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ICF grant cycle provides more than \$160,000 in eastern and southeastern Idaho

IDAHO FALLS – The Idaho Community Foundation’s Eastern Regional Grants Panel has selected 61 eastern and southeastern Idaho nonprofit organizations to receive more than \$160,000 through its annual competitive grant cycle.

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

Nonprofit organizations can apply for grants of up to \$5,000 through the competitive grant cycle. The Eastern Region Grants Panel, which includes representatives from each 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’s recipients are:

Bannock County

Bannock Youth Foundation, Inc. – \$4,500 to buy furniture for the recreation room for Bannock House that houses homeless youth and to buy audio-visual equipment for the Family Resource Center that provides parent education programs and an outpatient adolescent substance abuse program

Community Kindness Movement Inc – \$5,000 to purchase Yellow Kindness T-Shirts for all students to wear during Kindness Week and monthly on Kindness Day

Idaho Foodbank Warehouse – \$3,000 to support the Mobile Pantry program in eastern Idaho, which provides hunger relief in rural communities

Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Inc. – \$2,500 to support the eastern portion of the theater education outreach tours, Idaho Theater for Youth and Shakespearience, which travel to elementary and secondary schools during the academic year

Idaho State University/Bengal Athletic Boosters – \$5,000 to help students pay for food, housing, transportation and tuition for Bengal Bridge, a 7 week, 9-10 credit summer session for at-risk students transitioning from high school to college

NAMI Southeast Idaho Inc – \$992 to provide notebooks, printing and supplies for free classes and services to family members and consumers to educate them about severe mental illness and teach them coping skills to reduce stress in their families and friend groups

New Day Products and Resources – \$3,000 to buy equipment to train people with disabilities on how to further their ability to obtain and maintain work in the community

Senior Activity Center – \$4,500 to purchase a convection oven, refrigerator and a blender

Bear Lake County

Bear Lake High School – \$4,000 to modernize the presentation equipment in the high school library, which is the primary meeting space for school and community organizations, and add audiobooks for special needs and/or struggling students

Bear Lake Senior Citizens Inc. – \$4,000 to buy kitchen accessories to be able to use more fresh fruits and veggies in meal planning

Bear Lake Valley Health Care Foundation – \$2,000 to help with the purchase of a wheelchair accessible bus

Bingham County

Bingham Crisis Center for Women, Inc. – \$2,000 to make shelter services available and safe by providing phone service, maintenance, case management, electricity, furniture and necessary household goods for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault

Blackfoot Public Library – \$2,500 to digitize the Library's microfilm collection

Community Dinner Table, Incorporated - \$2,932 to purchase tables and chairs to replace worn and damaged tables and chairs used in the weekly dinners

Lee Pesky Learning Center – \$3,500 to provide parent engagement events for pre-K and kindergarten families in Aberdeen to improve the number of young learners who are entering first grade at or above grade level benchmarks

Lillian Vallely School, Inc. – \$1,853 to purchase stability chairs for the 3-5 grade classroom

North Bingham County District Library – \$1,500 to build, construct and learn how to use a Smart Garden

Bonneville County

Development Workshop, Inc. – \$2,000 to purchase Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) machines and AED trainers to be used onsite during first aid/CPR/AED training by staff trainers

Habitat for Humanity – \$2,500 to improve the quality of life in two specific neighborhoods, one in Idaho Falls and the other in Ashton, by engaging the residents to help repair and maintain the exterior of homes in their community

Idaho Diabetes Youth Programs, Inc. – \$2,580 to underwrite the cost of participation in Camp Hodia for eastern Idaho children with type 1 diabetes

Idaho Falls Youth Arts Centre, Inc. – \$3,000 to increase outreach for arts education after school programs and scholarship programs for underserved youth to participate in performing arts; and to promote the Mentorship Program to inspire, educate and inform youth about opportunities in the performing arts

Museum of Idaho – \$3,000 to bring an exciting and informative STEM-focused exhibit titled “Space,” along with several informal educational opportunities for residents of all ages living in and around the communities surrounding Idaho Falls

Salvation Army Idaho Falls Corps – \$1,800 to purchase a glass door refrigerator and freezer in order to provide a more efficient shopping experience for clients

Senior Citizens' Community Center, Inc. – \$1,845 to remove and replace the concrete ramp at the front door

Shepherd's Inn Corporation – \$2,864 to support for our free Parenting 101 program that provides education and support to pregnant and parenting teens at two local alternative high schools

Snake River Animal Shelter – \$2,500 to buy medical supplies and equipment to serve homeless animals in our area and pets of low-income families

Snake River Montessori School – \$2,387 to buy the materials needed to build a stage

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Idaho Falls Conference – \$900 to pay the annual fee for a software program

The Art Museum of Eastern Idaho, Inc. – \$3,500 to take hands-on art lessons to K-5 grade elementary classrooms in Ririe, Arco, Dubois and Howe and offset the cost of art instructors, art supplies and transportation for these visits

