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PRESS CONTACT: Mary Gible, President and CEO

HCCF will assist Hancock Co. Commissioners in ARPA administration

\$3 million has been designated for nonprofits

GREENFIELD, Ind. (December 1, 2021) – The Hancock County Commissioners formally engaged the Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) for the administration of \$3 million of Hancock County's approximately \$15 million American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for the benefit of Hancock County nonprofits.

HCCF's role will include overseeing and administering the application, assisting in the review and decision process, and following up on grantee reporting and documentation. The county will approve grant decisions, handle all grant disbursements, and report back to the US Treasury.

"We are proud to bring our nonprofit grantmaking expertise to the table in this once-in-a-lifetime funding opportunity," says President/CEO Mary Gible. "We are dedicated to ensuring a smooth, equitable application and decision-making process. We are eager to see these dollars have a transformative and lasting impact in our community."

The application process will begin with a letter of intent that will be available on HCCF's website starting Dec. 1. The letter of intent will close on March 1, 2022, at noon. Invitations to submit full proposals will be issued in the Spring of 2022.

Grants from the **2022 American Rescue Plan Act Hancock County Nonprofit Grant Cycle** will support any of the following needs and activities:

1. Current programming and capital improvement needs to serve clients and vulnerable populations.
2. New programming or capital ideas to address a community need.

Proposals varying in scale will be accepted; there is no minimum or maximum grant request amount. More than one letter of intent (LOI) per organization may be submitted.

Eligible applicants must serve Hancock County and be public, tax-exempt organizations by Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code and organizations exempt from filing for a 501(c)3 status (units of government, schools, and religious organizations). Priority may be given to organizations headquartered in Hancock County, Indiana.

HCCF and county officials will host a grant workshop on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022, from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Greenfield branch of the Hancock Co. Public Library. Details regarding scope and eligibility will be addressed, as well as instructions for utilizing the online grant portal.

Please contact Katie Ottinger with questions at kottinger@giveHCgrowHC.org or 317-462-8870.

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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