

## Caesars Foundation of Floyd County spreads \$369K to 32 groups

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— Social services and low-cost home construction led a roster of 32 grant winners in the Caesars Foundation of Floyd County's fall disbursement.

Eleven groups tied for the largest grant of \$20,000. Six of those won grants last fall, too.

The foundation awarded \$369,847 in all, more than \$20,000 above the grant pool from the spring. Twice a year, the foundation awards grant money culled from Caesars Indiana casino revenue — between 2 and 10 percent of it, based on a formula.

Sixteen groups applied for grants but were not chosen.

Winners got their checks Tuesday afternoon at the Culbertson Mansion on Main Street. Foundation Executive Director Jerry Finn said the maximum grant amount remains \$25,000, but so many groups applied for that amount that the foundation decided to spread the money around more.

Those groups getting \$20,000 include the Center for Women and Families, the Floyd County Token Club, Personal Counseling Service, the Floyd Circuit Court Juvenile Probation office, the Floyd County Youth Services Bureau and the Floyd County Department of Child Services. Most of those will use the money for therapy or psychiatric services, records show.

Other maximum prizes go to New Albany-Floyd County Habitat for Humanity and New Directions Housing Corp.

"We always have more requests for those organizations who fund human services and community development," said Finn, naming two of the five qualifying fields.

The other three are health, education and arts and culture.

Smaller grants are earmarked for: student exchange between Garenne-Colombes, France; repairing the Floyd County Historical Society's Padgett Museum; buying a stove and freezer for Hour of Power Evangelistic Mission's meals-for-the-needy program; and replacing worn carpet in a Georgetown day-care center.

The foundation has given Floyd County nonprofits \$12,750,000 over seven years, a media statement said.

### Grant recipients

Hoosier Hills AIDS Coalition: \$1,100

Pine View Elementary: \$2,500

Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana: \$2,500

Blue River Services Inc.: \$2,500

Clarksville Sister Cities Association: \$3,500

Paddlewheel Producers Inc.: \$4,000

Stage One: The Louisville Children's Theatre: \$4,075

The Mary Anderson Center: \$4,200

Floyd County WIC Program: \$4,242

Boy Scout Troop 4167: \$4,780

Galena Elementary and PTO: \$4,920

Hour of Power Evangelistic Mission: \$5,000

YMCA of Southern Indiana: \$5,000

Georgetown Township Fire Protection District: \$6,150

Floyd County Historical Society Inc.: \$6,930

Knights of Columbus Council 1221: \$12,000

Brandon's House Counseling Center: \$12,400

Rauch Inc.: \$15,000

Hispanic Connection of Southern Indiana: \$15,000  
Highlander Youth Recreation League: \$17,000  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana: \$17,050  
Junior Achievement of Kentuckiana: \$20,000  
Ogle Center, IU Southeast: \$20,000  
The Center for Women and Families Inc.: \$20,000  
Floyd County Token Club: \$20,000  
New Albany-Floyd County Habitat for Humanity: \$20,000  
Personal Counseling Service Inc.: \$20,000  
Floyd Circuit Court Juvenile Probation Office: \$20,000  
Floyd County Youth Services Bureau: \$20,000  
FC Department of Child Services: \$20,000  
Floyd Memorial Hospital and Health Services: \$20,000  
New Directions Housing Corp.: \$20,000

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