

	LiGHT Grant Application 2026	
	Grant Program Facilitated by The Wells County Foundation, Inc.	



Background of the LiGHT Program

Great things can happen for Wells County through LiGHT (Ladies Initiating Giving-an Honored Tradition), the women's giving program operating under the auspices of The Wells County Foundation, Inc. LiGHT draws upon the wisdom and resources of Wells County women to create a better society. The purpose of LiGHT is simply to improve the quality of life for women and children in Wells County by collectively funding grants to charitable projects with the same purpose.

Grant Guidelines

LiGHT Grants should offer opportunities for encouragement, education, or enlightenment for women and/or children in Wells County. Applications may be submitted by nonprofit organizations or individuals endorsed by an eligible nonprofit. The number of individuals affected by the grant award should be considered. LiGHT will be accepting grant applications ranging from \$100 to \$3,000. Apply using this form.

Grant Availability

Grant applications may be downloaded at www.wellscountyfound.org and are also available at the Foundation office. Submission deadline is September 4, 2026. All grant applications will be reviewed by the LiGHT Steering Committee. All grant applications meeting the guidelines will be presented to the membership for consideration and voting at the fall meeting. In the event there is a large volume of requests, the Steering Committee may narrow the requests into finalists for the membership to vote upon in the fall.

Excluded from Grant Funding:

- Awards to make up operating deficits, post-event or after-the-fact situations;
- Awards to support special fundraising events, including endowment campaigns; and
- Awards to for-profit businesses, and/or projects for personal financial gain.

Requests for support of projects presented by religious or faith-based groups may be considered if a general, broad-based community need is being met and the project does not promote the teachings or doctrine of a particular church or religious organization. No grants will be made to any political organization or to support attempts to influence the legislation of any governing body other than through making available to the community at large the results of non-partisan analysis, study and/or research.

Grant recipients will be notified after the LiGHT Fall meeting, October 12, 2026.

Please contact the Wells County Foundation, at 260-824-8620 or email wellscountyfound@wellscountyfound.org if you have any questions.

Submit your grant application on or before September 4, 2026 to:

**The Wells County Foundation, Inc.
222 West Market Street
Bluffton, IN 46714**



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2026 LiGHT Grant Cover Form and Guidelines



Name of individual, group or organization: _____

Contact name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email Address: _____

Name of the program as it would appear on the grant award: _____

Describe who the grant award will serve and approximate number affected: _____

Dollar amount requested: _____

Would the program be offered if only a *partial* grant from LiGHT is made? _____

Summary paragraph of the grant award requested: _____

➤ May be utilized for part of the presentation.

Complete all requested items below:

- 1) This Cover Form
- 2) Project Narrative, 1-5 pages typed, including:
 - What need in the Community will this program address? Give evidence to substantiate your request. (i.e., data, letters of recommendation, etc.)
 - What do you want to do?
 - What is your timeline?
 - What results do you expect?
 - If partnering with other organizations, please list.
 - Describe the program and tell how the funds from the grant will be used based on your budget
 - Signature page: To include endorsement of the project or program by the requesting agency's Board of Directors. This page must include a signature of the Board president.
- 3) Detailed budget