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Foellinger Foundation Announces $25,000 Innovative Rapid Grant to Fort Wayne–Allen County Economic Development Alliance to Provide Hand Sanitizer to Nonprofits and Frontline Care Providers

Foellinger Foundation announces that it has awarded Fort Wayne–Allen County Economic Development Alliance a $25,000 Innovative Rapid Grant to provide hand sanitizer to nonprofits and healthcare providers in Allen County.

The Fort Wayne–Allen County Economic Development Alliance is the fiscal agent for Three Rivers Distilling Co., LLC. Three Rivers Distilling has moved from the manufacture of spirits to hand sanitizer during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Three Rivers Distilling Co. will create 4,300 gallons of sanitizer, in addition to the 1,700 gallons of sanitizer it has already distributed. Funding covers the supply costs to create the sanitizer.

The sanitizer will be offered community wide, with a focus on nonprofit organizations, first responders and direct healthcare workers.

“Three Rivers Distilling’s pivot to the manufacture of hand sanitizer—and providing it at no-cost to those most in need—exemplifies the fluid and flexible approach we’re eager to support through our Innovative Rapid Grants,” said Cheryl Taylor, President, Foellinger Foundation.
Marla Schneider, President, Three Rivers Distilling, said, “We are proud to provide hand sanitizer to those most at-risk, working in critical and essential service groups including local first responders, hospitals, nonprofits and care facilities.”

Learn more about Three Rivers Distilling’s hand sanitizer initiative here: https://www.3rdistilling.com/hand-sanitizer

Please see Foellinger Foundation’s website for other Critical Response Grants opportunities (foellinger.org/covid19).

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