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ICF grant cycle provides more than \$83,000 in eastern and southeastern Idaho

IDAHO FALLS – The Idaho Community Foundation’s Eastern Regional Grants Panel has selected 54 eastern and southeastern Idaho nonprofit organizations to receive more than \$83,000 through its annual competitive grant cycle.

Grant recipients are from each of the counties represented in ICF’s eastern Idaho region: Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Bonneville, Butte, Caribou, Clark, Custer, Franklin, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, Oneida, Power and Teton.

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 and southeast Idaho county, meets every July to review the applications and make recommendations. The ICF Board of Directors makes the final decision about the grants.

In 2012 there were 113 applications requesting more than \$450,000 from this grant cycle. Grants are awarded in the areas of arts & culture, education, emergency services, health, libraries, conservation/environment, public projects, recreation and social services.

This year’s recipients of the Eastern Region Competitive Grant Cycle are:

Bannock County

Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Inc. – \$1,000 to support the eastern Idaho portion of the Festival's educational outreach tours to elementary and secondary schools for the 2012-2013 academic year

Idaho State University Foundation - Boise Extension – \$1,000 to provide educational outreach and printed materials to assist middle, junior high and high schools throughout eastern Idaho with the development and implementation of state mandated sport concussion policies and training

Idaho State-Civic Symphony Association, Inc. – \$2,000 to provide live Children's Symphony Concerts for over 2,600 upper elementary students

Library Consortium of Eastern Idaho – \$2,000 to provide a new integrated library system to serve the 250,000 patrons of the east Idaho libraries served by LCEI

Chubbuck Pocatello Hockey Association, Inc. – \$2,000 to purchase 18,000 square feet of rigid foam insulation to line the ice rink bed, and thousands of small wire “chairs” to hold rink refrigeration piping in place

NAMI Southeast Idaho Inc. – \$2,000 to provide free classes and services to consumers and family members about mental illness/health

Zonta Club of Pocatello Service Foundation, Inc. – \$1,000 to provide one-time emergency rent and/or utilities assistance for individuals or families in crisis situations through the Families in Crisis project

Bear Lake County

Bear Lake Middle School – \$3,500 to purchase a lightboard and auditorium curtain

National Oregon Trail Center – \$1,900 to purchase a Native American Tipi for use in an outdoor hands-on educational display

Bear Lake Valley Health Care Foundation – \$1,000 to establish use of a Telemedicine Robot

City of Georgetown – \$1,000 to purchase rubberized ground cover for the proposed playground equipment area

Bingham County

Bingham County – \$1,500 to build a playground at Springfield park

Lillian Vallely School, Inc. – \$1,184 to buy online math and language curriculum for students and bridge the Digital Divide

Bingham Crisis Center for Women, Inc. – \$2,000 to wrap all exposed wood on both emergency shelter porch areas with PVC siding and add rain gutter and downspout to one shelter

North Bingham County District Library – \$1,000 to purchase blocks to help children develop skills in math, science, literacy, and communication

Three Rivers Resource Conservation & Development Council – \$2,000 to create a welcoming and visually appealing rock garden for the entrance to the new clubhouse at Hazard Creek Golf Course in Aberdeen

Bonneville County

Idaho Falls Historic Downtown Foundation, Inc. – \$1,000 to purchase materials to build a “Dragon's Path” over a fish pond

Idaho Falls Arts Council, Inc. – \$2,000 to purchase art supplies and pay for teaching and performing artists and technical expenses that will serve thousands of youth during the Youth Jam at the Willard Arts Center in historic downtown Idaho Falls

Idaho Falls Symphony Society, Inc. – \$2,000 to bring classical music awareness to elementary school students in the Idaho Falls region

The Art Museum of Eastern Idaho, Inc. – \$1,500 to take K-6th- grade exhibit-based art lessons into three rural elementary schools in eastern Idaho at no cost to the schools

American Red Cross - Eastern ID Service Region – \$2,000 to provide food, clothing, shoes, infant supplies and shelter to victims of disastrous emergencies

