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## **ICF grants nearly \$134,000 in southwest and central Idaho**

BOISE – The Idaho Community Foundation’s Southwestern Regional Grants Panel has selected 95 southwestern Idaho nonprofits, educational organizations and governmental entities to receive more than \$133,935 through its competitive grant cycle.

Grant recipients are from the following counties: Ada, Adams, Blaine, Boise, Camas, Canyon, Cassia, Elmore, Gem, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Owyhee, Payette, Twin Falls, Valley and Washington.

This year there were 205 applications requesting more than \$860,687. 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 Greatest Need Endowment Fund for Southwestern Idaho, which receives money from numerous ICF funds designated to benefit southwest and central Idaho. To donate, go to [www.idcomfdn.org](http://www.idcomfdn.org), click on Donate Now, click on Donate to a Fund of Your Choice, and select Greatest Need Endowment Fund for Southwestern Idaho from the dropdown menu.

This year’s grant recipients are:

### **Ada County**

Assistance League of Boise – \$1,500 to purchase new school clothes for disadvantaged children in public elementary and charter schools in Ada County

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Idaho – \$1,250 to match safe, compatible mentors with children highly at risk for dropping out of school

Boise Rescue Mission – \$1,500 to support the cost of providing three balanced, nutritious meals as well as healthy snacks and beverages every day to children residing at the City Light Home for Women and Children

Boise Urban Garden School BUGS Inc. – \$1,000 to deliver the “Digging In” workshop series to 10 area classrooms, providing youth with the necessary skills to maintain a garden at home or school and the knowledge to make healthy food choices

Boys and Girls Club of Ada County – \$1,500 to provide a free daily bus ride to the Boys & Girls Club in Garden City to low-income and at-risk children who lack transportation

Children's Home Society of Idaho – \$1,000 to work with the Women's & Children's Alliance to offer local therapists a three-day training on domestic violence and assault which will help them provide therapeutic intervention to the 75 women and children on the WCA's monthly waiting list

College of Western Idaho Foundation – \$1,500 to purchase picture and bilingual dictionaries for refugee students striving to become literate in English

Culinary Skills Training Center, Inc. – \$1,000 to provide foodservice skills, life skills and employability training for one at-risk youth

Discovery Center of Idaho, Inc. – \$1,000 for Title I schools, students and underserved families in Idaho and eastern Oregon to have the opportunity to experience the Discovery Center of Idaho for free

Family Advocates, Inc. – \$1,000 to help expand the number of volunteers for the Families First early education/child abuse prevention program

Garden City Library Foundation – \$500 to support Bells for Books, a mobile literacy program which brings library services to those who cannot come to the library and is supported entirely by the Foundation

Genesis World Mission, Inc. – \$2,000 to provide uninsured residents with coordinated health care

Global Lounge Group, Inc. – \$1,000 to pay for food and transportation so new Americans/refugees can participate in arts and cultural events at the Boise Downtown YMCA for one year

Idaho Botanical Gardens, Inc. – \$1,000 to support the youth education programs at the Idaho Botanical Garden

Idaho Foodbank Warehouse, Inc. – \$1,000 to help support the Nutrition Services initiative

Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Inc. – \$1,500 to support the Southwestern 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 scholarship funding and program support for Treasure Valley toddlers learning to use their cochlear implants or hearing aids in preparation for mainstream preschool

Idaho Youth Ranch, Inc. – \$1,135 to expand the education program at Hays Shelter Home to improve educational outcomes for children during their stay and provide continuity of care after they return to their community

Interfaith Sanctuary Housing Services, Inc. – \$1,500 to offer support to current and former residents and those in our community facing homelessness to secure and maintain permanent housing by providing case management, education, mentoring, affordable housing resources and financial assistance

Junior Achievement of Idaho, Inc. – \$1,000 to provide 425 students in Middleton and Boise the JA curriculum to help create their own economic success

Learning Lab, Inc. – \$2,000 to match funds from a private foundation to raise a combined total of \$10,000 for Family and Adult Literacy Programs

Organization Assisting The Homeless Student – \$1,000 to give 791 homeless students in Boise a better chance to enjoy, succeed and stay in school by providing them with what they need in the areas of academics, athletics, music and extracurricular activities

Publishing Young Authors Foundation Inc. – \$700 for materials and teachers for “Write On!” writing club in two schools

Salvation Army, Boise Chapter – \$1,000 to provide supportive services, such as case management, parenting classes and basic baby items to pregnant and parenting teens

Senior Solutions, Inc. – \$1,000 to continue to provide services to the increasing number of elderly who must have assistance to remain living independently

Sustainable Futures, Inc. – \$1,000 to pay for part of the set-up costs in our new facility, including plumbing, electrical work, mechanical work, data cabling, office remodeling and more

