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ICF grant cycle provides more than \$150,000 in eastern and southeastern Idaho

IDAHO FALLS – The Idaho Community Foundation’s Eastern Regional Grants Panel has selected 63 eastern and southeastern Idaho nonprofit organizations to receive more than \$150,000 through its annual competitive grant cycle.

Grant recipients are from Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Bonneville, Butte, Caribou, Custer, Franklin, Lemhi, Madison, Oneida, Power and Teton counties.

Nonprofit organizations can apply for grants of up to \$5,000 through the competitive grant cycle. The Eastern Region Grants Panel, which includes representatives from each county, meets every July to review the applications and make recommendations. The ICF Board of Directors makes the final decision about the grants.

In 2014 there were 135 applications requesting more than \$563,000. Grants are awarded in the areas of arts & culture, education, emergency services, health, libraries, conservation/environment, public projects, recreation and social services.

This year’s recipients are:

Bannock County

Bannock County Historical Society, Inc. and Museum – \$2,656 to hire part-time staff to sort, scan, rehouse, and conduct electronic data entry on 8 linear feet of historic photographs to improve access, information dissemination, education, and long term preservation of important images from Bannock County.

Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Inc. – \$2,657 to support the eastern Idaho portion of the Idaho Shakespeare Festival’s educational outreach tours, Idaho Theater for Youth and Shakespeareance, to elementary and secondary schools for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Snake River New Horizons Band – \$2,656 to purchase band instruments, music scores and marketing items such as uniforms, music stands and banners.

Bannock County 4-H LiveWire Robotics – \$2,657 to provide intensive STEM outreach and education with the purchase of reusable LEGO® Mindstorm kits to provide numerous robotics workshops and summer camps each year.

Idaho State-Civic Symphony Association, Inc. – \$2,656 to support the Youth Orchestra's presentation of the Symphony School Concerts to over 2,600 area 4th- and 5th-grade students.

Northwest Medical Edge Research Foundation Inc. – \$2,657 to launch the Veterans' Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Fund.

Pocatello Free Clinic for the Patient Education Program – \$4,900 to communicate the benefits of preventative care and healthy lifestyle choices and to encourage and facilitate behavior changes.

Pocatello Neighborhood Housing Services – \$2,656 to finish construction of a 1,560-square foot public pavilion project at Caldwell Park in Pocatello.

The Idaho Foodbank – \$2,657 to enrich the School Pantry program in eastern Idaho, feeding and nourishing children and families in need.

Bear Lake County

Oregon Trail Center, Inc. – \$1,381 to replace three obsolete computers and one broken laptop, and purchase an iPad to produce a new remote education program.

Paris Elementary School – \$3,157 to construct a 4-foot high chain link fence to enclose the playground area. Currently no fence exists and children are exposed to roadways on three sides of the playground.

Bear Lake County Library District – \$2,656 to purchase the kits and supplies necessary to introduce science, technology, engineering and math activities into the current and future programming.

Bingham County

Blackfoot Community Center, Inc. – \$2,657 to provide after school and summer programming for at-risk children from low-income families in need with special circumstances who do not qualify for other forms of assistance.

Lillian Vallely School, Inc. – \$1,282 to buy folding lunchroom tables with stools.

Community Dinner Table, Inc. – \$3,650 to purchase a 7-foot by 14-foot enclosed utility trailer to transport food from grocery stores and storage facilities to the Food Pantry distribution center.

Bonneville County

Bonneville County Historical Society – \$2,157 to complete much needed energy efficiency facility improvements to lighting and HVAC systems and increase lighting capabilities for exhibitions.

Bonneville Joint School District #93 – \$1,356 to purchase music instruments for the school.

Idaho Falls Arts Council – \$2,657 to provide art supplies and support teaching artists for a regular series of art classes in the ARTitorium that will serve approximately 2,000 school children over the 2014/2015 school year.

Idaho Falls Youth Arts Centre, Inc. – \$2,656 to promote the Mentorship Program to inspire, educate and encourage youth in their endeavors in the performing arts and to further the Arts Education and After School programs and promote the scholarship program to reach out to underserved youth.

Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council, Inc. – \$2,157 to ensure that all girls in eastern Idaho, especially high-risk, low-income girls, have access to quality educational programming and mentorship.

Idaho Diabetes Youth Programs, Inc. – \$2,656 to make the 2014 Hodia summer camp experience possible and safe for 39 kids and adolescents with type 1 diabetes from the eastern region counties by providing funding to underwrite the cost of volunteer counselor supervision of these youth.

The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society – \$3,500 to purchase an electric tilt table.

Idaho Falls Public Library – \$2,657 to purchase library books for children ages 18 months through 14 years to increase availability of books for children to read throughout the summer and winter months in Swan Valley, Idaho.

Snake River Animal Shelter – \$1,500 to purchase cat kennels for the quarantine area of the new shelter facilities.

The Children with Disabilities Foundation, Inc. – \$3,000 to provide adaptable bicycles to special needs children in the region.

Idaho Legal Aid Services, Inc. – \$2,656 to provide legal representation in divorce and custody cases to low-income victims of domestic violence.

Butte County

Arco Elementary School – \$1,657 to bring Missoula Children's Theatre to Arco Elementary to audition and cast 50 to 60 school-age children in a full-length original musical production.

Butte County Joint School District – \$383 to purchase a state-of-the-art listening center in order to enhance small group learning activities involving multiple media sources.