Family Care Center, Inc. – \$1,000 to replace the water heaters at the ARK and City of Refuge

Judicial District VII CASA Program, Inc. – \$1,000 to provide a CASA Volunteer and Volunteer Attorney to all children to whom we receive appointments

Butte County

Lost Rivers Senior Citizens, Inc. – \$400 to pour a cement pad between the outdoor walk-in freezer and adjoining sidewalk

Caribou County

North Gem School District #149 – \$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

Friends of the Soda Springs Public Library – \$1,000 to purchase the equipment and screen needed to expand youth services programming

Caribou County Community Orchestra – \$560 to purchase new music to add to the library

Caribou County Senior Citizens, Inc. – \$2,185 to replace worn-out kitchen linoleum

Clark County

Clark County Search and Rescue – \$2,500 to purchase GPS/Radios for Search and Rescue

Custer County

Challis Arts Council, Inc. – \$1,000 to purchase new gallery lights and jewelry display cases

Mackay Joint School District #182 – \$2,000 to purchase playground equipment

Mackay Elementary School – \$500 to purchase library books for Mackay Elementary School's library

Franklin County

Franklin County Reading Association – \$1,000 to buy books at a reduced price, to give to special needs, developmental preschools, Head Start and ESL students

Franklin County Home Health and Hospice – \$1,000 to purchase equipment to enhance care and communication for disabled residents of Franklin County

Franklin County Library District – \$500 to purchase blocks and books to create a block play, literacy enriched center in the children's area that will enhance early childhood learning

Fremont County

Friends of Harriman State Park, Inc. – \$2,000 to underwrite the cost of making Writers @ Harriman accessible to all students for a modest tuition

Fremont County Joint School District 215 – \$1,375 to purchase an electronic piano for the junior high music classes

Fremont County Ambulance District – \$2,000 to purchase a Masimo RAD-57 Pulse Oximeter, provide training on use, provide community training and grant administration

Upper Valley Art Guild – \$2,000 to expedite the move and completion of the ceramic and pottery studio

Jefferson County

Strings for Kids, Inc. – \$2,500 to purchase new music stands, shoulder rests, violin bows, music and various sizes of violins

Lemhi County

Salmon Valley Civic Arts Council, Inc. – \$2,000 to bring in the Missoula Children's Theatre to Salmon schools for a week long residency program

Lemhi County 4H Program – \$1,000 to buy supplies to implement a Friday program for youth in Lemhi County

Lemhi County Economic Development Association – \$2,000 to help pay for the cost of safe bleachers necessary for the Mark Squire Sever Memorial Baseball Field to be completed

Madison County

Sugar-Salem School District #322 – \$2,000 to buy violas, cellos, hard cello cases and basses for the orchestra program in the Sugar-Salem School District

Oneida County

Malad Valley Theater Guild – \$1,000 to purchase new speakers and the related wiring for the Iron Door Playhouse in Malad

Malad Elementary School – \$1,500 to purchase science curriculum enhancement DVDs and supplemental teacher resources to assist in teaching science at all grades levels in Malad Elementary School

Oneida County Hospital – \$2,000 to purchase a refurbished central nursing station monitor for the acute care wing of Oneida County Hospital

Oneida County Library – \$1,500 to buy new children's computers and children's educational software

Oneida Crisis Center, Inc. – \$1,000 to help families move past the cycle of abuse by providing group sessions and a client computer; help the Center be compliant with the ADA by providing door levers and smoke detectors; and provide for operational costs

Power County

American Falls Education Foundation \$2,000 to provide musical experiences for the community while assisting in foundation activities for the youth and citizens of the community

Teton County

Victor Elementary School – \$500 to purchase non-fiction leveled library books for the school library

Teton Valley Health Care Foundation – \$3,500 to serve patients by providing chemotherapy at home

Teton Valley Chamber of Commerce – \$2,118 to establish a multi-functional facility to house a visitor center, the Teton Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Teton Valley Business Development Center, and “visiting executive” temporary use office

Teton Valley Foundation, Inc – \$1,000 to contribute to the purchase of a Zamboni for Kotler Ice Arena in Victor