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### **HCCF issues Ignite grant for downtown Greenfield mural**

**GREENFIELD, Ind. (September 20, 2022)** – The Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) recently made a \$25,000 Ignite grant to Greenfield Main Street for a community mural.

The Greenfield Main Street community mural process will allow the entire community to have a hand in creating a piece of artwork. The community will be included in the design selection, as well as the completion of the mural, via a paint by numbers process. Ford's Flooring is allowing use of the side of its building at 209 W. Main St. in Greenfield. Bradley United Methodist Church will allow the use of their parking lot space through the duration of the project. The Greenfield Sherwin-Williams store has agreed to provide paint at wholesale cost, and the Greenfield Parks Department has offered to pressure wash the wall prior to the beginning of the mural.

A local artist and Greenfield-Central High School art teacher, Lisa Sears, will provide multiple design options, and community members will vote on their favorite design via a social media poll. Once a design is chosen, Sears will draw the selected design on the side of the building. The drawing and painting process is scheduled to take place during the Greenfield-Central schools' spring break, March 13-24, 2023. During the second week of the process, individuals and families will have the opportunity to sign up for 30-minute time slots to paint the mural. To complete the mural, Sears will finish by filling in the high spots via scissor lift, cleaning up the edges, and adding details. The goal is for the project to be complete by March 21, 2023.

The Ignite grants program engages Hancock County's municipalities and civic organizations in a placemaking grant process. Grants support community-driven projects and quick-win transformations that foster connection to place, enhance community vibrancy, advance physical and social outcomes, and promote a creative identity.

*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 millions of dollars since its inception in 1992.*

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