



Music for All awarded over \$400,000 in Lilly Endowment Grant

The grant will increase access to music programming for Indianapolis students over the next 3 years

INDIANAPOLIS – Music for All will be expanding its music education programming in Marion County thanks to a generous grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.

The expanding programming is being funded through Lilly Endowment’s initiative, Strengthening Youth Programs in Indiana. The aim of the competitive initiative is to help youth-serving organizations working throughout Indiana improve their abilities to promote the academic, physical, and social well-being of young people, ages five through 18.

Music for All plans to use the \$410,000 over the next three years to expand music education and access to music education in Marion County – specifically in the Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) system.

The grant will help give IPS students greater access to Music for All’s programming throughout the year, including a summer band camp, the Summer Symposium.

Through the grant, Music for All will also work to expand its Indianapolis Public Schools Music and Leadership Access Initiatives including the Indianapolis School Music Festival, IPS Student and Director participation in the Summer Symposium, growth of IPS leadership workshop and Bands of America IPS Showcase performance during the Bands of America Grand National Championships, and classroom visits by Music for All’s sponsored clinicians throughout the school year.

“This grant will give Music for All the ability to continue our mission, to create, provide, and expand positively life-changing experiences through music,” said Jeremy Earnhart, President and CEO of Music for All. “We are so grateful for our continued relationship with Lilly Endowment Inc. and this opportunity to bring more music programming to Indianapolis students.”

Music for All is one of 187 organizations receiving grants through Strengthening Youth Programs in Indiana.

“Indiana’s youth-serving organizations are crucial to the healthy development of children and youth across the state,” said Ted Maple, Lilly Endowment’s vice president for education. “The challenges these organizations have faced in meeting the needs of young people in recent years have made their work increasingly difficult. Lilly Endowment is pleased to support their efforts to strengthen programs and serve more youth more effectively.”

Lilly Endowment launched Strengthening Youth Programs in Indiana Initiative in 2022 with an invitational round of grants to nine national youth-serving organizations to help them expand and enhance the work of their Indiana affiliates or chapters.

About Music for All

Music for All’s mission is to create, provide, and expand life-changing experiences through music. Our vision is to be a catalyst to ensure that every child in America has access and opportunity for active music-making in their

scholastic environment. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational organization, Music for All's events and programs serve more than 600,000 attendees annually — more than 1.7 million program participants since 1975. Programs include the Bands of America Championships for marching bands, a summer music camp for students and teachers, festivals for concert bands and orchestras, national honor ensembles for students, and educational webinars, podcasts, and online resources for teachers.

Music for All's efforts are supported by national presenting sponsor Yamaha Corporation of America and its family of sponsors, strategic partners, and grantors. Find and follow Music for All online at musicforall.org, Facebook at /musicforallnetwork and /bandsofamerica, Instagram at /officialmusicforall, and TikTok /officialmusicforall.

About Lilly Endowment Inc.

Lilly Endowment Inc. is a private foundation created in 1937 by J.K. Lilly Sr. and his sons Eli and J.K. Jr. through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly and Company. While those gifts remain the financial bedrock of the Endowment, it is a separate entity from the company, with a distinct governing board, staff and location. Although the Endowment funds programs throughout the United States, especially in the field of religion, it maintains a special commitment to its hometown, Indianapolis, and home state, Indiana.

Sponsor Information

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