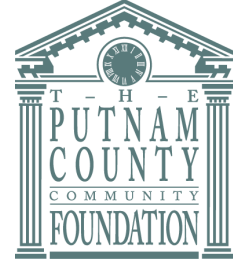


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Headline: Putnam County Community Foundation: A Partner with First Responders

The Putnam County Community Foundation has long been a friend and supporter of our county's first responders and emergency personnel. Every emergency response agency in Putnam County has benefitted in some fashion from the partnership with the Community Foundation.

In the past 5 years alone, the Community Foundation has made over \$75,000 in grants for first responders. These grants have come through our two major grant programs: Community Grant and Endowment Builder Grants. Another way in which the Community Foundation supports our emergency response agencies is by coming alongside organizations applying for funding from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

The Community Grants program is the most common support for first responder organizations applying for funding for a specific purpose. Since 2012, these grants have funded automated external defibrillator units (AED's), replaced outdated self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), provided software to quickly notify volunteer fire fighters of emergencies and helped outfit a new fire station kitchen.

A second grant program which can benefit emergency response units is the Endowment Builder program. This program can help an organization grow sustainable endowment funds with a match of fifty cents for every new dollar that is donated to their endowment.

A third way that the Community Foundation partners with emergency response agencies has shown to be a decisive factor in obtaining grant funds from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (IOCRA). Since 2012, partnerships with the Community Foundation have brought over \$900,000 to three emergency response agencies in Putnam County; Walnut Creek Fire Protection District, Fillmore Community Volunteer Fire Department and the Greencastle Fire Department.

The Community Foundation is a proud partner of first responders and looks forward to remaining so as they strive to enrich the quality of life and strengthen community in Putnam County forever. More information about the Community Foundation may be found on the web at www.pcfoundation.org.