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ICF announces Ifft Foundation Fund grant recipients

BOISE – The Ifft Foundation Fund in the Idaho Community Foundation (ICF) will provide \$70,320 in grants to 11 projects in southeast Idaho.

Recipients are:

- **City of Franklin** – \$10,000 to install a wheelchair accessible ramp and concrete boardwalk in the ball diamond grandstand, and purchase trees, boulders and playground equipment.
- **Pocatello Zoo** – \$10,000 to help pay for the purchase of the landscaping, irrigation equipment and materials for the new Grizzly Bear Exhibit.
- **Friends of the Marshall Public Library** (Pocatello) – \$5,585 to landscape the back of library with drought resistant plants and create a separate children's teaching garden.
- **Grace Joint School District #148** – \$10,000 to buy trees, flower beds, bushes, permanent concrete tables, sod and pavers for the development of an outdoor student common area that will facilitate student learning opportunities and promote student health.
- **Health West, Inc.** (American Falls) – \$2,500 to redesign the American Falls Clinic landscape to create a more appealing and welcoming environment for the community.
- **National Oregon Trail Center** (Montpelier) – \$5,000 to landscape the center's exterior with native trees and plants that would have been found on the trail.
- **Pocatello Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.** – \$4,650 to purchase a 7-foot by 18-foot enclosed trailer to house a mobile tool lending library.
- **Rotary Club of Montpelier** – \$7,500 to complete necessary upgrades to the baseball diamonds at Adams Street Park and refurbish cement benches along Washington Street.
- **Shoshone-Bannock Tribes** (Fort Hall) – \$2,500 to purchase trees and shrubs to plant around the Fort Hall Reservation as part of an overall beautification project.
- **Three Rivers Resource Conservation & Development Council** (Pocatello) – \$9,965 to complete Phase 1 of the South Arthur Oxbow enhancement project which includes the creation of swales and berms, a gravel pathway, a gravel base for a future sidewalk and seeding.

- **Westside Players** (Pocatello) – \$2,620 to upgrade the aging sound system with new speakers and cabling.

Nick Ifft was the publisher of the *Idaho State Journal* newspaper in Pocatello from 1966 until 1984. He and his wife Sara Ifft established a family foundation in 1984 to provide grants to benefit projects in southeastern Idaho and the greater Pocatello area. The Ifft Foundation was moved to the Idaho Community Foundation in 2001. 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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