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Cedar Lake Nonprofit Receives Funding for COVID-19 Response

Cedar Lake Historical Association among recipients of Capacity Building Grants

CEDAR LAKE, Indiana – As they strive to continue programming and operations during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cedar Lake Historical Association (CLHA) received assistance from local community foundations. CLHA was awarded a Capacity Building Grant for \$2,085 from the second phase of the Lake County COVID-19 Response Fund, made possible by the Legacy Foundation & Crown Point Community Foundation.

CLHA is a nonprofit corporation responsible for operating a local history museum within the 100-year old former Lassen’s Resort hotel located at 7408 Constitution Avenue in Cedar Lake. The grant will fund the costs for hosting virtual events and meetings, upgrading to virtual platforms and software, and the purchase of technological supplies and equipment needed to implement an emergency preparedness plan.

“Like so many nonprofit businesses this year, CLHA has implemented new methods of conducting the administrative tasks of its board of governors. This grant will fund a cohesive plan for virtual board and committee meetings,” says Julie Zasada, executive director of the Cedar Lake Historical Association. “An additional benefit is that we can explore the possibility of providing virtual programs for the community, such as the History Road Show lecture series.”

CLHA relies on a dedicated group of volunteers to guide its executive operations and facilitate its programs. When COVID-19 state restrictions were implemented, board meetings became conference calls and community presentations were postponed indefinitely. With assistance from the community foundations, new avenues of program delivery can be explored.

“This grant will allow our organization to invest in completely virtual options, such as using the Zoom platform, or combination in-person and virtual meetings via videoconferencing camera and microphone,” explained Zasada. “Sometimes it’s the little things that can cause the most stress during a crisis like the COVID-19 pandemic. We look forward to discovering ways to utilize the technology to benefit our members, and perhaps virtual field trips for school children too.”

CLHA is seeking volunteers interested in helping with the implementation of the emergency preparedness plan and development of virtual programs. For more information, please contact Julie Zasada at **219-390-9423** or **info@cedarlakehistory.org**