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ICF grants more than \$90,000 in east Idaho

BOISE – The Idaho Community Foundation’s Eastern Regional Grants Panel has selected 63 east Idaho nonprofit organizations to receive more than \$90,000 through its competitive grant cycle.

Grant recipients are from the following counties: Bannock, Bear Lake, Bonneville, Butte, Caribou, Custer, Franklin, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, Oneida, Power and Teton.

Money for the grants comes from ICF’s Eastern Region Greatest Need Fund, which receives money from numerous ICF funds designated to benefit east Idaho. Nonprofit organizations can apply for grants of up to \$5,000 through the competitive grant cycle. The Eastern Regional Grants Panel, which includes representatives from each east Idaho county, meets every July to review the applications and make recommendations. The ICF Board of Directors makes the final decision about the grants.

This year there were 171 applications requesting more than \$670,000. Grants are awarded in the areas of arts & culture, education, emergency services, health, libraries, conservation/environment, public projects, recreation, and social services.

“The job of the Eastern Regional Grants Panel is a difficult one because each of these organizations has a compelling reason for needing a grant,” said Bob Hoover, president and CEO of ICF. “I am impressed by how the panel balances these requests with the available dollars to make sure that the greatest needs of the region are truly being addressed.”

ICF runs competitive grant cycles to address the greatest needs in east, north and southwest Idaho. ICF has more than 400 funds, including Greatest Need funds for each region. Donations to a Greatest Need fund stay in the designated region.

To donate to the Eastern Region Greatest Need Fund, go to www.idcomfdn.org, click on Donate Now, click on Donate to a Fund of Your Choice, and select Eastern Region Greatest Need Fund from the dropdown menu.

This year’s grant recipients are:

Bannock County

Bright Tomorrows, Inc. – \$1,000 to purchase two laptop computers, two sets of speakers and 170 “Stewards of Children” workbooks to provide child sexual abuse prevention trainings throughout southeastern Idaho

LadyBird Farms – \$1,000 to develop and support an educational farm apprenticeship program for underserved and at-risk youth

Society of St. Vincent de Paul – \$1,000 to support the high demand of individuals and families requesting services from the social service program

Idaho State-Civic Symphony Association, Inc. – \$2,000 to provide children’s concerts for students in the upper elementary grades in Bannock, Power, Bingham and Caribou counties

Family Services Alliance of Southeast Idaho – \$2,000 to fund a preschool experience for community children and their parents with emphasis in creative art and music

Idaho Diabetes Youth Programs, Inc. – \$2,000 to provide camperships for eight kids and young adults with type 1 diabetes from the eastern region counties for the 2010 summer camps

Idaho Foodbank Warehouse, Inc. – \$2,000 to partially underwrite the cost of providing weekly backpacks filled with six nutritious meals to children in eastern Idaho

Silver Sage Girl Scout Council, Inc. – \$2,000 to pay for program supplies for the Girl Scouts’ Girls Beyond Bars program at the Pocatello Women’s Correctional Facility

Log Cabin Literary Center, Inc. – \$2,749 to underwrite scholarships which will allow Fort Hall Reservation students to participate in writing and reading, promoting active, creative and imaginative writing experiences

Bear Lake County

National Oregon Trail Center – \$550 to purchase equipment to train disabled employees

Bear Lake Middle School – \$1,000 to purchase interactive whiteboard technology to be used for seventh-grade language arts classroom instruction

Bear Lake Valley Health Care Foundation – \$1,000 to fund a new venipuncture and injection arm, skin and vein replacement kit, artificial blood, a pediatric training arm kit and a geriatric training arm for the hospital

Bonneville County

Ammon Elementary School – \$500 to expand school library books selections for upper elementary and fund a take-home literacy program

Rocky Mountain Middle School – \$720 to purchase books for a school wide reading program

Ucon Elementary School – \$900 to buy books and incentives for literacy programs and events taking place over the next two years

Idaho Falls Youth Arts Centre, Inc. – \$1,000 to further the Arts Education Partnership and After School Program and scholarship program for needy families, and the mentorship program to inspire, educate and encourage youth in the performing arts

Regence Caring Foundation for Children, Inc. – \$1,000 to provide access to dental care for low-income, uninsured children living in east Idaho

Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership – \$1,000 to buy part of the cabinets and counters for Haven teaching kitchen, pantry and child activity area

Judicial District VII CASA Program, Inc. – \$1,000 to provide a trained qualified CASA volunteer and pro bono attorney to abused and neglected children in the court system

Senior Citizens Community Center, Inc. – \$1,000 to replace worn and broken tables

Shepherd's Inn Corporation – \$1,000 to continue providing up to 12 free comprehensive services for teens and young women experiencing a crisis pregnancy

American Legion Boys State, Inc. – \$1,500 to send high school juniors from throughout southeast Idaho to Idaho Boys State

First Book – \$1,500 to provide grants to reading programs that serve low-income families so that they may purchase low cost, high quality books for children to develop home libraries

Help, Inc. – \$1,500 to buy advertising, a projector, screen, educational materials and workbooks for the Stewards of Children Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training

