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ICF announces Ifft Foundation Fund grant recipients

BOISE – The Ifft Foundation Fund in the Idaho Community Foundation (ICF) will provide \$ 62,448 in grants to 12 projects in southeast Idaho.

Recipients are:

- **Bingham County/Blackfoot Senior Citizens** – \$2,500 to improve and beautify the landscaping around the Blackfoot Senior Citizen Center
- **Bingham Crisis Center for Women, Inc.**, (Blackfoot) – \$2,000 to buy plants for beautification and outdoor carpeting for handicapped ramp, and repair sidewalk for safety
- **City of American Falls** – \$4,807 to purchase benches as part of a birding trail system at Willow Bay Marina
- **City of Pocatello** – \$10,000 to fund the materials and installation for the perimeter fence around the new Grizzly Bear Exhibit
- **Family Services Alliance of Southeast Idaho** (Pocatello) – \$1,000 to improve the outside appearance of Family Services Alliance and help the beautification process of the downtown area of Pocatello (Old Town Pocatello)
- **Friends of the Soda Springs Public Library** – \$5,000 to work with community volunteers to develop an already existing grassy natural amphitheater area in the city park to be used by both library programs and public activities in the park
- **Health West, Inc.** (American Falls) – \$3,000 to complete phase two of redesigning the American Falls Clinic landscape to further beautify the entrance for patients and the community
- **Idaho State University Foundation** – \$10,000 to purchase sod, trees, shrubs and flowers to beautify a berm behind the new Idaho State University Miller Ranch Stadium softball field
- **Portneuf Greenway Foundation, Inc.** (Pocatello) – \$9,826.38 to purchase a small tractor for the purpose of maintaining and cleaning existing and future trails
- **Sixth Judicial District CASA Program, Inc.** (Pocatello) – \$1,115 to purchase a large rock with the CASA name and address
- **United Way of Southeastern Idaho, Inc.** – \$10,000 to design a beautiful entrance and perimeter for Brooklyn's Playground

- **Wyeth Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution** (McCammon) – \$3,200 to purchase a granite marker that identifies the distance from the marker's location on the campus of Idaho State University to the route of the historic Oregon-California Trail utilized by early pioneers

Ifft Foundation Fund grants are given twice each year to fund projects that will provide landscaping, beautification and/or public recreation in Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida and Power counties. Deadlines for applications are **March 15** and **August 15**.

The Ifft Foundation started as a family foundation in 1984 and became an ICF donor advised fund in 2001. Nick Ifft was the publisher of the *Idaho State Journal* newspaper in Pocatello from 1966 until 1984. He and his wife Sara Ifft established the foundation to provide grants to benefit projects in southeastern Idaho and the greater Pocatello area. Nick Ifft died in 2003.

The Idaho Community Foundation is a statewide public nonprofit organization whose goal is to have a permanent endowment of charitable dollars that will serve Idaho forever. ICF has more than 425 funds and provides grants to every county in Idaho. More than \$4.8 million was distributed in 2010.

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