Terry Reilly Health Services – \$2,500 to purchase high priority equipment for Terry Reilly’s new medical clinic in Boise

The Cabin – \$1,000 to provide funding for a teaching-writer in three classrooms as part of The Cabin’s “Writers in the Schools” program

The Jesse Tree of Idaho – \$2,000 to provide homeless prevention services to very low-to-moderate families facing eviction and at-risk of becoming homeless

Trey McIntyre Project – \$500 to engage with selected school groups in Boise and other cities via performances, conversations with dancers, open studio workshops, master classes, assemblies, SpUrbans, and other interactions with Trey McIntyre Project dancers

Women’s and Children’s Alliance, Inc. – \$2,500 to support the program’s direct victims services case management component

**Adams County**

New Meadows Senior Center – \$1,000 to buy 14 round tables, 40 chairs and new window coverings

**Blaine County**

Advocates for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Inc. – \$2,500 to support shelter services for abused women and their children

Blaine County Hunger Coalition Inc. – \$2,500 to provide children experiencing hunger and facing family crisis with direct access to wholesome food when outside the safety net provided by school meal programs

Blaine County Recreation District – \$2,250 to continue to provide free public access to BCRD's gymnasium for adults, children and families who need year-round opportunities for healthy, active recreation

Blaine County School District Education Foundation – \$2,000 to fund after school elementary programs for limited English proficiency students

College of Southern Idaho – \$1,500 to increase literacy and civic participation among adult Latinos through the Mexican Consulate’s “Plazas Comunitaria” project and through citizenship preparation classes

Company of Fools, Inc. – \$1,264 to support Company of Fools’ general operating expenses for its 16th season, which includes six main stage shows and arts-in-education programs for children and adults

Environmental Resource Center – \$1,000 to continue the successful Science After School! program, a free, weekly, project-based learning program in environmental education, natural science and sustainability for 4th and 5th graders

Hailey Public Library – \$2,250 to purchase 10 new public computer workstations

Sun Valley Adaptive Sports Program, Inc. – \$1,000 to offset the costs of PACK (Peak Adventure Camp for Kids)

The Crisis Hot Line, Inc. – \$1,200 to pay for a portion of general operating expenses, including telephones and insurance, and for public media outreach materials

The Trailing of the Sheep Cultural Heritage Center, Inc. – \$1,000 to help fund a film and educational materials featuring some of the finest western women writers and ranching women sharing powerful life stories and experiences as part of the 15th Trailing of the Sheep Festival

### **Boise County**

Horseshoe Bend and Area Senior Citizens, Inc. – \$1,500 to replace concrete at front entrance, add a concrete pad for wheel-chair access and replace one window blind

Idaho City Historical Foundation, Inc. – \$1,500 to update and expand the “Bricks and Boardwalks” walking tour guide to historic Idaho City

### **Camas County**

Camas County Senior Citizens Association – \$2,500 to upgrade the facility for social events and provide expanded learning opportunities

### **Canyon County**

AmeriCorps VISTA – \$500 to buy books and supplies for the “Reading Buddies” program

Boise Art Museum, Inc. – \$1,000 to support the costs of program instructors for delivery of BAM’s outreach program to rural classrooms

Boise Philharmonic Association, Inc. – \$1,500 to support the full orchestra Children’s Concerts in Nampa for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students

Caldwell Fine Arts Series, Inc. – \$2,000 to encourage individual student enthusiasm and achievement through dance, music and dramatic arts which will enhance the Idaho Educational Standards

City of Nampa – \$1,000 to provide free artistic enrichment for school-age children who have little exposure and limited access to the performing arts

City of Nampa Parks & Recreation Department – \$1,000 to provide equipment and staff for the Traveling Playground program which serves children in low-income neighborhoods

City of Notus – \$600 to buy graphic novels and adult books on health and nutrition

Elderly Opportunity Agency, Inc. – \$1,500 to provide nutritious daily meals for the homebound elderly and disabled

Mercy Housing Idaho Inc. – \$1,800 to purchase computers for the on-site after-school and summer program community room

Mujeres Unidas de Idaho – \$1,000 to motivate Latino middle school students to remain in school by promoting personal development through arts & culture and social issues workshops pertinent to their age group

Music Theatre of Idaho – \$1,500 to support “Arts for Everyone” program, which provides arts attendance opportunities for underserved audiences

Parma Area Senior Citizens, Inc. – \$1,000 to repair storage area attached to building and install ventilation system

Salvation Army Caldwell Corps – \$1,500 to purchase baby items to put in the incentive store for low-income families

Salvation Army Nampa Corp – \$1,500 to provide case management at the Community Family Shelter for homeless families and single women

