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## **ICF grant cycle provides more than \$80,000 in north Idaho; \$560K in 2011**

COEUR D'ALENE – The Idaho Community Foundation's Northern Regional Competitive Grants Panel has selected 58 north Idaho nonprofit organizations to receive more than \$80,000 through its annual competitive grant cycle.

Grant recipients are from each of the counties represented in ICF's north Idaho region: Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce and Shoshone.

In 2011, ICF provided nearly \$560,000 to the north Idaho region through grants, scholarships and other distributions. ICF President and CEO Bob Hoover said he expects similar financial support for nonprofits and students in 2012

"ICF distributes large and small grants totaling between \$500,000 and \$750,000 every year to more than 150 nonprofits and scholarship recipients in north Idaho," Hoover said. "With the slow recovery rate of the economy, these funds are crucial support for families, senior citizens, arts programs, hospitals and more."

This year's recipients of the Northern Region Competitive Grant Cycle are:

### **Benewah County**

Benewah Community Hospital – \$500 to purchase a high-resolution portable ultrasound

Greater Benewah County Humane Society – \$350 to purchase a universal microchip scanner for identification of cats and dogs

Hospice of Benewah County, Inc. – \$500 to buy new computer and equipment for the hospice program and office to keep better records of patients

St. Maries Volunteer Community Clinic, Inc. – \$1,000 to help operate the free and reduced-cost volunteer clinic and to provide patients with diagnostic test vouchers for lab tests and x-rays and for prescription medication vouchers

### **Bonner County**

Angels Over Sandpoint – \$908 to assist Bonner County residents with dental help, eyeglasses, gas cards and medical supplies

Blanchard Area Seniors, Incorporated – \$500 to provide signage, a community bulletin board, landscaping and improved handicap accessibility at the Blanchard Senior Community Center

Clark Fork Parks and Recreation Commission – \$1,000 to purchase hydroseed for the playground and softball field outfield at Memorial Park

Community Cancer Services – \$1,000 to provide financial assistance to help clients afford basic needs during cancer care

Festival at Sandpoint, Inc. – \$500 to fund the Festival at Sandpoint's 5th Grade Music Outreach Program and Instrument Assistance Program

Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Inc. – \$500 to support the North Idaho portion of the Festival's educational outreach tours to elementary and secondary schools for the 2013 academic year

Kinderhaven, Inc. – \$900 to repair widespread water damage in the bathroom of the north wing

NAMI Far North, Inc. – \$1,000 to support the Crisis Intervention Training Academy, which will provide 40 hours of education for up to 32 officers from Idaho's northern five counties on mental illnesses and how to de-escalate a mental illness crisis without force

Panhandle Animal Shelter – \$842 to pay for school classrooms to visit the animal shelter on class fieldtrips

Priest River Ministries Inc. – \$2,000 to provide services and advocacy to victims of domestic violence

Sandpoint Area Seniors, Inc. – \$1,000 to deliver 651 meals to 109 frail, home-bound senior citizens in Bonner County

Transitions in Progress Services, Inc – \$2,000 to put up a safety fence along the highway adjacent to the property and reinforce the roof of the storage building

### **Boundary County**

Boundary County Back Pack Program – \$1,500 to purchase food kits for student weekend backpacks of supplemental nutritious food for the 2012-2013 school year

Paradise Valley Volunteer Fire Department – \$1,000 to purchase three defibrillators

### **Clearwater County**

Clearwater Soil and Water Conservation District – \$1,000 to supply necessary items to enhance the outreach programs, food and drink, bus transportation, upgrade GPS units, butterfly nets, paper and coloring materials, etc.

J. Howard Bradbury Logging Memorial Museum, Inc. – \$1,000 to rebuild the collapsed Courtyard Park Pavilion, which is a part of the historic museum and courthouse campus, and a popular community meeting place

### **Idaho County**

Grangeville Centennial Library – \$1,000 to meet the needs of our elderly population by purchasing audio, e-reader and large print books and by offering classes in basic computer training

Idaho County Food Bank – \$1,000 to provide food, supplies and operating expenses to keep the food bank operating

Kamiah Food Bank, Inc. – \$1,000 to fund construction to install an addition to the pantry for a walk-in cooler and freezer

Wilderness Science Education, Inc. – \$700 to buy an outfitter-style water filter to guarantee we can carry adequate water on our trips

### **Kootenai County**

Association for Handicapped Recreation, Inc. – \$1,666 for scholarships for 12 low-income children to attend four weeks of camp

Camp Fire USA Inland Northwest Council – \$3,000 to pay for North Idaho military children to attend Camp Sweyolakan for Operation Purple Camp

Carrousel Players of the Coeur d'Alene Summer Theatre – \$1,000 to give children the opportunity to perform original musical theater and learn different styles of dance, song and history while having a good time

Children's Village, Inc. – \$1,000 to care for critical needs children residing in the facility's Moyer house as well as the crisis nursery

