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**Photo Attached: Caption: HCCF Awards Grant to the Town of Cumberland**



The Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) recently awarded the Town of Cumberland a grant from the Hancock County Enrichment Endowment Fund, a component fund of HCCF. Created by HCCF, the Enrichment Fund is a comprehensive, unrestricted fund addresses a broad range of needs--including future needs that often cannot be anticipated. It helps support long-term solutions; respond quickly to emergencies; and meet changing social, cultural, educational, and environmental needs in our local community.

The Town of Cumberland was selected by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) to participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> generation of the Hometown Collaboration Initiative (HCI.) HCI brings experts from the state of Indiana, Purdue University and Ball State University together to coach and guide selected communities in developing new leaders, building a supportive environment for businesses, and/or investing in quality of life initiatives. The rigorous program includes a series of training sessions with the HCI Steering Committee, a community survey, and a community forum. Once those tasks are completed, the Steering Committee will select a project from one of the core areas to implement. The community forum will be held November 6 at 5:30 pm. The forum is designed to engage community members and find out what they'd like to see in the town. This grant will pay for food and drinks for this event.

HCCF provides philanthropic leadership by encouraging giving, learning, community pride and civic engagement. Working with caring individuals, families, and organizations to create or grow existing permanent endowment funds is critical to the organization's mission. These funds generate income that is distributed in the form of grants and scholarships to enrich and enhance life in Hancock County, as well as support the donor's favorite charitable causes, both at home and afar forever. HCCF has granted over \$13 million since its inception in 1992.

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