

CIE steps up for senior center

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The Marion-Grant County Senior Center is receiving a \$5,000 donation from Central Indiana Ethanol to cover a proposed cut in support from the city of Marion next year.

The 2013 city budget proposes spending \$50,000 to help fund the senior center. Director Carolyn Williams has said with an already lean budget that the loss would be difficult to take.

"If it goes through as proposed it will be \$5,000 cut, and CIE offered to make up for that cut," said Director Carolyn Williams.

Kelly Turner, human resources coordinator at CIE, said the company's donations committee met Thursday and voted to donate the money.

"We'll actually give them the money in January when they normally would have received the city ... donation," she said.

Turner, who chairs the CIE donation committee, said it is always looking for ways to help the community. As examples, she said it donated \$15,000 to help the Grant County Sheriff's Department buy a new narcotics dog and \$20,000 last year to seven local schools.

Williams said the senior center has seen a wave of support come in since the cut was proposed, including individual donations and \$3,800 raised by Indiana Wesleyan University. She said these donations would likely help it finish out this year.