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**United Way of Franklin County Providing COVID-19 Relief Initiative Grant**

**Brookville, IN** – United Way of Franklin County is pleased to announce that it has been approved to receive a $300,000 *COVID-19 Economic Relief Initiative Grant*, made possible through a partnership between Lilly Endowment, Inc. and Indiana United Ways, the state professional association of which United Way of Franklin County is a member. These special funds will be used to boost the efforts of selected area human and social service nonprofits on the frontlines of the Covid-19 pandemic, serving Franklin and Ripley Counties.

“United Way of Franklin County has been a key convener and coordinator of our community’s response to meet human needs for thirty years. Even before this crisis, we knew that 1 in 3 families in Franklin and Ripley Counties were not able to make ends meet - despite working. Without a robust local nonprofit safety net, those needs are bound to become even more dire. Thanks to generous support from the Lilly Endowment, Inc., we are now more strongly positioned to help our community’s nonprofits deal with the immediate impacts of Covid-19,” said Dawn Rosenberger, Board Chair United Way of Franklin County.

The *COVID-19 Economic Relief Initiative Grant* calls for United Ways that receive funding to leverage partnerships and relationships to better meet Covid-related essential and basic needs, which could include safe, emergency childcare, and to address other Covid-19 critical issues as they emerge. Specifically, United Way of Franklin County plans to prioritize funding to human and social service nonprofits in Franklin and Ripley Counties that are engaged in immediate COVID relief efforts or that demonstrate the ability to rapidly pivot to relief efforts and that prioritize services to struggling working households, frontline responders and recently displaced employees. United Way of Franklin County will begin accepting funding requests from human and social service nonprofits in good standing in the two counties served beginning June 15, 2020. Interested organizations should consult United Way of Franklin County’s website for guidance on funding intent and application instructions.

Apply online at [www.uwfcin.org](http://www.uwfcin.org) or for more information contact,

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United Way of Franklin County has been serving the community for the last 30 years by assessing needs, convening partner agencies, organizations and volunteers, and devoting our financial resources and efforts to the most critical needs. For more information contact, Kelly Bulmer, Executive Director at kelly@uwfcin.org or visit the website [www.uwfcin.org](http://www.uwfcin.org)

Lilly Endowment Inc., is a private philanthropic foundation supporting the causes of religion, education and community development focusing its work in Indianapolis and the State of Indiana. For more information, contact Judith Cebula, Communications Director at communications@lei.org.

Indiana United Ways is the state association for United Ways in Indiana that supports thriving United Ways through capacity building, shared services, and partnering. For more information, contact Maureen Noe, President & CEO at Maureen.noe@iuw.org.