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## **ICF grant cycle provides more than \$164,000 in north Idaho**

COEUR D'ALENE – The Idaho Community Foundation's Northern Regional Competitive Grants Panel has selected 74 north Idaho nonprofit organizations to receive more than \$164,000 through its annual competitive grant cycle.

Grant recipients are from Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Nez Perce and Shoshone counties.

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

### **Benewah County**

University of Idaho Benewah County Extension – \$2,000 to facilitate experiential learning opportunities through 4-H afterschool and 4-H day camp activities to children 5-18 years of age in Benewah County. These programs will also allow youth to learn valuable skills in nutrition and career exploration.

Coeur d'Alene Tribe – \$3,500 to help purchase and install 15 energy efficient windows, reducing energy costs at the shelter, purchase bedding and bath linens for children's use staying at the shelter and help pay for internal administrative costs to manage this project/award.

Benewah Community Hospital – \$1,130 to purchase a Trauma Simulation Training Module to be used with a manikin to train healthcare staff on handling trauma patients that come to the hospital.

St. Maries Volunteer Community Clinic, Inc. – \$500 to purchase critically needed medications for patients.

### **Bonner County**

Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Inc. – \$1,500 to support the northern portion of the Idaho Shakespeare Festival's theater education tours to elementary and secondary schools for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Pend Oreille Arts Council, Inc. – \$1,000 to provide unique, culturally diverse educational opportunities in the visual and performing arts for K-12<sup>th</sup> grade students in Bonner County at no cost.

West Bonner County School District #83 – \$500 to purchase costumes in conjunction with Priest River Lamanna High School's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant after school program.

Panhandle Animal Shelter – \$364 to provide spay and neuter surgeries for owned and free-roaming dogs and cats as a targeted approach to reducing the pet population in Sandpoint.

Panhandle Alliance for Education Inc. – \$2,450 to purchase 350 Books for Babies kits, to be given to the new parents of babies born at the Bonner General Hospital during the calendar year 2014.

Team Autism 24/7 – \$4,750 to create an autism education lending library in collaboration with the East Bonner County Library that will provide currently unavailable books, audio-visual material, and other informational resources free of charge.

Bonner Community Food Center – \$500 to purchase non-perishable foods for seniors, the disabled, veterans and low-income families of Bonner County to help stretch their food budget.

Community Cancer Services – \$2,500 to provide financial assistance to help meet the practical needs for medically under-served cancer clients in Bonner and Boundary counties.

Kinderhaven, Inc. – \$1,143 to purchase a new double-oven electric range.

Priest River Ministries Inc. – \$3,973 to provide hope, education, support, shelter and healing to families in crisis so they may begin a life free of violence and enter into an empowered and self-sufficient lifestyle.

Sandpoint Resource Center – \$1,500 to pay for telecommunications and volunteer training during 2014.

### **Boundary County**

Paradise Valley Volunteer Fire Department – \$980 to provide smoke and fire detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to the residents of the district who are not able to purchase or install them.

Boundary Community Hospital – \$1,090 to purchase an upper-body ergonometer (arm bike) for the Rehabilitation Department.

Bonnors Ferry Church of the Nazarene – \$1,050 to ensure the availability of basic hygiene products and offer food packs for kids in the area during summer vacation.

### **Clearwater County**

Clearwater Community Concert Association – \$2,500 to bring in a high-quality live music group to expand the musical culture of the area and provide free educational workshops to local schools or communities.

Clearwater Soil and Water Conservation District – \$1,250 to provide continuing education for residents ages 8-80 of Clearwater and surrounding counties regarding soil and water conservation, along with agricultural and environmental management.

Orofino Rural Fire District – \$1,000 to finish building the Orofino Rural Fire Station.

Idaho National Guard Youth Challenge Foundation – \$1,000 to purchase indoor recreational exercise equipment for the Academy, thereby helping the youths reach their health and fitness goals during inclement weather.

Elk River Free Library District – \$4,040 to replace outdated and failing antennas in order to continue providing internet to the community, some outlying areas and visitors.

