



COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PLAN

Where We Are:	What We Do:	What We Want To Achieve
<p>Since 2015, the Leslie County Community Foundation (LCCF) has worked to secure Leslie County's future, while meeting the community's immediate needs through awarding grants and building connections. An endowed fund will anchor the community foundation's support of projects, so the LCCF will focus on building a long-term fund. To create a better life for every Leslie County citizen, the foundation focuses on five pillars – economy, education, arts and heritage, health and well-being, and youth.</p> <p>Recognizing that issues like youth homelessness, food insecurity, and lack of transportation require collaboration, the LCCF seeks to create partnerships in service to the community and to play a role in growing charities. The LCCF has contributed more than \$300,000 to nonprofits in Leslie County.</p> <p>The LCCF board members identified pressing areas to address: small business development, retention, and growth; downtown revitalization; and substance abuse recovery.</p> <p>Over the next three years, the Leslie County Community Foundation will focus on growing the economy, addressing youth homelessness, supporting substance abuse recovery, and growing resources from within and outside the community.</p>	<p>The Leslie County Community Foundation helps the community today while saving for tomorrow.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pillars to Support Quality of Life</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Economic Stability and Growth Educational Strength Commitment to Arts and Heritage Health and Well-Being of Citizens Youth Retention/Engagement <i>~ based on values that honor and strengthen the community and celebrate local resourcefulness ~</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Overarching Strategies:</div> <div style="width: 80%;"> <p>1. Economic Growth Collaborate with Chamber on workshops for business owners and to grow Chamber membership; support downtown revitalization</p> <p>2. Youth Support Through PLACE, support youth planning and fundraising for projects to develop life skills and address substance abuse & mental health.</p> <p>3. Substance Abuse Recovery Build relationships with community partners to understand needs.</p> <p>4. Arts and Heritage Continue support of Kentucky School of Bluegrass; refurbish community building that will include arts spaces.</p> <p>5. Grow Resources/Endowment Seek regional and national grants; create a Club 404 Endowment Campaign; hold fundraising events.</p> </div> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Indications of Success:</div> </div>	<p>Leslie County citizens will enjoy a high quality of life and will grow local resources.</p> <p>Over the next three years...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small business owners will report increased foot traffic and revenue. • Youth in PLACE will increase their fund balance to \$10,000. • Board will understand how to support addressing substance abuse issues and be ready to plan how to do so. • LCCF will donate an average of \$7,500 per semester in scholarships to the Kentucky School of Bluegrass. • Leslie County will have a community space, including an arts space, and the LCCF will generate revenue from some uses of the space. • LCCF will receive at least two regional or national grants per year. • The endowment will grow by \$640,000 (in four years). • Fundraising events will raise \$12,000 per year.