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ICF grant cycle provides more than \$226,000 in north Idaho

COEUR D'ALENE – The Idaho Community Foundation's Northern Region Grant Panel has selected 86 north Idaho nonprofit organizations to receive more than \$226,000 through its annual competitive grant cycle.

Grant recipients are from Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce and Shoshone counties.

This year's recipients of the Northern Region Grant Cycle are:

Benewah County

Coeur d'Alene Tribal School – \$1,606 to purchase and install playground equipment for the younger children at the Coeur d' Alene Tribal School.

Fernwood Senior Citizens LLC – \$2,500 to complete covered porches for the front and side entrances of the new building.

Idaho Fish & Game Department – \$2,500 to purchase automatic external defibrillator to go in officers' vehicles, available in rural communities.

St. Maries Joint School District #41 – \$2,500 to update the Heyburn Elementary School playground.

Upriver Elementary School – \$1,000 to update the nonfiction section of the Upriver Elementary School library.

Bonner County

Arts Alliance, Inc. – \$3,000 to renovate and reorganize Creations' discovery museum and art studio, to better serve the North Idaho community with discovery play and learning, creative arts and crafts opportunities, and educational art classes.

Bonner Community Food Center, Inc. – \$3,500 to purchase non-perishable staple food products for low-income households that are food insecure.

Bonner County Homeless Task Force Inc. – \$3,000 to provide residents in the remote location of Trestle Creek with a laundry facility.

Eureka Institute – \$5,000 to work with at-risk youth to build a bus shelter at a frequently used bus stop along the ride-free Selkirk Pend Oreille Transit line in order to protect public transit riders from inclement weather and keep them safe

Junior Achievement of Washington – \$1,000 to present the Junior Achievement financial literacy program to 230 social studies students at Sandpoint Middle School and Sandpoint High School.

Kootenai Elementary School – \$3,000 to purchase books for the library.

Lake Pend Oreille School District #84 – \$2,880 to purchase new reading materials for kindergarteners, and to fund teacher professional development focused on K-6 literacy.

North Idaho High School Aerospace Program – \$3,684 to buy books, software, equipment and tools for the first round of Unmanned Aerial Systems study.

Priest River Ministries Inc. – \$4,000 to assist families affected by violence by providing shelter, advocacy, education, transportation, education, childcare, food, clothing, paralegal assistance, counseling and therapy.

Sandpoint Area Seniors Inc. – \$2,500 to feed seniors.

Sandpoint Youth Center, Inc. – \$2,500 to fund teen visits to the Sandpoint Youth Center, which provides a hot meal, help with homework, access to activities and classes and support from adult mentors.

Southside Elementary School – \$2,400 to provide morning tutoring to students.

West Bonner County School District #83 – \$3,000 to purchase books and provide them for free to kindergarten through sixth-grade students at Idaho Hill Elementary School.

Boundary County

Boundary County 4-H – \$2,500 to provide curriculum, art supplies, craft materials, educational games and healthy snacks.

Gardeners for Regional Organic Wellbeing – \$2,500 to provide a garden space, including raised beds for seniors and people with limited mobility, to those who need it and to increase production of organic produce for the food bank and other community groups.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Inc. of Bonners Ferry – \$3,500 to alleviate childhood hunger in Boundary County by providing school-age children in need with supplemental food on weekends.

Clearwater County

Clearwater County Economic Development – \$2,500 to facilitate a pilot place-based workforce development project where participants will build basic and soft skills to enhance employability.

Clearwater Historical Society Inc. – \$2,500 to purchase two fireproof file cabinets to house oral interviews, photos, documents and additional items found during an extensive inventory of the museum.

Orofino 4-H Club – \$2,580 to add First Lego Leagues to our existing program.

Idaho County

City of Kooskia – \$2,500 to provide playground equipment that allows children of all abilities to participate.

Grangeville Elementary/Middle School – \$2,000 to acquire new rhythm instruments and equipment for the school to use in the K-5 music program.

Specialized Needs Recreation, Inc. – \$1,250 to provide scholarships for low-income children with special needs and help provide transportation for campers.