### **Idaho County**

Idaho County Recycling – \$1,000 to improve the infrastructure by retrofitting two cardboard collection bins and three commodity collection bins.

Tahoe Community First Responders, Inc. – \$1,030 to purchase a computer, mouse, remote keyboard, external back-up disk and software programs which will be used to communicate with the Idaho EMS Bureau, file incident reports and track financial and internal administrative data

### **Kootenai County**

Coeur d'Alene Symphony Orchestra, Inc. – \$1,000 to provide funding for the annual free Labor Day Concert held at Coeur d'Alene City Park

North Idaho Friends of the Opera and the Arts, Inc. – \$2,500 to perform the children's opera "Hansel and Gretel" adapted to a Native American theme at up to 20 K-6 schools in north Idaho, and bring the production to the tribal communities of Plummer (Coeur d'Alene Tribe) and Lewiston (Nez Perce Tribe).

Spokane Symphony Society – \$2,500 to provide three free concerts for elementary students

Citizens' Council for the Arts – \$5,000 to provide scholarships to Art Shop for underprivileged children.

Coeur d'Alene Public Library Foundation, Inc. – \$4,910 to purchase equipment and provide training for teens 13-18 to participate in the "Peer to Peer" portion of the StoryCatcher oral history recording project at the CdA Library.

Fernan PTA – \$3,529 to purchase materials to begin creating a STEM library that will service the entire population of Fernan Elementary including children, faculty and staff.

First Presbyterian Church – \$3,000 to grant scholarships to children from low-income and homeless families who otherwise could not afford to send their children to a learning center.

FIRST Robotics Competition Team 3145, The TeraViks – \$2,000 to buy more parts for a robot and help towards travel to a competition in Calgary.

Invent Now, Inc. – \$2,500 to enable underserved students to experience the Camp Invention program at Ramsey Magnet School of Science.

Lakeland Joint School District #272 – \$4,000 to purchase supplemental items for each of the five BASE locations including science, kitchen, art, experiments and manipulative items.

NAMI Coeur d'Alene – \$5,000 to purchase materials and pay costs to continue and expand educational and support programs, increase the number of persons trained to facilitate the programs, continue outreach to veterans, homeless, and sustain public advocacy and education.

University of Idaho Foundation, Inc. – \$3,600 to expand the lending library for the Community Water Resource Center at the University of Idaho in Coeur d'Alene with the addition of microscopes and macroinvertebrate viewers.

Family Promise of North Idaho – \$2,500 to provide homeless families with life skills, support and connection to internal and community resources as they prepare to move into sustainable housing.

Habitat for Humanity of North Idaho – \$2,100 to purchase a rolling scaffold and other equipment to begin a program of repairing low-income homeowners' dwellings with damaged/leaky roofs.

Coeur d'Alene Homes, Inc. – \$2,000 to provide a truck to expand services and funding sources for assisted living and memory care.

Hospice of North Idaho – \$5,000 to pay for Camp Kaniksu, a very special educational camp for grieving children. The camp experience is provided under professional direction and the supervision of bereavement counselors and trained volunteers

Girl Scouts of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho – \$1,400 to replace much-needed waterfront equipment, enhancing the girls' experience at summer resident camp at Camp Four Echoes.

Specialized Needs Recreation – \$2,500 to benefit over 300 children with special needs by providing top-quality recreational activities and events, vital to their (and their families') quality of life through the Camp Allstars program.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Inland Northwest – \$1,000 to match carefully screened and trained adult mentors to Kootenai County youth who are at-risk of academic and social failure.

Idaho Youth Ranch, Inc. – \$1,800 to remodel the current fitness room so that it is a truly viable treatment component.

Kootenai Alliance for Children and Families, Inc. – \$3,000 to strengthen the safety net of resources and support for local children being raised by a relative.

Post Falls Food Bank – \$1,000 to purchase and install new mechanical and energy efficient refrigeration equipment for 10x8x30 ft. walk-in refrigerator which stores perishable food items for distribution to clients.

St. Vincent de Paul Salvage Bureau – \$1,000 to deliver best-practice child sexual abuse prevention training workshops to the five northern counties.

