Creek Development Corporation's (MFCDC) goal is to promote a diverse and inclusive community through its neighborhood development initiatives, which include construction of new single- and multi-family housing, owner-occupied repairs for low-wealth homeowners, and more. The investment from the MIBOR ECDC supported MFCDC's operating expenses to carry out its mission to promote neighborhood development in Mapleton-Fall Creek. In 2023, MFCDC served ten (10) low-income households through its owner-occupied repair program, thirteen (13) new households through rental development, and two (2) low-income households through its homeownership initiative. In addition, MFCDC maintains a portfolio of eighteen (18) affordable rental units. Together, forty-three (43) low-income households directly received services through MFCDC to increase housing stability and quality of life.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Creates a Range of Housing Options
- Creates Attainable and Equitable Housing Options
- Promotes Attainable Homeownership
- Advances Generational Wealth
- Promotes the Success of Minority Homeownership Rates





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2023 GRANTEE



PROJECT

Morgan Co Economic Development Corporation Website Update

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Morgan County Economic Development Corporation has updated their website with the support from the MIBOR ECDC. Morgan County Economic Development Corporation has modernized their website to highlight the assets and quality of life amenities their communities. They have also expanded their target audience of the website to include talent attraction and community development in addition to the industrial sector the website previously facilitated. The website has become a resource for anyone looking at Morgan County, whether to live, work or relocate, and link them to viable resources that will help them with their decision.



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Morgan Co EDC

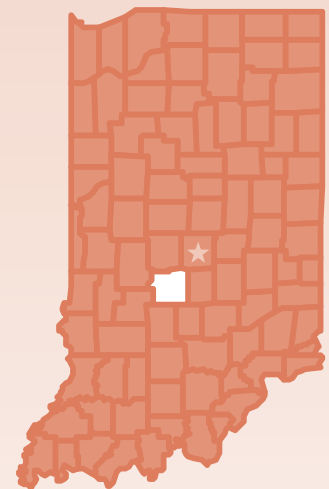


INVESTMENT

\$2,500

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Encourages Approaches that are Community-Driven, Comprehensive and Collaborative
- Increases Talent Attraction Efforts
- Increases Business Retention Efforts
- Encourages Small Business Growth
- Connects Talent
- Encourages Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Increases Tourism Opportunities





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2023 GRANTEE

PROJECT

Morgan County Historic Log Cabin Renovation



GRANTEE

Morgan County History Center & Museum



INVESTMENT

\$2,500

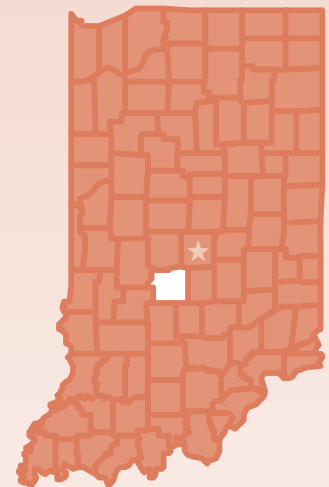
PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Morgan County History Center and Museum partnered with Old Town Waverly Park to relocate an 1800's one room log cabin to the park. Since the cabin was restored in the park and furnished with time period items and utensils, it now serves as an interpretive center for early Morgan County life. Relocating the cabin from its location in western Morgan County required complete disassembly and reconstruction in the park, it also included improvements to assure longer life of the logs. The investment from MIBOR ECDC supported the proper treatment of the logs, the reconstruction of the cabin and for the new electrical in the cabin.



IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Creates Greenspace Improvements
- Creates Active, Vital Destinations
- Promotes Cultural Opportunities
- Encourages Community Engagement
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Increases Tourism Opportunities
- Promotes Unique Visitor Experiences
- Provides Additional Amenities to Attract New Visitors





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PROJECT

Morgan County Veterans Memorial Upgrades



GRANTEE

IN Federation of Republican Women



INVESTMENT

\$1,800

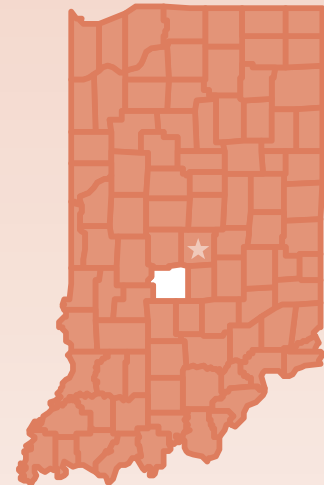
PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Morgan County Veterans Memorial received much-needed lighting upgrades with the support of the MIBOR ECDC. The new lighting resulted in beautifying and creating a safer area for both residents and visitors alike.