Treasure Valley Family YMCA – \$1,000 support out of school care programs

Valley Crisis Center, Inc. – \$2,500 to match funds for the Family Development Center which is dedicated to decreasing incidences of domestic violence

Warhawk Air Museum, Inc. – \$2,000 to purchase banners to educate visitors about important periods of time in U.S. history

### **Cassia County**

Burley Public Library – \$545 to buy early literacy activity materials for children ages 0 to 6

Friends of the Burley Public Library – \$1,000 to replace old carpet in the Friends room in the Burley Public Library that also serves as a community/storytime room

Raft River Bookmobile – \$2,000 to help pay the contract with the Box Elder County, Utah, Library District to provide bookmobile service to the outlying communities in Cassia County and the Juniper area of Oneida County

### **Elmore County**

Mountain Home Historical Society Inc. – \$1,800 to buy cement for foundation, adjustable wire shelving and acid-free artifact storage items for preservation storage rooms

Mountain Home Senior Citizens, Inc. – \$1,500 to purchase a water softener system, booster heater, water heater and vegetable steamer for the food service program

### **Gem County**

American Legion Post #49 – \$798 to renovate the bathroom at the American Legion Hall so that it is handicapped accessible

Emmett Lions Club – \$1,583 to purchase three telebinoculars and memory cards for eye screening 1,300 K-6 grade students at the Emmett elementary schools

Emmett Public Library – \$600 to purchase two new toilets and transfer bars, completing an ADA upgrade to the two public restrooms of the library

Gem County Senior Citizens, Inc. – \$5,435 to replace outdated kitchen equipment

### **Gooding County**

Gooding County Historical Society – \$1,200 to landscape and preserve exterior artifacts

Gooding County Senior Citizens Organization, Inc. – \$1,500 to buy a new convection oven to replace a 30-year-old one

Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind Foundation – \$1,000 to expand the scope and quality of education for paraprofessionals working with blind and visually impaired children throughout Idaho

### **Jerome County**

Family Health Services Corporation – \$1,500 to purchase a portion of the equipment needed for 2-3 exam rooms in the FHS Jerome Medical Clinic

### **Minidoka County**

Community Oasis Outreach – \$2,500 to support general operation of the facility, and much-needed roof repair

### **Owyhee County**

Homedale Public Library – \$1,000 to purchase new books for all ages

### **Payette County**

Children's Voices, Inc. – \$1,200 to give abused and neglected children a voice by providing advocacy to an underserved population of abused and/or neglected children who are currently the subject of child protection proceedings

Friends of the Payette Public Library – \$1,500 to buy computer hardware and software for children/youth, Spanish-speaking patrons and English-speaking patrons who wish to learn Spanish

Payette Public Library – \$1,500 to purchase large-print books for the library

### **Twin Falls County**

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Magic Valley Inc. – \$500 to buy calculators for attendees who complete financial literacy classes

Hospice Visions, Inc. – \$1,200 to purchase a computer, upgrade editing equipment and provide technical support for our Life Review Project

La Posada, Inc. – \$2,500 to fund one-time emergency assistance to families in need of food, shelter, clothing, paid utility bills and medical bills

Magic Valley Symphony Orchestra – \$1,500 to design and perform the “Snake River Canyon Suite,” a choreographed collage of Idaho images illustrating the five movements of Ferde Grofe’s famous “Grand Canyon Suite”

Murtaugh Joint School District – \$1,500 to increase school readiness for preschool-age students

Rising Stars Therapeutic Riding Center Inc. – \$1,000 to train and compensate therapeutic riding instructors

Southern Idaho Learning Center Foundation – \$2,000 to provide scholarships to low-income students with learning disabilities to receive specialized instruction in math, reading and writing in order to help them reach their full potential

Valley Housing Coalition – \$1,000 to help fund our after-school children’s program and daycare

### **Valley County**

Community Care Clinic – \$2,000 to buy two computers, a wireless hotspot device and the Verizon service to run the hot spot

McCall Arts & Humanities Council – \$1,000 to implement and expand the winter “Cabin Fever” series, offering low-cost and free winter classes and events for adults and families to encourage growth and learning in the arts and humanities and to foster community participation

McCall Senior Center – \$800 to purchase insulated carriers, insulated ice chillers, related racks, insulated carrier dollies, and heating pads for usage with the Meals on Wheels program

McCall-Donnelly Education Foundation – \$825 to purchase a high-quality microscope and microscope table for elementary and high school science exploration

Payette Lakes Community Association, Inc. – \$1,000 to buy promotional materials such as brochures, banner, newsletter, video, projector, portable screen and website improvements

### **Washington County**

Cambridge Senior Citizens Center, Inc. – \$2,000 to remodel an existing room to serve as a food pantry for the residents of Washington and Adams counties