## **Latah County**

Festival Dance and Performing Arts Association, Inc. – \$2,000 to reach students from 15 schools in nine communities in Latah, Benewah and Nez Perce counties with 24 educational outreach programs. Four programs are by touring professional dance companies and 20 Discover Dance classes are taught by local dance professionals.

Palouse Audubon Society – \$1,500 to complete the construction of an inviting entrance and disabled accessible raised walk leading visitors into the Stateline Wetland.

City of Troy Summer Program – \$5,000 to purchase new sports equipment, craft supplies and games.

Families Together For People With Disabilities – \$2,000 to provide a Family Enrichment Day to promote healthy family functioning by strengthening family cohesion, restoring family balance, and promoting family resiliency for families with children with developmental disabilities and behavior challenges.

Juliaetta-Kendrick Heritage Foundation – \$1,500 to produce a historical as well as educational DVD documenting “Early Days of Juliaetta” and a 25-site descriptive self-tour guidebook.

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.

Moscow High School – \$1,490 to provide authentic life skill instruction for Moscow High School students with disabilities to give them the opportunity to live a more independent life upon graduation from Moscow High School.

Backyard Harvest – \$1,500 to further grow the Community Orchard program, which provides local, fresh fruit to underserved populations in the community, by helping secure partnerships and relationships that will increase the sustainability of the program.

Circles of Caring Adult Day Health Foundation – \$3,744 to promote and deliver the Dementia Education Series and the Caregiver Support Group. These programs are offered free to the public.

Community Health Association of Spokane – \$4,000 to provide prescription medication vouchers for low-income, uninsured patients at Latah Community Health in Moscow, Idaho.

Kendrick Grange #413 – \$2,000 to repair the roof towers and the flashing to prevent further erosion and damage to the top of the historic building used as a community center.

Family Promise of the Palouse – \$2,500 to purchase a cargo trailer to haul beds between host congregation locations where homeless families stay overnight. Host locations rotate on a weekly schedule throughout the year.

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

Palouse Habitat for Humanity – \$1,500 to increase fund raising capabilities of the Habitat Surplus Store through advertising, providing adequate tools and equipment for volunteers and support of construction teams.

### **Nez Perce County**

First Territorial Capitol of Idaho Revitalization Project – \$500 to prepare and print visitor brochures, rack cards and classroom lessons for area schools.

Lapwai School District No. 341 – \$4,940 to purchase supplies and materials for Emergency First Aid and Trauma Kit Backpacks for 65 classrooms at Lapwai pre-school, elementary and middle/high schools.

Nez Perce Soil and Water Conservation District – \$1,000 to educate 5<sup>th</sup>- and 6<sup>th</sup>- grade youth in Nez Perce, Lewis, and Asotin counties on conservation and natural resources through hands-on learning activities.

Snake River Community Clinic, Inc. – \$3,000 to provide emergency dental vouchers, chronic respiratory medications, and medical eye exams for patients.

McGhee Elementary School – \$5,000 to purchase components for a new playground.

The Idaho Foodbank – \$1,000 to support the Backpack program and feed hungry children in Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis, and Nez Perce counties.

YWCA of Lewiston/Clarkston – \$4,375 to support the position of childcare provider for families residing in the YWCA emergency shelter programs, allowing parents to conduct job and housing searches, attend appointments and interviews, and build self-sufficiency.

### **Shoshone County**

Northern Pacific Depot Foundation, Inc. – \$2,000 to enhance and renew the Northern Pacific Railroad Depot Museum exhibits and upstairs rooms for the 2014 tourist season.

Shoshone County Community Concert Association – \$1,000 to help pay for the costs of providing live concert performances to the community, including the K-12 schools.

Mining Heritage Exhibition, Inc. – \$1,000 to buy materials and fund work that is beyond what can be accomplished by volunteer work crews, and completing the finishing touches on the covered compressor exhibit.

City of Wallace – \$1,905 to replace and repair stairways on the south hill of Wallace, and erect an interpretative sign with a map of the stair locations.

Shoshone County Women's Resource Center – \$2,500 to partially fund expenses in order to assist in sustaining victim advocacy services in Shoshone County.

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