Lost Rivers Medical Center Foundation – \$1,656 to purchase a sound system for the clinic to provide a more pleasing/relaxing environment and provide greater privacy for patients.

Butte Communities Improvement Association – \$857 to construct a garden storage shed at the Butte County Community Garden.

Moore Community Association – \$2,656 to purchase tables and chairs for the new Valley Community Center located in Moore.

Lost Rivers Senior Citizens, Inc. – \$670 to replace malfunctioning refrigerator.

Caribou County

Gem Valley Performing Arts Committee – \$2,656 to replace worn/dysfunctional furniture in the theatre lobby and provide increased seating for patrons pre- and post-entertainments and during intermission while upgrading the ambience of the

general venue.

Soda Springs Public Library – \$3,156 to purchase access to downloadable audiobooks for the approximately 250,000 patrons served by the Library Consortium of Eastern Idaho, and purchase support materials for the Lego Club at Soda Springs Public Library.

Caribou County Fair Board – \$2,157 to build a disabled accessible restroom on the west side of the Caribou County fairgrounds.

Caribou County Senior Citizens, Inc. – \$3,356 to upgrade the kitchen area.

Custer County

Challis Arts Council, Inc. – \$2,157 to purchase and install IT equipment and software in the Challis Arts Council/MadDog Gallery office.

Mackay High School FFA Chapter – \$1,150 to purchase 30 replacement cooling pads and repair/replace supply piping, collection trays, and water collection container for the greenhouse cooler.

Sawtooth Search and Rescue – \$1,656 to develop/distribute free Trail Safety Cards and a website to help uninitiated hikers/riders in the Sawtooth NRA safely prepare for their outings to avoid getting lost, injured or dying.

Challis Area Chamber of Commerce – \$2,557 to purchase IT (Information Technology) and AV (Audio/Visual) equipment and software.

Franklin County

Franklin County Reading Association – \$3,500 to buy books to be given out monthly to developmental preschools, elementary and junior high special needs classes, ESL class, and Head Start, in both Preston and West Side school districts.

Larsen-Sant Public Library – \$2,656 to digitize microfilm reels containing back issues of the Preston Citizen (newspaper) for online use.

Jefferson County

Mud Lake Historical Society and Museum, Inc. – \$2,657 to preserve and enhance the collection.

Rigby City Library – \$2,156 to purchase Spanish language books for children, teens and adults.

Lemhi County

Salmon Arts Council – \$1,157 to support and strengthen arts education for all youth in Lemhi County, both in the public schools and home-schooled, through school- and community-based programs.

Lemhi County Crisis Intervention – \$2,156 to purchase study materials, pay for tutors, provide childcare for students, and to pay GED test fees for students attending the GED Support Program.

Lemhi County Economic Development Association – \$2,157 to establish regular, high quality, math and English tutoring for students preparing to take college entrance exams and for those working on degree programs.

Sacajawea Cultural, Interpretive and Educational Center – \$1,656 to create an educational program, for 4th- and 8th-grade students, which explores mid-1800s American history in an engaging, experiential manner.

Salmon Library Association – \$2,657 to purchase an ADA compliant automatic door for the new library.

Madison County

Madison Library District – \$2,656 to purchase a new vehicle to pull the Book Wagon, make updates and repairs to the existing book trailer, and purchase tablets with an internet plan so patrons can renew books, make requests, see pending holds, and update their accounts on site.

Madison School District #321 – \$2,657 to purchase high-quality, library-bound books that have accompanying Accelerated Reader tests that will be used by many students for years to come.

Seventh Judicial District CASA Program – \$2,500 to provide a CASA volunteer and volunteer attorney to all children we receive appointment to in Madison, Fremont and Jefferson Counties.

Oneida County

Malad Elementary School – \$1,500 to buy and install an electronic screen for the auditorium.

Malad High School – \$2,656 to buy equipment and supplies for the clinical portion of an Emergency Medical Responder program at Malad High School.

Malad Middle School – \$1,200 to buy GPS units to be used by small groups of geography and history students in Malad Middle School.

Nell J. Redfield Memorial Hospital – \$2,000 to buy two wall mount drinking fountains with bottle filler stations for the long-term care wing of the hospital.

Samaria Community Foundation – \$3,157 to buy new equipment (toilets, sink faucet handles, tankless hot water unit, heater) plus new tile, paint, and doors to upgrade the public restrooms in the Samaria City Park and make them disabled accessible.

Power County

American Falls Education Foundation – \$2,656 to provide musical experiences for the community while assisting in foundation activities for the youth and citizens of the community.

Three Rivers Resource Conservation & Development Council – \$2,157 to provide the fledgling organization, Escalera, Inc., capacity training and resources that will enable Escalera to effectively govern the organization and administer the Spanish GED Program for the Latina population in and around Power County.

Teton County

Teton County – \$2,656 to purchase livestock panels and gates for the new indoor arena.

Teton Valley Education Foundation – \$2,657 to fund VOICE, a Teton High School mentorship program in partnership with Idaho Drug Free Youth. The program pairs each incoming freshman with an upperclassman mentor who provides support through building positive and meaningful relationships.

Teton Valley Healthcare Foundation – \$2,656 to augment the patient services project by purchasing a blanket warmer for patient comfort and healing.

City of Tetonian – \$4,152 to pay for architectural and engineering blueprints for a new restroom facility to serve the “Rails to Trails” trailhead and the city park.