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ICF grants more than \$84,000 in east and southeast Idaho

IDAHO FALLS – The Idaho Community Foundation’s Eastern Regional Grants Panel has selected 55 east and southeast Idaho nonprofits, educational organizations and governmental entities to receive more than \$84,000 through its competitive grant cycle.

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

This year there were 106 applications requesting more than \$422,000. Grants are awarded in the areas of arts & culture, education, emergency services, health, libraries, conservation/environment, public projects, recreation, and social services.

Money for the grants comes from ICF’s Eastern Region Greatest Need Fund, which receives money from numerous ICF funds designated to benefit east and southeast Idaho. 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

Idaho Shakespeare Festival – \$2,000 to support the eastern Idaho portion of the Festival’s educational outreach tours to elementary and secondary schools for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Idaho State University Foundation - Boise Extension – \$1,000 to provide critical concussion awareness educational outreach materials to youth athletes, their coaches, parents and schools throughout southeastern Idaho.

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

Pocatello School District #25 – \$1,200 to purchase the 2012 Kit of Parts, acquire tools, purchase team t-shirts or buy additional supplies needed for robot construction for 2012 FRC competition.

Sixth Judicial District CASA Program – \$1,500 to train new volunteers and purchase necessary supplies so they can perform their duties.

United Way of Southeastern Idaho – \$3,000 to build the first fully-inclusive playground for children of all abilities in the Pocatello-Chubbuck area.

Westside Players – \$1,000 to upgrade the aging lighting system with more energy-efficient modern lighting.

Bear Lake

Bear Lake County Ambulance Service – \$2,500 to purchase four intraosseous infusion systems to provide rapid vascular access to critically ill patients in the pre-hospital setting.

Bear Lake Senior Citizens – \$3,000 to buy a vehicle to deliver hot meals to home bound citizens.

Bear Lake Valley Health Care Foundation – \$2,000 to purchase a computer network switch for the health education center and a computer and volunteer management software for the hospital's director of volunteer services.

Bingham

Bingham Crisis Center for Women – \$1,000 to purchase four crisis line cell phones, office supplies, postage and shelving units.

Blackfoot Community Center – \$1,000 to allow children of financially challenged families to attend early childhood programs.

Blackfoot Performing Arts Center – \$2,000 to contribute toward the purchase a new and improved sound system for the auditorium.

Lillian Vallely School – \$1,200 to purchase the Accelerated Reading program, including the initial set-up fee and a two-year online subscription.

Bonneville

Bonneville County Historical Society – \$2,000 to fund development and display of the exhibition "A Grateful Nation: a Look Back at WWII" and associated educational and outreach programs.

Camp Magical Moments Cancer Camp for Kids – \$2,000 to help fund the summer cancer camp program.

First Book – \$1,000 to provide grants to nonprofit agencies that serve low-income families so that they may purchase high quality, low cost books for children to develop home libraries.

Greater Yellowstone Regional Transportation Cooperative – \$1,000 to help leverage a \$25,000 USDA-RD grant for strategic marketing of the new Linx public transportation network serving riders in all of Eastern Idaho and adjacent states.

Idaho Falls Arts Council – \$1,500 to provide art supplies and teaching artists for the free art activity tents that will serve approximately 20,000 youth and their families at the Snake River Roaring Youth Jam in Idaho Falls.

Idaho Falls Opera Theatre – \$500 to support IFOT's March 2012 production of the opera "Hansel and Gretel," specifically the purchase of the music and score.

Idaho Falls Symphony Society – \$2,000 to sponsor the Idaho Falls Symphony's Ambassador Program's 30 complimentary in-school educational programs presented by string, brass, and woodwind ensembles.

Idaho Meth Project – \$1,000 to support the Idaho Meth Project's eastern Idaho billboard campaign for the prevention of methamphetamine use by teens and young adults.

Judicial District VII CASA Program – \$1,500 to assist with the program's fundamental operating expenses.