The Salvation Army – \$1,500 to purchase freezers

Idaho Falls Symphony Society, Inc. – \$2,000 to sponsor 30 complimentary in-school educational programs by Idaho Falls Symphony string, brass, and woodwind ensembles

Strings for Kids, Inc. – \$2,000 to provide violins, accessories, repairs, instruction, replacement items and printed material for children who are participating in the Strings for Kids program during the fall 2010-spring 2011 school year

The Art Museum of Eastern Idaho, Inc. – \$2,000 to take exhibit-based art processes into elementary school classrooms in east Idaho, bring students back to the museum for guided tours and lessons, and offer quarterly free family days to the public

Snake River Animal Shelter, Inc. – \$2,000 to purchase entry gates for the SRAS dog park to be constructed in 2010

Butte County

Wish Upon A Star – \$2,000 to purchase and install toddler/preschool-appropriate playground equipment for the second phase of the Bottolfsen Park playground

Caribou County

Caribou County Community Orchestra – \$480 to purchase new music to add to the library

North Gem Education Foundation – \$547 to provide a video camera and DVD player for the music department

North Gem School District 149 Education Foundation Inc. – \$1,000 to repair and professionally clean musical instruments owned by the school and to purchase new instruments to replace the ones that cannot be repaired

Soda Springs High School – \$1,000 to purchase fiction books for the media center

Grace Joint School District #148 – \$1,595 to purchase Discovery Education Streaming for the junior and senior high school

Friends of the Soda Springs Public Library – \$2,000 to purchase library materials toward starting a community outreach program in Soda Springs

Custer County

Challis Arts Council, Inc. – \$1,000 to pay for a new gallery floor and display pedestals in the MadDog Gallery

Veterans of Custer County Memorial, Inc. – \$1,000 to upgrade equipment in the VCCM office

Challis Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc. – \$2,000 to operate North Custer Radio including license fees, repairs and replacement of analog translator

Franklin County

Sixth Judicial District CASA Program, Inc. – \$1,000 to buy a laptop, 30 training manuals, 30 FBI background checks, 1,000 brochures and to partially fund mileage costs associated with one vehicle traveling to 41 community meetings and five guardian ad litem trainings held throughout southeast Idaho

West Side School District #202 – \$1,080 to purchase sewing machines for the Family and Consumer Science Department at West Side High School

Franklin County Home Health and Hospice – \$1,290 to buy equipment to care for hospice and home health clients

Franklin County Medical Center – \$1,380 to buy equipment to assist nursing staff in treating hypothermic patients

Franklin County Reading Association – \$1,500 to purchase books for the school district, developmental preschools, special education classes and Head Start 0-5

Franklin County Medical Center Nursing Home – \$1,500 to buy equipment to enhance activities for nursing home residents

Preston Community Food Pantry – \$2,000 to contribute to the construction of a building to house food storage and sorting capabilities with perishable and frozen food storage facilities

Fremont County

Fremont County School District 215 – \$1,535 to buy two laptops, an LCD projector, a wireless router and a digital compound light microscope

North Fremont High School – \$2,000 to purchase uniforms, percussion equipment and a new banner

City of Ashton – \$2,133 to upgrade the Community Center kitchen to meet certification requirements of the Idaho Food Code

Jefferson County

West Jefferson Senior Citizens, Inc. – \$1,100 to purchase two new windows and window blinds

Rigby Police Department – \$1,300 to purchase electronic equipment for the training/class room

Hamer Elementary School – \$2,250 to purchase the Elmo TT-02RX Teacher's Tool for each classroom

Lemhi County

Lemhi County 4H Program – \$1,500 to fund support staff to coordinate volunteers, oversee and facilitate the project and to provide meals, supply costs and enrollment fees for low-income youth

Salmon Idaho Lodge No. 1620, Chartered Elks – \$2,500 to help with phase one of the Salmon Elk's Lodge facility improvement project to help provide new, energy efficient windows and doors for the facility

Madison County

Idaho Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health – \$2,000 to recruit and train parents who will serve as peer-to-peer mentors for other parents navigating the children's mental health system

The Madison Education Foundation – \$3,000 to purchase a new grand piano for Madison High School in Rexburg

Oneida County

Malad Elementary School – \$700 to purchase two television sets to be shared by the eight classrooms in grades K-2

Malad Elementary School – \$2,000 to buy asphalt for a new one-way drop-off/pick-up driveway

Malad Middle School – \$1,480 to purchase six ceiling-mounted projectors for classrooms

Oneida Crisis Center, Inc. – \$1,500 to help provide counseling for victims of violence especially young children and women, provide educational presentations at local schools and other community- and faith-based venues, and help with general operational expenses at the shelter facility

Power County

American Falls School District #381 – \$1,000 to purchase a 100-inch cinema screen, portable sound system and two video cameras

Power County Search & Rescue – \$1,000 to buy equipment for Search and Rescue Dive Team to allow voice communication between the divers and the surface

Teton County

Teton Valley Education Foundation – \$1,000 to partially fund the Volunteer Literacy Tutor Program

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