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Shelton Fund in ICF provides more than \$37,000 for Valley County projects

BOISE – Sixteen organizations will receive grants totaling \$37,400 from the Perc H. Shelton and Gladys A. Pospisil Shelton Foundation Advised Fund in the Idaho Community Foundation for projects that benefit Valley County.

The Shelton Fund was created in 2005 from a family foundation started by the Sheltons, who were long-time McCall residents. Distributions are made primarily to nonprofit charitable organizations and government entities, including schools. Organizations don't have to be based in Valley County, but projects must benefit Valley County. This year's recipients are:

City of McCall – \$1,650 to buy Nordic ski boots for youth and three youth mountain bikes to be used in recreation programming

Community Care Clinic, McCall – \$2,500 to buy a "Vscan," a pocket-sized ultrasound device that enables rapid and more accurate diagnosis when used in addition to a physical exam at the clinic

Donnelly Elementary School, Donnelly – \$1,500 to purchase supplies for the Boulder Creek study project

Idaho Diabetes Youth Programs, Inc., Boise – \$250 to provide Valley County youth living with diabetes and their families with the opportunity to meet other local families with diabetes and learn about Idaho Diabetes Youth Programs' Hodia camps

Idaho Public Television, Boise – \$3,000 to help support Idaho Public Television's services in Valley County

Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Inc., Boise – \$1,500 to support the Idaho Shakespeare Festival educational outreach programs for K-12 youth in Valley County and the surrounding areas

McCall Arts & Humanities Council, McCall – \$2,500 to implement a 10-week artist-in-residency program in third- and fifth-grade classrooms in McCall, Donnelly, New Meadows and Council to provide elementary students with focused instruction in the arts by local professional artists

McCall Senior Center, McCall – \$2,500 to recruit drivers and provide funding to operate the vehicles, obtain trays for the meals and contribute to drivers who serve the Meals on Wheels

MCPAWS, Inc., McCall – \$4,000 to provide necessary veterinary care to homeless animals

Payette Lakes Community Association, Inc., McCall – \$500 to provide scholarships to children and additional medical and educational training to instructors to enable them to safeguard kids and impart essential knowledge on drugs

Payette Lakes Ski Club, McCall – \$4,000 to help implement an afterschool program that offers children 5 through 12 an affordable and fun afterschool experience while also providing high-quality ski training

ROSE Advocates, Weiser – \$5,000 to provide a computer, supplies, mileage and phone service as well as leadership and collaboration with other agencies in the area

Snowdon Wildlife Sanctuary, Inc., McCall – \$3,000 to fund an intern program

St. Luke's McCall Foundation, Inc., McCall – \$1,000 to provide free health screenings to the public for prostate cancer, diabetes, skin cancer and hypertension

University of Idaho Foundation, Moscow – \$2,500 to underwrite program costs for outdoor science programs that serve McCall and Donnelly elementary schools, including outdoor science week, winter survival, and team building programs so schools can attend at affordable prices

Valley County, McCall – \$2,000 to purchase composting equipment and provide youth stipends, program materials/tools and promotion

Transferring a family foundation to an ICF fund is easy, free and allows fund advisors to decide which organizations should receive grants, while ICF handles administrative and investment tasks. 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. Each named fund has a designated purpose and distributes grants or scholarships to support a charity or cause. A gift of any size to an ICF fund helps increase the size and number of grants and scholarships awarded to local nonprofits and students.

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