Syringa General Hospital District – \$3,500 to purchase replacement flooring for the Soltman Center.

White Bird Community Library Inc. – \$500 to help defray yearly costs for internet service, which is provided for free to community members and travelers.

Kootenai County

Attorneys Northwest, Inc. – \$2,500 to purchase essential office supplies and equipment necessary to provide legal services to low-income Idahoans

Camp Fire Inland Northwest Council – \$2,500 to provide a week of summer day camp at Camp Sweyolakan on Lake Coeur d'Alene for low-income youth, in partnership with Boys and Girls Club of Kootenai County

Children's Village, Inc. – \$2,500 to provide shelter and care for children in the region.

Consolidated Free Library District – \$2,000 to develop the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program to promote and support reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers; to encourage parent and child bonding through reading; and to support kindergarten readiness for all children.

Consolidated Free Library District – \$2,000 to expand the current program to provide students with high quality STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) materials on a monthly rotation.

Cup of Grace Inc. – \$2,000 to purchase a shed from which to serve a lunch for Spirit Lake kids on the weekends from March through.

Disability Action Center NW Inc. – \$2,500 to buy used ramps for short term loan to people with disabilities or impairments.

Family Promise of North Idaho, Inc. – \$500 to provide safe transportation for children using van transportation by providing appropriate car seats.

Fernan STEM Academy – \$3,000 to start a free after-school STEM enrichment program.

First Judicial District CASA Program, Inc. – \$2,500 to support the CASA Advocate Training and Retention Project that will produce CASA Advocates who will serve over local victims of child abuse and neglect.

FIRST Robotics Competition Team 3145, The TeraViks – \$4,850 to purchase the necessary parts to build and program a robot for state competition.

Gizmo-CDA, Inc. – \$4,780 for middle school students to create an Indoor Hydroponic Growing Farm and to supply curriculum for experiments with light, water and nutrients.

Habitat for Humanity of North Idaho – \$2,500 to provide simple home repairs for low-income homeowners in Kootenai County.

Hospice of North Idaho – \$2,500 to support children and teens throughout the year who have experienced the loss of someone close to them through an age-specific support group, grief counseling and an annual grief camp.

Idaho Diaper Bank, Inc. – \$2,000 to provide diapers to several social service agencies in northern Idaho.

Idaho Legal Aid Services - Coeur d'Alene Office – \$2,500 to provide free legal services to establish guardianships and/or conservatorships for vulnerable, incapacitated seniors in Kootenai, Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, and Shoshone counties

Kaleidoscope Community Services, Inc. – \$1,749 to purchase a stainless kitchen sink and counter top for the 2nd Street Commons.

Lemons of Love Northwest Corporation – \$2,500 to purchase fabric and supplies to create and fill chemo-care tote bags for patients at local oncology and treatment centers.

Lutherhaven Ministries, Inc. – \$4,840 to update inadequate 50-year-old kitchen equipment at Camp Lutherhaven.

Matt's Place Foundation Inc. – \$2,500 to purchase two reusable, repairable home access ramps for ALS patients.

McKinney-Vento Program – \$3,697 to invite families from low-income schools to enjoy an evening of literacy, dinner and a “journey to the North Pole” during the holiday season.

National Inventors Hall of Fame, Inc. – \$3,000 to provide hands-on STEM enrichment to kindergarten through sixth grade students.

North Idaho Friends of the Opera and the Arts, Inc. – \$1,000 to produce “Hansel and Gretel” and present it to elementary schools in north Idaho.

Northwest Sacred Music Choral – \$2,500 to replace the current risers on which the 70-voice CHORALE members stand/sit for their 10 concert performances each season.

Post Falls Food Bank – \$3,500 to provide food through the Grocery Rescue Program.

Second Harvest Inland Northwest – \$3,500 to provide food to low-income families through Mobile Market food distributions in five north Idaho counties.

Sorensen Magnet School of the Arts and Humanities – \$2,215 to fund a yearlong, academically integrated photography project for elementary students, whose work will be shared with numerous public audiences.

Twinlow Camp and Retreat Center – \$2,500 to purchase adequate tools for school-aged youth.