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

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

Butte

Lost Rivers Senior Citizens – \$1,000 to replace the water cooler.

Caribou

North Gem Education Foundation – \$2,000 to purchase math text books for the elementary grades 1-4 and world history text books for ninth grade social studies.

Clark

Clark County School District #161 – \$600 to buy additional supplies needed to make Christmas portfolios, poetry books and personalized books.

Custer

Challis Arts Council – \$1,000 to repair the outside west wall of the gallery building with new wood and metal siding and replace concrete guard blocks with metal sculpture by local artist Tab Stuart.

Idaho Natural Resource Foundation – \$1,000 to support an Idaho youth environmental stewardship project on the Middle Fork.

Mackay Elementary School – \$1,000 to supply classrooms with much needed science supplies and purchase 3 Lego Mindstorm kits.

Franklin

Franklin County Reading Association – \$1,000 to buy reduced-price books to give to approximately 270 special needs students in both school districts or those who are in developmental preschools, Head Start, and/or English as a Second Language programs, a book each month to keep in their home.

Franklin County Theatre-Arts Council – \$1,500 to install new seats for the theater.

Preston Community Food Pantry – \$1,500 to contribute to the construction of a building to house food storage and sorting capabilities with perishable and frozen food storage facilities.

West Side School District #202 – \$1,500 to purchase loud speakers and woofers to upgrade the sound system in the new, state-of-the-art, 780-seat auditorium.

Fremont County – \$3,000 to purchase a 32-foot movie screen to increase monthly revenue so more opportunities can be provided for teen jobs, art appreciation and community activities.

Jefferson

Mud Lake City – \$500 to purchase and install barbecue grills in the city park.

Mud Lake Historical Society and Museum – \$2,500 to complete the remodeling of a donated building that will become the Mud Lake Historical Society Museum.

Rigby City Library – \$2,000 to purchase two educational junior desktop stations.

Lemhi

Lemhi County 4H Program – \$1,000 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 for Fabulous 4H Fridays

Salmon Public School Foundation – \$2,000 to purchase and install playground/fitness equipment on school grounds appropriate for middle school students.

Salmon Valley Civic Arts Council – \$1,500 to bring the Missoula Children's Theatre residency program to the Salmon schools.

Williams Lake Volunteer Fire Department – \$2,067 to replace the roof on the fire house/community meeting center

Madison

Idaho International Dance and Music Festival – \$500 to purchase a podium and microphone that would be used in the Festival/Chamber Conference Room and off-site locations during events

Madison School District #321 – \$3,000 to buy and install an equal-access playground that would benefit children with special needs in Madison County and in several surrounding counties

Oneida

Malad Elementary School – \$400 to purchase two Accelerated Math scanners to individualize math instruction and testing for use in grades 3-5 at Malad Elementary School.

Malad Elementary School – \$900 to purchase library books to upgrade the elementary school library collection and to replace popular books that are worn out.

Malad Valley Theater Guild – \$1,000 to purchase wireless microphones for actors on stage and a new sound board to control sound during productions.

Oneida County Hospital – \$1,500 to purchase a new anesthesia cart and gynecological instruments for the operating room of Oneida County Hospital.

Oneida Crisis Center – \$2,000 – to provide weekly group counseling sessions and psycho-social rehabilitation for children and women who are victims of family and sexual violence; provide curriculum, supplies and fund operational expenses for program services and the emergency shelter facility.

Samaria Community Foundation – \$2,000 to replace the steps, expand the porch area, and build a handicapped accessible ramp for the Blue Goose, the community-owned historic general store in Samaria.

Power

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.

American Falls Intermediate School – \$1,000 to purchase a program called Reading Assistant by Scientific Learning.

Teton

Teton County – \$2,000 to provide needed equipment for the classroom.

Teton Valley Health Care Foundation – \$3,000 to purchase a Steris System One E Liquid Chemical Sterilant Processing System.