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The Tipp City Area Community Foundations is laying the groundwork for a milestone in 2016.

Calculations have been run to determine this year's award budget. The amount available will be \$93,523; more than \$4,000 over last year's record-setting amount.

The significance of this is magnified when tallying all of the grants awarded since the Foundations' inception in 1943. Sometime in 2016, the \$2,000,000 mark will be surpassed, certainly an event to celebrate. Between now and then, many grants will be submitted, researched, considered and voted upon.

That process began on March 9 when the Board met for its quarterly meeting. Of the sixteen grant requests in this cycle, some were renewals of perennial programs while others were new initiatives.

Crowded around the Tipp Library's lower level conference table, Board members set to work reviewing and voting on applications. After lively discussion, final selections were made. Early childhood reading, treetop adventure and a fully revamped high school art curriculum were among the projects supported.

Ultimately nine organizations were chosen to receive 13 awards totaling \$16,899.87.

The following is a list of the recipients, amounts awarded, and the purposes funded.

Bethel Local Schools, \$2,074.85, supports the redesigning of the high school art department, under the accomplished eye of instructor Marie Lindsey. The revamped curriculum will include Art I – III, AP studio art, fashion design and digital communication. This grant was awarded, in part, through the Arts Bethel Fund in the Studebaker Tradition of Giving Back, established in 2014.

Bethel Local Schools, \$750, educates students on the importance of serving ones community through the motivating words of speaker Sara Whitestone. Whitestone's talk will be one element of the high school's Week of Service. This grant was awarded through the Bethel Community Fund, established by the Bowman Family in 2013.

Community Minded Women, \$500, continues the custom begun in 1944 of a Tippecanoe High School Senior Girls' Traditional Tea, saluting the young women graduating in the Class of 2016.

Miami County Educational Service Center, \$450, explores the pumpkin patches of Fulton Farms through the eyes of the students of this early intervention program.

Miami County Park District, \$2,000, supports Rocks, Ropes and Tree Tops, a high adventure initiative. This program re-connects children to the out-of-doors to address mental and physical health growth.

St. John's Early Childhood Program, \$350, provides for a visit from the Dayton Philharmonic String Quartet. "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" will be performed.

Tipp City Area Arts Council, \$2,000, purchases art materials for youth programs and events, such as the writer's workshop and makerspaces at the Tipp City Public Library, which will be used throughout the year.

Tipp City Exempted Village Schools, \$2,000, promotes Stagecrafters Summer Theatre Drama Camp, giving children a two-week experience working both on stage and behind the scenes of a play.

Tipp City Exempted Village Schools, \$1,669.44, replaces three clinic recovery couches in the elementary schools.

Tipp City Exempted Village Schools, \$768.68, supports learning in the middle school intervention classroom through the purchase of Alpha Better desks.

Tipp City Exempted Village Schools, \$570.72, turns the clock back 200 years when 4th grade students attend The Fair at New Boston. This trade fair recreates the 1790 – 1812 time period and is hosted annually by the George Rogers Clark Heritage Association in Springfield.

Tipp Monroe Community Services, \$766.18, elevates the experience of class participants through the purchase of a projector and laptop. When not in use by Community Services instructors, this equipment is available for lending.

Troy-Miami County Public Library, \$3,000, supports the Imagination Library, serving over 400 children under the age of five in the Tipp City and Bethel Township communities this year.

Since 1943, the Tipp City Area Community Foundations has awarded \$1,922,200 in grants, as of December 31, 2015. Members of the Distribution Committee are Jim Ranft, chairman, Heather Bailey, president, Dave Grim, Claire Cain Timmer and Jackie Wahl. Other trustees include Mary Bowman, Jesse Chamberlain, Joan Creech, Mike Lightle, Jim McKee, Marilyn Richards and Pete Schinaman.

The Tipp City Area Community Foundations is a member fund of The Troy Foundation. If you would like information your organization can apply for a grant, please contact Jim Ranft at (937)

667-1270. If you would like information about how to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation, please contact Heather Bailey at (937) 667-4499.

For more information about the Foundations' volunteers, donors and funds, visit the web site at www.tippfoundation.org.

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