United Way of Kootenai County, Inc. – \$2,260 to provide books and encourage reading for youth from 0-18 years old.

University of Idaho - Coeur d'Alene Campus – \$4,548 to expand the UI Community Water Resource Center by purchasing water quality monitoring equipment for use by K-12 students, lakeshore property owners and the Coeur d'Alene Lake community.

University of Idaho - Coeur d'Alene Campus – \$3,784 to purchase iPads for use in the Dig'nIT programming and other summer STEM camps, and to loan to regional educators.

Latah County

All-City Band – \$2,000 to fix instruments used by students that are not able to afford their own instruments.

City of Troy – \$2,500 to provide a safe and educational place for children in the community after school and during the summer.

Community Health Association of Spokane – \$3,000 to provide prescription medication vouchers for low-income, uninsured patients at Latah Community Health in Moscow.

Family Promise of the Palouse – \$1,950 to provide child care for families who have job searches and interviews to attend.

Idaho Geographic Alliance – \$2,500 to provide a professional development opportunity in geographic education to middle school teachers from across the state.

J/K Good Samaritan Food Bank – \$2,500 to purchase basic food items for individuals and families in need.

Juliaetta Branch Library – \$1,200 to provide materials for our youth programs, including the Summer Reading Program and afterschool program.

Kendrick Joint School District #283 – \$3,500 to continue to provide a tuition-free early childhood education to 20 four-year-olds in the school district.

Latah County Historical Society – \$3,000 to repair the failing foundation of the archive and office building, which houses irreplaceable artifacts and documents that are preserved for current and future students and researchers.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Saint Francis of Assisi – \$5,000 to assist the lowest-income residents in Latah County with emergency rental assistance to prevent evictions and homelessness.

Troy Arts Council – \$1,500 to help cover costs associated with licensing and producing a community theater musical for people of all ages within the Troy area.

Troy School District #287 – \$2,000 to purchase percussion and Orff instruments to enhance music education for kindergarten through eighth-grade students.

Lewis County

Highland Joint School District #305 – \$2,829 to buy Suzuki ToneChimes, student workbooks, and holiday and folk song scores for use by grades 1-12 in the Highland Music Department.

Nez Perce Joint School District #302 – \$1,000 to bring two live theater performances to students.

Nez Perce Joint School District #302 – \$2,000 to purchase equipment to upgrade keyboard, drums, amps, speakers and to build additional guitar racks for the modern band program.

University of Idaho Lewis County 4-H Camp – \$1,500 to cover the costs of the teen training class and purchase supplies for the science and technology, healthy living and environmental education classes being offered for the year.

Upriver Youth Leadership Council – \$2,900 to bring Missoula Children's Theater Tour to Kamiah and provide students with team building, rehearsals, community performances and workshops.

Nez Perce County

Backyard Harvest, Inc. – \$3,500 to ensure all Latah and Lewis-Clark Valley residents, including those that do not qualify for traditional support services, have access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

Chief Joseph Foundation – \$2,500 to provide in-class tutoring and after-school programming and mentorship for at-risk Native students and area youth struggling to pass their classes or who are close to dropping out of school.

Lewis-Clark State College – \$4,925 to purchase five new infant resuscitation manikins and the skills guides that show students if their resuscitation efforts are accurate.

Nez Perce County Historical Society – \$2,000 to build a concrete pad under the original Lewiston trolley car, which will be next to the museum and visible to the public.

Valley Meals on Wheels, Inc. – \$4,619 to bridge the gap between what seniors pay for a daily hot meal vs. the actual cost of the meal.

Shoshone County

City of Wallace – \$800 to construct bike racks by the Wallace Senior High School as part of their senior project and placed strategically in town to assist youth, tourists and all cyclists in the community.

Shoshone County Community Concert Association – \$1,500 to help pay for the costs of providing high-quality, live concert performances to the community and outreach for K-12 schools.

Shoshone County Women's Resource Center – \$3,540 to provide sexual assault awareness education and safety products to teens and adults in Shoshone County.

Wallace District Mining Museum, Inc. – \$1,316 to enhance and renew the Wallace District Mining Museum exhibits, scavenger hunts and theater.

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