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**Tippecanoe County Historical Association Awarded Grant from the
Olson Community Endowment Fund to Purchase New Marquee Tents
for the Feast of the Hunters' Moon**



Lafayette, IN (June 15, 2026)—The Tippecanoe County Historical Association (TCHA) has been awarded a grant of \$48,877.40 from the Olson Community Endowment Fund, a permanent fund in The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette, to purchase eleven new marquee tents for use at the Feast of the Hunters' Moon.

Entering its 59th year, the Feast introduces visitors to the history and cultures of New France that existed at Fort Ouiatenon from 1717-1791 through immersive historical interpretation, traditional foodways and period demonstrations while also raising funds for both TCHA and 50+ other nonprofit organizations. Traditionally, volunteers build many of the event structures by hand using immature trees, canvas and other single use materials harvested and purchased annually.

"This grant is truly a game changer for the Feast," shares Feast Event Manager Brooke Sauter. "Every year, volunteers devote an incredible amount of time to sourcing and cutting saplings in the spring and constructing our temporary primitive structures that serve as stages and food booths. These new marquees will make setup safer, more efficient and far less labor-intensive while providing a dependable solution we can use for many years to come. As someone who sees firsthand the effort our volunteers invest in this event, I can't overstate how significant this grant is."

The Tippecanoe County Historical Association sincerely thanks the Olson Community Endowment Fund and The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette for their support.

About The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette

Established in 1970, the mission of The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette is to inspire, nurture, and practice philanthropy, stewardship, and leadership in the communities they serve.

About the Tippecanoe County Historical Association

The Tippecanoe County Historical Association (TCHA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of the Tippecanoe County residents and visitors by collection, preserving, researching and sharing Tippecanoe County's unique and diverse history.

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