



Statewide Capital Projects Initiative

Frequently Asked Questions



What is it?

The Statewide Capital Projects Initiative is a five-year initiative that will infuse capital funds into real estate spaces for Indiana counties served by Indiana United Ways' (IUW) United Way members. The purpose of this initiative is to increase the availability and quality of essential health and human services in all communities. Supported by Lilly Endowment Inc., the Statewide Capital Projects Initiative will distribute \$80 million in the form of matching capital grants for these real estate needs.

Who qualifies for a capital grant?

Nonprofit 501(C)(3) community benefit organizations that can reasonably demonstrate that the primary purpose of the capital project space is to directly deliver essential health and human services (i.e., childcare, early childhood education, mental health care, purpose-built supportive or transitional housing, food assistance, etc.) may qualify for a matching grant. The Initiative does not cover capital costs associated with administrative uses.

Before applying, an organization should review the types of projects considered under this Notice of Funding Opportunity. Each applicant must apply in partnership with the local IUW Member United Way serving the county in which a proposed capital project is to be located.

Examples of organizations that do not qualify for funding include real estate developers, nonprofits established by for-profit entities, economic development corporations, community development corporations, public education foundations, and nonprofit organizations that do not have a primary purpose of directly delivering essential health and human services (i.e., market-rate sports and recreation facilities, museums, cultural centers, etc.).

Projects located in the United Way of Central Indiana service area (Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Marion, Morgan, and Putnam Counties) do not qualify under the IUW Statewide Capital Projects Initiative. These communities are served through United Way of Central Indiana's (UWCI) Capital Projects Fund, which is open to accredited community organizations.

What types of projects may qualify for a matching capital grant?

A wide range of projects designed to increase the availability and quality of essential health and human services will be considered as part of this Initiative. These projects may involve purchase of land, construction, renovation, furniture/fixtures/equipment directly associated with a capital project's direct delivery of essential health and human services to the community, and other capital asset needs. Routine maintenance, preventable repairs, and housing without fully integrated supportive services do not qualify under this Initiative. To better assess whether a project would qualify for this Initiative, please contact your local IUW Member United Way. They will contact the director for the Statewide Capital Projects Initiative at Indiana United Ways, as needed, for additional guidance.

How much can I apply for?

There are two tiers of funding available under this Initiative.

Tier 1 (\$50K-\$200K)

- Projects under this Tier will typically be non-structural, less complex, less time-intensive, and lower risk than those under Tier 2.
- *Example projects:* roof or HVAC replacement, remodeling, or equipment needed to maintain program operations or expand capacity to serve more people, such as a generator or larger commercial freezer for food banks

Tier 2 (\$200,001-\$1.5 million)

- Projects under this Tier will be more complex, time and resource intensive, and higher risk. A formal partnership agreement will be required between the applicant and local IUW Member United Way. There is a two-step preliminary and final approval process for Tier 2 projects.
- *Example projects:* construction of a new childcare center that expands local capacity, renovation of an existing structure to become a one-stop community resource center for nonprofit services to the community

Match Required! All requests for Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding will require a 1:1 match from funds that do not originate from Indiana United Ways. Funds originating from Lilly Endowment Inc. will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. In addition, funds committed as part of the match cannot be simultaneously committed under another funding opportunity. **Note:** Local IUW Member United Ways are not responsible for fundraising nor obligated to commit funds to a capital project venture.

How many projects can I apply for?

There is no specific limit on the number of projects the community can apply for through 2028 in partnership with their local IUW Member United Way. However, the Initiative seeks to ensure that all communities, large and small, have an opportunity to apply for funding. Preference will be given to projects serving areas that have not yet been funded through this Initiative and to projects that have nearly completed their fundraising and are in need of a final infusion of dollars to begin implementation.

How will funding be distributed?

Grant applications must be submitted by invitation from the local IUW member United Way serving the county in which the project is proposed. Projects invited to the application stage by local IUW Member United Ways will be reviewed by IUW's Statewide Capital Projects Initiative committee, which is comprised of volunteers with expertise in real estate and nonprofit management. All final decisions regarding grants will be made by the IUW Board of Directors, and funds will be awarded directly to the nonprofit applicant by IUW, unless otherwise determined during the application review process.

When should I apply?

Between January 8, 2024 and March 31, 2028, applications from those entities that have met the requirements for eligibility and have the endorsement of their local United Way will be accepted on a rolling basis. Final approval, and grant award, are dependent upon fundraising completion and meeting other conditional requirements. It is highly recommended to discuss potential projects and timelines with your local IUW Member United Way as early as possible.