Butte County

Butte County Pretty City Committee – \$3,000 to purchase picnic tables, benches, trash receptacles and pet waste receptacles for the Idaho Science Center park in Arco

Moore Community Association – \$2,000 to purchase a portable sound system that can be used by organizations and groups in the Moore, Arco and Mackay areas

Caribou County

Grace Joint School District #148 – \$1,500 to install drinking fountains with water bottle fillers in the high school and junior high

Soda Springs Public Library – \$2,000 to purchase shelving to house the most in-demand collections on the ground floor

Custer County

Mackay Junior-Senior High School – \$2,000 to construct a new facility to raise cold water and warm water fish

Franklin County

Bear River Association of Governments – \$1,500 to support education and training on the handling and preservation of photographic Crayon portraits

Franklin County Public Library District – \$2,340 to improve and enhance the summer reading and outreach program for the benefit of children in the community and add learning tools to the Library Maker Program

Franklin County Reading Association – \$3,500 to purchase books to give to students in developmental preschool, Headstart, ESL, Title 1 and special needs classes

Fremont County

Rotary District 5400 Charitable Programs, Inc. – \$3,145 to assist in purchasing a large oil painting to be placed in the courtroom of the historic Fremont County Courthouse

Jefferson County

City of Rigby – \$3,000 to purchase playground equipment, benches and picnic tables for the city park playground area

Midway Elementary School – \$5,000 to purchase a special-needs playground for Midway Elementary which provides education for all of the special-needs children in the Jefferson County School District

Lemhi County

Salmon Hockey Association – \$2,500 to remove the old restroom/warming trailer and build a safer, cleaner structure with ADA compliant bathrooms and a warm place where our teams can sell concessions to support SHA

Salmon School District #291 – \$2,000 to buy equipment to preserve fresh produce for future use, including commercial food dehydrators, electric water bath canners, commercial vacuum packer, upright freezer and sealer bags, canning jars and miscellaneous supplies

Whitewater Therapeutic and Recreational Riding Association – \$2,500 to connect the equine facility to city water to provide a clean, consistent water supply for the participants, volunteers, public and horses

Youth Employment Program, Inc. – \$3,900 to purchase lighting, tables, chairs and outdoor heating for the large event tent

Madison County

Friends of Idaho Public Television, Inc. – \$1,320 to pay for books and STEM experiment “kits” for children to take home after attending the monthly story time program led by Idaho Public Television at the Madison Public Library in Rexburg

Madison Library District – \$2,500 to purchase books, audio books, containers and processing supplies for read-along book sets for children to teenage readers

Seventh Judicial District CASA Program – \$2,500 to provide a CASA volunteer and volunteer attorney to all children who are the victims of abuse and neglect in Madison and Fremont counties

Sleep in Heavenly Peace – \$2,500 to buy lumber and supplies for bunk beds to donate to children who do not have a bed

Sugar-Salem School District #322 – \$2,073 to enhance the junior high robotics program with additional robotics challenges and necessary materials

Oneida County

Malad Elementary School – \$900 to purchase supplemental classroom supplies to aid in teaching healthy exercise and nutrition to second graders

Malad Elementary School – \$2,500 to purchase simple instruments, music, props, costumes, instrument stands, a CD player, a whiteboard and teaching aids for the music program at Malad Elementary School

Malad Valley Theater Guild – \$1,500 to purchase the rights (scripts or book) to perform a youth musical

Nell J. Redfield Memorial Hospital – \$4,000 to purchase an ice machine to be used exclusively by qualified servers in the kitchen to meet the needs of patients on the acute care wing and residents on the long-term care wing for ice, cold drinks, and cold compresses

Oneida County Library – \$2,500 to make book and audio kits available for K-12 patrons in order to help struggling readers

Oneida County Relic Preservation and Historical Society, Inc – \$1,900 to replace the original back doors of the museum with stronger, more secure doors and locks

Oneida Crisis Center, Inc. – \$2,500 to support continued facilitation of the Healthy Baby Beginnings six-week curriculum for new parents by providing class supplies, client/baby supplies and funding the class facilitator wages

Power County

American Falls Education Foundation – \$5,000 to provide musical experiences for the community while assisting in foundation activities for the youth and citizens of the community

Teton County

City of Teton – \$3,500 to purchase and install two solar powered radar speed signs - one to be placed at each entrance to the city along Idaho State Highway 33

Teton Valley Community Recycling – \$1,000 to provide permanent outdoor recycling bins for the public spaces within the City of Victor including Victor City Park, Pioneer Park, Settlement Park and the Depot, a 24 hour visitor station

Teton Valley Health Care – \$2,500 to purchase a commercial dryer for the laundry department

University of Idaho Foundation – \$2,500 to purchase supplies and equipment to execute, improve and better develop 4-H programs for the youth of Teton County

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