

**RESOLUTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE  
ACCELERATE RURAL INDIANA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2023  
RESOLUTION # 2023-04**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING  
DECATUR COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S  
LILLY ENDOWMENT GIFT VIII COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP  
JOINT/REGIONAL PHASE 1 PLANNING GRANT SUBMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Lilly Endowment Inc. (The Endowment) announced its newest round of Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) community foundation initiative, Phase VIII (GIFT VIII) in October 2023 based upon the Endowment's longstanding belief that community foundations are uniquely positioned to play central roles in supporting and strengthening communities throughout Indiana; and

WHEREAS, The Endowment has allocated up to \$210 million for this multi-year initiative, which aims to support Indiana's community foundations in their efforts to: 1) grow their financial resources to promote long-term viability and sustainability; 2) further strengthen their leadership capabilities; and 3) develop and implement strategic programs, projects and initiatives that enhance their communities' quality of life; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the GIFT VIII allocation, totaling up to \$65.5 million, will be allocated to Community Leadership Grants which will enable community foundations to continue to engage stakeholders in their communities and, if desired, seek funding to develop and implement large-scale action plans that address high priority community challenges and opportunities. Community Leadership Grants will be available in a two-phase process: a non-competitive planning phase and a competitive implementation phase.; and

WHEREAS, each eligible community foundation may submit a proposal requesting a Community Leadership Grant Phase I Planning Grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$250,000 (based on the population of the county it serves) to engage in planning activities aimed at envisioning and developing, in collaboration with community stakeholders, plans to enhance its communities' quality of life.

WHEREAS, The Endowment is allowing community foundations to come together to form joint/regional submissions for Community Leadership Grants Phase 1 Planning Grants; and

WHEREAS, the Decatur County Community Foundation (DCCF) and the Blue River Community Foundation (BRCF) (collectively, The ARI Foundations) are eligible to submit a joint/regional submission for \$60,000 of Community Leadership Grants Phase 1 Planning Grants; and

WHEREAS, The ARI Foundations each represent Accelerate Rural Indiana (ARI) regional communities and seek to leverage The Community Leadership Grants to further advance a READI priority in the ARI region; and

WHEREAS, access to, and quality of, childcare was a top quality of life priority of ARI's READI 1.0 regional development plan and remains a top quality of life priority of ARI's READI 2.0 application. And, childcare is also a top quality of life priority for The ARI Foundations; and

WHEREAS, The ARI Foundations find that it is necessary for BRCF to submit a joint/regional request on behalf of The ARI Foundations for \$60,000 of Community Leadership Grants Phase 1 Planning Grants to study childcare in the ARI Region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE ACCELERATE RURAL INDIANA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY THAT:

1. The ARI RDA Development Board finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the ARI Region for BRCF and DCCF to seek \$60,000 of GIFT VIII Community Leadership Joint/Regional Phase 1 Planning Grant funding to conduct a regional childcare study; and
2. The ARI RDA Development Board hereby fully supports BRCF's submission on behalf of The ARI Foundations for a GIFT VIII Community Leadership Joint/Regional Phase 1 Planning Grant; and
3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

  
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Bryan Robbins, Chair

  
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Andy Saner, Vice-Chair

  
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Bruce Everhart, Secretary-Treasurer

  
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David Toll, Board Member

  
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Virgil Bremer, Board Member