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Organizations partner to launch Collabora, a catalyst for positive change in Grant County

Grant County, IN – Local organizations committed to Grant County's growth and well-being are partnering in historic and unprecedented ways to create a hub for collaboration and innovation. Six high-impact Grant County non-profits will operate each of their businesses in a shared state of the art facility planned for completion by early 2026 at **100 S. Washington St., Downtown Marion**. The groundbreaking initiative and shared space is called **Collabora**.

Collabora will become the home of some of Grant County's most influential organizations:

- Community Foundation of Grant County
- Grant County Economic Growth Council
- Grant County Visitors Bureau
- Greater Grant County Chamber of Commerce
- Project Leadership
- United Way of Grant County.

ABOUT THE NAME: The name Collabora combines two words -- collaborate, representing working together, and agora, a Greek term for gathering place.

MISSION: Collabora amplifies Grant County strengths through shared vision, innovations and spaces.

VISION: Collabora envisions a dynamic shared space for visionaries and innovators to unify to face challenges and drive solutions.

VALUES: Collabora believes in:

- Increased access to services.
 Centralized services ensure Grant County benefits from collective resources.
- Reducing barriers to collaboration.
 - A shared space and inclusive environment drives innovative solutions.
- Sharing resources to expand capacity.
 Organizations can achieve more together than alone to accelerate positive change.

MOTTO: Where community and vision intersect.

In preparation for the launch of Collabora, the six organizations listed above have collaborated through the second round of Third Path, a multi-year capacity-building program. As Collabora Stewards, these organizations have partnered with Indiana Communities Institute at Ball State University and Creative Insight Community Development to create a county-wide strategic vision as well as to develop strategies for activating and implementing recommendations.

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