



# INDIANA HOMELAND SECURITY FOUNDATION FY21 ANNUAL REPORT

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## INDIANA HOMELAND SECURITY FOUNDATION

The Indiana Homeland Security Foundation (Foundation), through the sale of the First Responders License Plate, supports public safety projects such as acquiring equipment for emergency responders, equipping them with personal protective equipment, and funding training for them by awarding grants to assist Hoosier public safety and first responder agencies and organizations.

### FOUNDATION MISSION

To benefit the future of public safety in the state of Indiana through the promotion of adequate response capabilities, **responder safety**, **volunteerism**, **outreach** and **teamwork**, and provide for enhancement of Indiana's public safety intellectual capital.

### STRATEGIC FUTURE OF THE FOUNDATION

- Align the mission of the Foundation funds with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) Strategy, while maintaining the importance of local communities receiving the funds for their most important needs.
- Building up the state's volunteer force by encouraging Indiana's youth and adults to volunteer for public safety organizations and rewarding those efforts.

### FIRST RESPONDERS LICENSE PLATE - HISTORY AND NAME CHANGE

- In 1999, during the legislative session, the Secure Indiana License Plate was created and the plate went on sale January 2000. The revenue from the plate sales goes directly to the Indiana Homeland Security Foundation to fund public safety grants and scholarships.
- In 2018, the Foundation Board worked with Vincennes University graphic design students to update the look of the Secure Indiana License Plate. This new design represents and advocates for first responders and their needs. The sale of the new plate started January 2019.
- In 2020, the "Secure Indiana" license plate underwent a name change to "First Responders" effective March 30<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the new design's representation and advocacy for first responders.



2000-2018



2019

## FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP

The foundation consists of nine (9) voting members and four (4) nonvoting advisory members.

- A. The voting members consist of nine (9) individuals appointed by the governor. Each Indiana congressional district must be represented by at least one (1) member who is a resident of that congressional district. Not more than five (5) of the members appointed under this subdivision may represent the same political party.
- B. The four (4) nonvoting advisory members are as follows:
  1. Two (2) members, one (1) from each political party, appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate with advice from the minority leader of the senate.
  2. Two (2) members, one (1) from each political party, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives with advice from the minority leader of the house of representatives.

## FOUNDATION BUDGET

For FY21, the available Foundation budget was \$152,235.37. This includes both the Foundation Grant and Scholarship Program grants.

## FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Indiana relies on a robust and passionate first responder volunteer force in collaboration with government and private entities to provide for a secure Indiana. Therefore, in addition to awarding grants for public safety and first responders, the Foundation awards scholarships to provide higher education financial assistance and to promote careers and volunteerism with these organizations.

This is a competitive scholarship program for which eligible recipients:

1. Maintain a minimum GPA; and
2. Receive a recommendation from the public safety organization for which he or she volunteered.

Full-time students are eligible for \$2,000 while part-time students are eligible for \$1,000. These funds are also made possible by the sale of the First Responders License Plate and may only be used for eligible student educational expenses within the period of performance.

## FY21 FOUNDATION GRANT

### FOUNDATION GRANT ELIGIBILITY

This is a competitive grant for which eligible applicants are any public safety entities such as fire departments, law enforcement agencies, emergency management agencies or emergency medical services agencies or associations.

To ensure more local communities receive the benefit of this program, the award is capped at \$4,000 to be used within the period of performance.

### COMPETITIVE APPLICATION PROCESS

The FY21 Foundation Grant application is housed in IDHS's newest grant management system, IntelliGrants. While the FY21 Foundation Scholarship application is housed in the Indiana Grant Management System (iGMS).

Using a competitive process ensures:

1. Public safety organizations go through a similar process that the state must go through to obtain homeland security dollars; and
2. Provision of financial resources that will empower first responders.

### FUNDING PRIORITIES

The Foundation has outlined 3 funding priorities:

#### Priority 1 – Life Safety

- Items that would provide immediate lifesaving measures. Some items could also fall into another priority area below; however, this priority area focuses on items that do not exist in the department.

#### Priority 2 – Standard Operational Items

- Items used on a daily basis but do not fall into an immediate life safety category. These are items that a department may already have but may be broken or out-of-service.

#### Priority 2 – Supplementing Current Capabilities

- Item or piece of equipment that would increase the ability of a public safety entity to do a job they currently do.

## FOUNDATION GRANT APPROVALS

The grant approvals were based on the Foundation’s budget and a number of other variables including the completeness and quality of the request, the size, type and financial resources of the requesting agency, and the agency’s access to other grant funding programs.

Due to the budget constraint, it was unanimously approved to award thirty-six (36) applications for public safety.

## FY21 FOUNDATION GRANT AWARDS

County	Entity	Amount
Johnson	Bargersville Community Fire Protection District	\$3,905.07
Benton	Benton County EMA	\$3,853.00
Warrick	Boonville Fire Department	\$4,000.00
Marshall	Bourbon Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	\$2,852.76
Grant	Center Township Volunteer Fire	\$4,000.00
Fayette	City of Connersville	\$4,000.00
Johnson	City of Franklin (Franklin Fire Department)	\$3,966.44
Lake	City of Hobart	\$4,000.00
Marion	City of Lawrence	\$3,325.00
Decatur	Decatur County Sheriff Office	\$3,913.00
Marion	Decatur Township Fire Department	\$4,000.00
Dubois	Dubois County EMA	\$3,512.01
Bartholomew	German Township Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	\$4,000.00
Marion	Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County	\$3,537.00
Bartholomew	Hope Volunteer Fire Department	\$3,750.00
Huntington	Huntington County EMA	\$3,450.00
Jennings	Jennings County EMA	\$3,947.88
Starke	Knox-Center Township Fire Department	\$2,832.28
Porter	Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	\$3,893.82
Vanderburgh	McCutchanville Fire Department	\$4,000.00
Morgan	Morgan County EMA	\$869.68
LaPorte	Noble Township Volunteer Fire Department Inc.	\$4,000.00
Porter	Porter County Search and Rescue	\$3,926.35
Scott	Scott County EMA	\$3,424.00
Lawrence	Shawswick Volunteer Fire Fighters Association Inc.	\$4,000.00
Shelby	Shelbyville Fire Department	\$3,900.00
Kosciusko	Silver Lake Volunteer Fire Department	\$3,335.96
St. Joseph	St. Joseph County EMA	\$3,882.00

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Vigo	Terre Haute Police Department	\$3,999.20
Tippecanoe	Tippecanoe County EMA	\$3,750.00
Lake	Town of Highland Fire Department	\$4,000.00
Madison	Union Township Fire Dept	\$3,990.00
Hancock	Vernon Township	\$3,998.65
Knox	Vincennes Township Fire Department	\$4,000.00
Washington	Washington County Emergency Management	\$3,398.00
Tippecanoe	West Lafayette Fire Department	\$4,000.00