Family Promise of North Idaho – \$1,000 to fulfill the electrical needs of the day center and provide homeless families with access to on-site laundry facilities

First Book-Kootenai County – \$4,000 to increase the number of new books provided to children with socio-economic risks by granting funds to more agencies serving these children

First Presbyterian Church – \$4,000 to grant scholarships to children of low-income and homeless families who otherwise could not afford to send their children to a learning center that offers hands on learning for ages 0-5 including preschool and child care

Fresh Start – \$500 to provide shelter, warm food, and blankets for the homeless people who would otherwise be sleeping outside or otherwise unprotected in -20° F temperatures

Idaho Youth Ranch, Inc. – \$500 to help up to 50 teenage boys with substance abuse issues become clean and sober, improve family relationships and develop life-long skills and behaviors to refuse drugs and alcohol

Invent Now, Inc. – \$1,000 to provide up to 25 partial or full scholarships to underserved children in grades 1-6 to attend the Camp Invention program

Junior Achievement of the Inland Northwest – \$2,000 to support the continuation of the effective Junior Achievement programs at Post Falls Middle School and River City Middle School

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill - Coeur d'Alene – \$3,000 to initiate the BASICS program and expand Family to Family, In Our Own Voice, CIT, and increase the number of persons trained to present programs, educate community groups and expand outreach to veterans and the homeless

North Idaho Friends of the Opera and the Arts – \$2,000 to develop and deliver the childrens' opera Little Red Riding Hood to the elementary schools of Kootenai and Shoshone counties

Ramsey Magnet School of Science – \$4,402 to buy children's literature for students in grades 1-2 to take home and read with their families

Spokane Symphony Society – \$2,000 to provide three free, professional concerts for elementary students

The Women's Center, Inc. – \$5,000 to educate youth about healthy relationships, teen dating violence, gender roles and sexual assault in order to prevent violence, develop healthy and safe relationship knowledge and skills, and promote safety for youth

### **Latah County**

Backyard Harvest – \$1,000 to provide community-supported agriculture shares of fresh produce at a greatly reduced cost for low-income families and seniors in the region

City of Troy Summer Program – \$1,000 to buy supplies, snacks and assist with funding for field trips throughout the summer

J-K Good Samaritan Food Bank – \$1,000 to provide food for those in need

Juliaetta-Kendrick Heritage Foundation – \$900 to replace 30 dilapidated signs on the historic Juliaetta and Kendrick Walking Tour

Kendrick Grange #413 – \$1,500 to replace the existing flooring in the hall on the main floor of the Kendrick Fraternal Temple

Latah County 4-H – \$1,000 to help fund summer activities and programs for youth in Latah County, focusing on cities in the county that are underserved

Latah Soil & Water Conservation District – \$830 to enrich student understanding of the value of natural resources and the importance of conservation, sustainability and stewardship

Mercy Housing Idaho Inc. – \$1,600 to purchase materials and labor to create an outdoor recreational field for special needs and developmentally disabled children and adults who participate in the Special Olympics

Palouse Suzuki Strings – \$500 to provide scholarships for music study to students from families experiencing financial hardship

### **Lewis County**

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) – \$1,000 to assist with the purchase of a van or enclosed trailer for transporting food and/or food boxes to home deliveries

Upper Clearwater Community Foundation – \$1,000 to purchase safety equipment for the Kamiah Community Swimming Pool to ensure the health and safety of pool personnel and patrons

### **Nez Perce County**

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northern Idaho, Inc. – \$1,000 to purchase online financial education courses and contract for an online payment service for clients who are not able to attend financial education classes in Lewiston

Lewiston Library – \$2,300 to create Literacy Kits for the children's area in Lewiston City Library

Nez Perce County Historical Society – \$1,500 to pay wages and employment benefits to hire a part-time employee to sort, categorize, and index artifacts from the Henry Talkington collection and integrate them into the museum and the community information system such as the library

Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District – \$750 to educate 5<sup>th</sup>- and 6<sup>th</sup>-grade youth in Nez Perce County on conservation and natural resources through hands-on learning activities

### **Shoshone County**

City of Wallace – \$3,675 to construct, reconstruct and replace a set of public stairs in one of three locations on the south hill of Wallace

Shoshone County Community Concert Association – \$500 to pay for concert performances

Shoshone County Community Health Clinic – \$500 to provide medical and dental care for patients

Nonprofit organizations can apply for grants of up to \$5,000 through the competitive grant cycle. The Northern Regional Grants Panel, which includes representatives from

each north Idaho county, meets every April to review the applications and make recommendations. The ICF Board of Directors makes the final decision about the grants.

In 2012 there were 109 applications to the Northern Region Grant requesting more than \$430,000. Grants are awarded in the areas of arts & culture, education, emergency services, health, libraries, conservation/environment, public projects, recreation and social services.

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