



Idaho Future Fund Grant Guidelines

About the Idaho Future Fund

The Idaho Future Fund was established by an anonymous couple in Blaine County to support educational projects throughout Idaho. Funding decisions are made by the Idaho Community Foundation's Board of Directors.

Funding Focus

The Idaho Future Fund is intended to support gaps in educational programs (preschool through 12th grade) that gravely affect the quality of education students receive in Idaho.

Grants will fall in to four categories:

1. **Preschool Access** – Grants will support organizations, programs or projects that provide pre-kindergarten education to children. Funds must be used to provide access to the preschool program for children who would not otherwise be able to attend (*i.e.* scholarships, creation of a new program in an underserved area, sustainability of an existing program that would be cut without grant funding, etc.).
2. **Charter Schools** – Grants will support charter schools providing alternative models of education for students in their geographical area. Preference will be given to schools evidencing improved quality of education for students who might not otherwise be able to receive it.
3. **Public Schools and Public School Libraries** – Grants will support public schools and libraries in need of funding to support programs that have been cut or postponed due to lack of government funding.
4. **Supplemental Educational Programs** – Grants will support organizations, programs or projects that provide students with basic educational opportunities intended to supplement existing public school offerings (*e.g.* programs to prevent summer learning loss or after school tutoring, etc.).

Eligible Organizations

For the Idaho Future Fund, the primary applicant **must** be a charter school, a public school (or its supporting district or education foundation) or a nonprofit organization providing direct preschool or supplemental educational services.

ICF will occasionally fund projects initiated by organizations that do not have current federal tax exempt status if the organization secures a qualifying tax exempt fiscal sponsor. Please contact ICF for additional information.

Grant Limits

Most grant awards will range from \$10,000 to \$20,000, but smaller requests will be considered. It is the intent of the fund creators that grants support most, but not necessarily all, of the funding required to create, sustain or reinvigorate impactful educational programs.

Application Process

Grant applications will be accepted **separately** in each of the three regions of Idaho as they are defined by the Idaho Community Foundation. Application deadlines coincide with the deadlines for the ICF regional grant cycles as follows:

Northern Region – Applications accepted year round with a deadline of February 15

Eastern Region – Applications accepted year round with a deadline of June 15

Southwestern Region – Applications accepted year round with a deadline of August 15

Applications must be submitted online through the Idaho Community Foundation website at www.idcomfdn.org/DA_Grants.

Applications will be reviewed by board members in the corresponding regions, with award notifications occurring in May (Northern Region), September (Eastern Region) and November (Southwestern Region).

Applicants may apply for **both** the Idaho Future Fund grant **and** a regional grant.

Questions?

Please direct questions to Community Impact Officer Elly Davis (edavis@idcomfdn.org) at (208) 342-3535.