IMPACT METRICS:

- Increases Historic Preservation Efforts
- Improves Quality of Life
- Creates Active, Vital Downtown Destinations
- Improves Downtown Amenities
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Increases Tourism Opportunities
- Promotes Unique Visitor Experiences
- Provides Additional Amenities to Attract New Visitors





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2023 GRANTEE

PROJECT

Morristown Park All-Inclusive Playground



GRANTEE

Morristown Community Dev Partnership



INVESTMENT

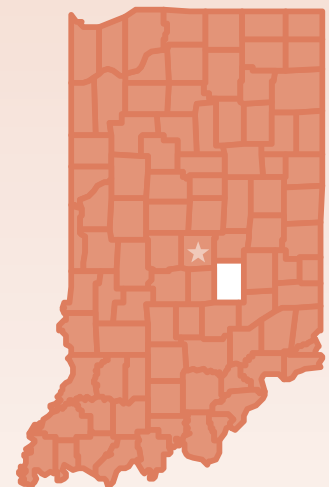
\$1,000

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Morristown Community Development Partnership purchased playground equipment that can be used by children of all abilities with the support from the MIBOR ECDC. This community asset will bring families together, engage the community and improve the quality of life in Morristown.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Creates Active, Vibrant Destinations
- Creates Greenspace Improvements
- Increases Accessibility to Public Amenities
- Enhances Park Department Assets
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Promotes Inclusive Activation and Programming
- Improves Standards of Health and Living
- Promotes Active Living
- Increases Tourism Opportunities
- Promotes Unique Visitor Experiences
- Provides Additional Amenities to Attract New Visitors
- Improves Access to Environmental Benefits





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2023 GRANTEE

PROJECT

Multilingual Family Support Center



GRANTEE

Noblesville Schools Education Foundation



INVESTMENT

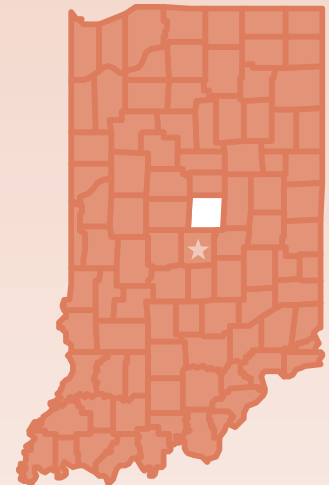
\$2,500

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

With the support of the MIBOR ECDC, the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation was able to supply their new Multilingual Family Support Center. The Multilingual Family Support Center is supplied with school supplies, clothing, personal hygiene products, food and cleaning supplies. The center also offers free medical assistance, translation services and will even help enroll students in Noblesville schools. This new support center has become welcoming place for families that are new and returning to Noblesville schools. Multilingual and English Language Learner students not only need support at school but also at home in order to be successful. The Multilingual Family Support Center aims to do just that.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Increases Community Engagement
- Promotes Equitable Cultural Development
- Promotes Inclusive Activation and Programming
- Provides Education to Multilingual Families
- Supports Discovering Career Pathways for Students
- Improves Standards of Health and Living





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2023 GRANTEE

PROJECT

Music in the Park Free Concert Series Shelbyville



GRANTEE

Shelbyville Parks Dept



INVESTMENT

\$2,500

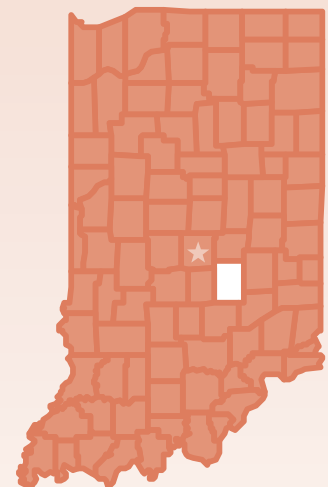
PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Shelbyville Parks Department hosted Music in the Park, a free summer concert series for the community with the support from the MIBOR ECDC. The investment covered the cost of bands and sound engineers for part of the series. The summer concert series was able to bring the community together, enhancing the quality of life in Shelby County.



IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Creates Active, Vital Downtown Destinations
- Promotes Cultural Opportunities
- Fosters Community Participation
- Increases Access to Public Arts
- Increases Parks and Recreation Programming
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Encourages Attractive, Walkable and Vital Downtowns
- Promotes Inclusive Activation and Programming
- Increases Tourism Opportunities
- Promotes Unique Visitor Experiences
- Provides Additional Amenities and Events to Attract New Visitors





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2023 GRANTEE

PROJECT

Music in the Park Summer Concert Series



GRANTEE

Beech Grove Parks Dept



INVESTMENT

\$3,000

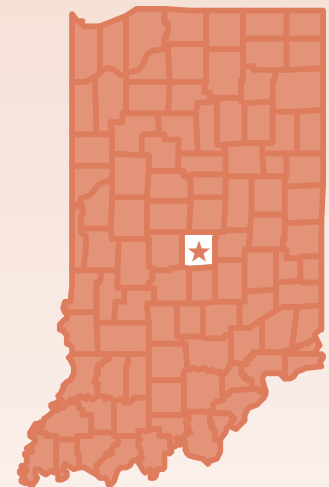
PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The Beech Grove Parks Department hosted a free summer concert series at Sarah T. Bolton Park. This experience provided families the opportunity to see the new amenities at the park including the newly installed trailhead on the multi-park greenway where families walk or bike to come together to enjoy live music at the free summer concert series.



IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Creates Active, Vital Downtown Destinations
- Promotes Cultural Opportunities
- Fosters Community Participation
- Increases Access to Public Arts
- Increases Parks and Recreation Programming
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Encourages Attractive, Walkable and Vital Downtowns
- Promotes Inclusive Activation and Programming
- Increases Tourism Opportunities
- Promotes Unique Visitor Experiences
- Provides Additional Amenities and Events to Attract New Visitors





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2023 GRANTEE

PROJECT

P30 Art Garden



GRANTEE

Land Stewards of Indianapolis, Inc.



INVESTMENT

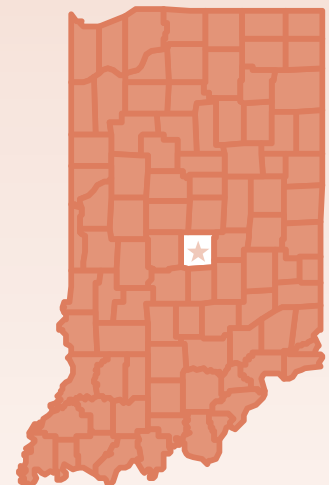
\$2,000

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The goal of the P30 Art Garden is for the Far Eastside of Indianapolis to have a physical space to inspire growth, change, and hope while working to change the city-wide beliefs about the community. The P30 Art Space is located on a 50'x50' plot that includes the design and installation of a meaningful and thoughtfully integrated garden and art space within view of Post Road and in front of the P30 building. LSOI has worked with Land Stewards Design Group, Volumod, P30, and a local artist to design a beautiful and eye-catching space that honors the local arts scene and provides a rest and gathering place for the enjoyment of nature, building relationships, and provides a monument of improvement and empowerment for the far eastside residents. The funds invested by the MIBOR ECDC were specifically used to support a Request for Qualification call to artists (similar to a Request for Proposal) and a community event to select the commissioned artwork.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Creates Active, Vibrant Destinations
- Creates Greenspace Improvements
- Advocates for Expanding Greenspaces and Beautification Efforts
- Increases Community Engagement and Participation
- Promotes Cultural Opportunities
- Increases Access to Public Arts
- Increases Accessibility of Public Amenities
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Encourages Community and Stakeholder Collaboration
- Promotes Inclusive Activation and Programming
- Increases Safety
- Promotes Active Living
- Increases Tourism Opportunities
- Promotes Unique Visitor Experiences
- Improves Access to Environmental Benefits





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2023 GRANTEE

PROJECT

Planting Veggies, Growing Community



GRANTEE

Land Stewards of Indianapolis, Inc.



