

Dear A/E/C Community Leader,

I hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of the Indiana Association of Public Education Foundations (INAPEF) and Fanning Howey Architects and Engineers, we are writing to seek your support for a critical initiative to address food insecurity in our state and support K-12 public schools.

Despite its many strengths, Indiana faces a significant food insecurity challenge in every county. According to the Indy Hunger Network, 1 in 9 (10.8%) Hoosiers and 1 in 7 (14.4%) children of Indiana's population struggle with food insecurity. According to the Hoosier Hills Food Bank, more than 300,000 children in the state of Indiana do not know where their next meal is coming from.

INAPEF is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing public education in Indiana. Their mission is to empower and support local education foundations across the state. These foundations play a pivotal role in ensuring that students in K-12 public schools have access to the resources and opportunities they need to succeed academically and beyond.

We believe addressing food insecurity is fundamental to students' ability to learn and thrive in the classroom. To this end, INAPEF and Fanning Howey have launched a food bank grant initiative to support K-12 public schools throughout Indiana directly. This grant will enable schools to establish or bolster food banks on their campuses, ensuring that no student comes to school or goes to bed hungry and that families in need receive the vital assistance they require.

However, they rely on the generosity of individuals and organizations like yours to achieve their mission. Therefore, as friends and partners to K-12 schools across the state, we are asking your support through a donation to help fund this critical initiative. Your contribution will directly impact students and families in Indiana, making a significant difference in their lives. Included with this letter is information regarding the food grant initiative and sponsorship levels for your consideration.

By partnering with INAPEF, you will be supporting food security efforts in our state and investing in the future of Indiana's youth. Your sponsorship will be used efficiently and effectively to combat food insecurity, and foster a healthier, more equitable educational environment for our students.

We kindly request you to consider contributing to the INAPEF and Fanning Howey food bank grant initiative. Your generosity will make a meaningful impact on the mission to provide every child in Indiana with the opportunity for a brighter future.

To learn more about INAPEF, please visit their website at www.inapef.org. You can also contact me at dbane@fhai.com or 317.498.3957 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Together, we can make a profound difference in the lives of Indiana's students and families.

Sincerely,

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ABOUT THE GRANT

We look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with the architecture, engineering, and construction industry for a one-of-a-kind grant opportunity to combat food insecurity for children and families in Indiana's public schools. Gifted funds will be received by INAPEF, and will be redistributed to selected members through a granting process, with the intended purpose of supporting member's district food pantry and food insecurity needs. These needs may range from facility construction, supplies, refurbishment, and stocking goods and more.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Platinum \$5,000

- Logo at top of grant webpage and all grant related member communications
- Logo on INAPEF homepage slide for a year (we can keep this updated with pictures, status updates, etc.)
- Named presenting partner in press release
- Commercial in 2024 with recipient testimonials/images/video
- Social Media Shoutout
- Optional Table at Annual Conference in 2024
- Recognition & Update at Annual Conference in 2024 (post-award distribution)
- Opportunity to address the INAPEF Board in 2024

Gold \$2,500

- Logo on INAPEF homepage slide for a year (we can keep this updated with pictures, status updates, etc.)
- Logo at bottom of grant webpage and all grant related member communications
- Logo included on conference slide and/or commercial
- Social Media Shout out
- Invitation to launch event

Silver \$1,000

- Logo at bottom of grant webpage and all grant related member communications
- Invitation to launch event
- Logo included on conference slide and/or commercial

Bronze \$500

- Company name at bottom of grant webpage and all grant related member communications
- Invitation to launch event
- Name included on conference slide and/or commercial

We authorize INAPEF to include our business name and/or logo on all materials consistent with the sponsorship level designated above.

SPONSORSHIP AUTHORIZED BY _____

SPONSOR CONTACT _____

COMPANY _____

(as you would like to be listed in printed materials)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Please send this letter of intent and payment to:

Krista Kindler Baber, Association Administrator
Indiana Association of Public Education Foundations
PO Box 862, Brownsburg IN 46112
Krista@inapef.org

The deadline for sponsorship commitments is
February 28, 2024 to be included in all promotions.

INAPEF BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Public education foundations (EFs) have been making an impact on Indiana's public school children since 1955. Our earliest data from 2006 shows that back then, these groups were collectively raising \$4.5 million annually to give back to the school districts they serve. Our 2021 data shows that number has grown to a collective \$16 million raised annually. We've seen an increase in the number of EFs from 30 in 2000 to 131 in 2021 (68 of which are INAPEF members). Existing EFs have traditionally funded much needed classroom/teacher grants and some student scholarships, which continues today. However, as the needs of public education have changed, Education Foundations are now more involved in funding systemic, district-wide initiatives.

INAPEF is an integrated association that helps K-12 EFs across the state of Indiana support their local communities. We are an essential network and resource that helps create new EFs and works with existing EFs to develop a sustainable framework that is positively impacting K-12 public education across the state.

INDIANA SCHOOLS & EDUCATION FOUNDATIONS

- Indiana has 297 public school districts with 1.03M enrolled students
- INAPEF members serve 509,227 Hoosier students
- INAPEF's membership serves school districts of all sizes (<3,000 to 12,000+ students)
- INAPEF's members raise approximately \$16M annually to support educational outcomes for students
- Food Insecurity is an Educational Problem

Children facing food insecurity often do worse in school. Food insecurity negatively affects their ability to concentrate and achieve academically.¹

Children facing food insecurity often struggle with social and behavioral problems. Without proper nutrition, they have less energy for complex social interactions, cannot effectively adapt to environmental stress and often feel physically unwell.¹

INDIANA HUNGER STATISTICS

1 in 9 10.8%

Hoosiers are food insecure

26.1%

is the highest child food insecurity rate found in Fayette County

25%

of Marion County residents are food insecure.

1 in 7 14.4%

children are food insecure

204,290+

children in the state of Indiana do not know where their next meal is coming from.³

32%

Indiana's food insecure have income above 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level and are being served only by charitable hunger relief efforts as they are ineligible for federal nutrition programs.²

SOURCES

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2. Feeding Indiana's Hungry (n.d.). Hunger Study Finds Food Insecurity Levels Remain Historically High. www.FeedingIndiana'sHungry.org. <https://feedingindianahungry.org/hunger-study-finds-food-insecurity-levels-remain-historically-high/>
3. Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap Study <https://map.feedingamerica.org/county/2021/child/indiana>