INVESTMENT

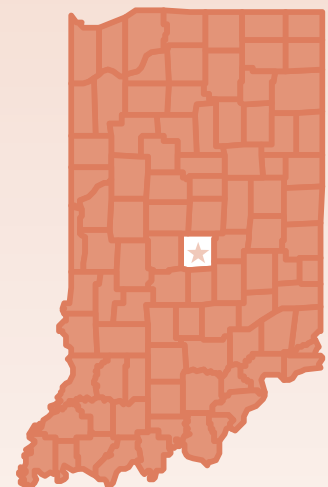
\$3,000

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

With the support from the MIBOR ECDC, Land Stewards of Indianapolis was able to hire the Ross Garden manager for the 2023 season. This person was able to spend 2 days per week engaging neighbors in volunteering in the garden, educating them on gardening and about vegetables and promoting the garden to members of the community so they were able to benefit from the fresh vegetables produced in the midst of the food desert the community resides in. The garden manager was also critical in executing a free event for the community that was held in partnership with a chef from P30 to educate neighbors on cooking with vegetables complete with cooking demonstrations. The vegetables for this event were those grown in the community garden.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Creates Greenspace Improvements
- Advocates for Expanding Greenspaces and Beautification Efforts
- Fosters Community Engagement and Participation
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Encourages Approaches that are Community-Driven, Comprehensive and Collaborative
- Promotes Inclusive Activation and Programming
- Improves Standards of Health and Living
- Promotes Active Living
- Improves Access to Environmental Benefits
- Promotes Cultural Opportunities





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2023 GRANTEE

PROJECT

Pollinator Patio at Ellenberger Park



GRANTEE

Indy Parks and Rec and Friends of Ellenberger Park



INVESTMENT

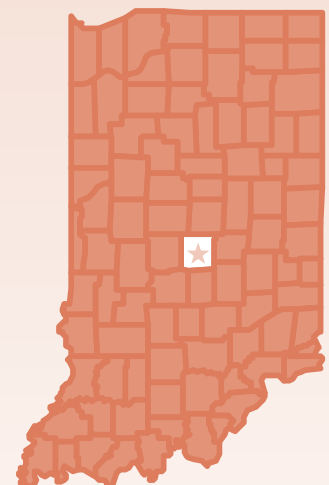
\$500

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

With the support of the MIBOR ECDC, Friends of Ellenberger Park have repurposed a gravel-weed infested abandon area at the main entrance of the Ellenberger Park Community Center into a beautiful, safe, accessible, educational, native pollinating flower area for all park visitors to enjoy. The project has created an inviting safe area for park visitors, increased bee pollination from the Indiana wildflowers that have been planted, as well as educated people on Indiana native flowers with informational placard placed in the raised flower beds.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Creates Active, Vibrant Destinations
- Creates Greenspace Improvements
- Advocates for Expanding Greenspaces and Beautification Efforts
- Promotes Cultural Opportunities
- Increases Community Engagement and Participation
- Increases Accessibility of Public Amenities
- Enhances Park Department Assets
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Promotes Inclusive Activation and Programming
- Increases Safety
- Improves Standards of Health and Living
- Promotes Active Living
- Promotes Unique Visitor Experiences
- Improves Access to Environmental Benefits





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2021 GRANTEE

PROJECT

Porter Park Storybook Trail



GRANTEE

Blue River Community Foundation



MIBOR INVESTMENT

\$7,000

NAR INVESTMENT

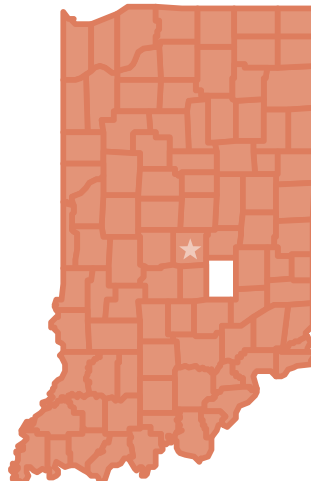
\$4,500

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

A linear park, behind the historic Porter Center in Shelbyville, will be constructed to encourage trail users to utilize the west section of the Shelby County trail system. Despite the current attractions at this location, the historic Porter Center and public art sculpture, the section of the trail immediately to the west is very unattractive and unwelcoming. The large area of deteriorated asphalt will soon become a destination for all trail users alike. With a new gateway, landscaping, raingarden, rest area and a Shelby County history storybook trail the area will be transformed.



With the help of the MIBOR ECDC grant of \$7,000 and the additional \$4,500 from the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) Placemaking Grant, Shelbyville will have the opportunity to enhance and revitalize a space that can be used to foster a healthier, more social and economically viable community.



IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Creates Active, Vital Downtown Destinations
- Creates Greenspace Improvement
- Advocates for Expanding Green Spaces
- and Beautification Efforts
- Encourages Historic Preservation
- Increases Community Engagement and Participation
- Increases Public Arts
- Increases Accessibility of Public Amenities
- Creates Walkable Communities
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities
- with a Strong Sense of Place
- Increases Infrastructure Connectivity to
- Fuel Community and Economic Development
- Increases Connectivity
- Encourages Collaboration Among Citizens,
- Organizations, Agencies and Local Government
- Improves Standards of Health and Living
- Promotes Active Living
- Improves Access to Environmental Benefits
- Promotes Natural Features and Destinations
- Promotes the Preservation and Celebration of Unique
- Natural Features and Environmentally Sensitive Areas



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2023 GRANTEE

PROJECT

Promise Indiana Morgan County



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Promise Indiana Morgan Co



INVESTMENT

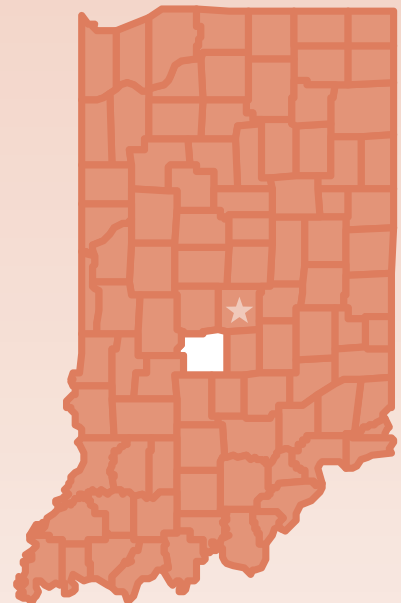
\$2,000

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Promise Indiana Morgan County supports every student to pursue education beyond high school. Promise Indiana Morgan County makes it easy for families to start a CollegeChoice 529 account for future education. The investment made by the MIBOR ECDC supported Promise Indiana by providing matching funds to families registering for 529 plans for their students. Community partners, including MIBOR, deposit the first \$10 to kick-start savings for students in Kindergarten at Eminence, Monrovia, Newby, Neil Armstrong, Northwood, North Madison, Waverly, Brooklyn, Green Township, Centerton, Smith, South, Poston, Paragon, Tabernacle, and MCA.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Increases Community Engagement and Participation
- Supports Higher Education for Students
- Supports Discovering Career Pathways





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2023 GRANTEE

PROJECT

Udell Street Vibrancy Project



GRANTEE

Intend Indiana



INVESTMENT

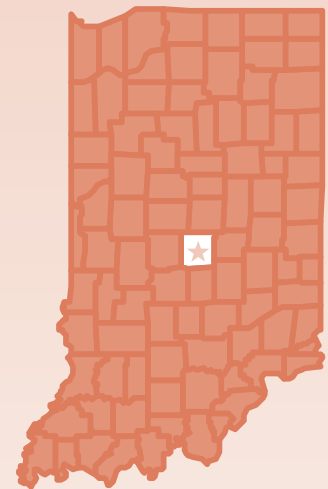
\$2,500

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

With the support from the MIBOR ECDC, Intend Indiana was able to enhance the Riverside neighborhood through tree plantings, park beautification projects and neighborhood engagement activities. The Udell Street Vibrancy Project was done in tandem with creating 2 new homeownership opportunities for low-to-moderate income residents in Riverside. With more partnerships and more affordable homeownership opportunities, the Udell Street Vibrancy Project has had an even larger impact in the Riverside community.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Creates Enhancements to the Streetscape
- Creates Greenspace Improvements
- Increases Access to Public Arts
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place





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2023 GRANTEE

PROJECT

Wes Montgomery Park and Arlington Heights Community Garden



GRANTEE

City of Indianapolis Parks and Rec



INVESTMENT

\$5,000

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

West Montgomery Park has established a new community garden to help beautify and transform an unused corner of the neighborhood park into a positive community space with the support from the MIBOR ECDC. The community garden is a key piece to compliment numerous investments Indy Parks made in Wes Montgomery Park as part of this historic park's 100th anniversary year. The project not only beautified the area, but also increased access to healthy food in the neighborhood, increased safety and created a destination within the neighborhood.

IMPACT METRICS:

- Improves Quality of Life
- Improves Community Livability
- Creates Greenspace Improvements
- Advocates for Expanding Greenspaces and Beautification Efforts
- Fosters Community Engagement and Participation
- Enhances Park Department Assets
- Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Encourages Approaches that are Community-Driven, Comprehensive and Collaborative
- Promotes Inclusive Activation and Programming
- Increases Safety
- Improves Standards of Health and Living
- Promotes Active Living
- Improves Access to Environmental Benefits

