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## **ICF grants nearly \$212,000 in southwest and central Idaho**

BOISE – The Idaho Community Foundation’s Southwestern Regional Grants Panel has selected 111 southwestern Idaho and central Idaho nonprofits, educational organizations and governmental entities to receive nearly than \$212,000 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.

Money for the grants comes from several ICF funds that were established by generous donors to benefit southwest and central Idaho. To donate, go to [www.idcomfdn.org](http://www.idcomfdn.org), click on Donate Today, enter “Greatest Need Endowment Fund for Southwest Idaho” in the Fund Name search field, click Search, and then click on the fund name to access the donation form.

This year’s grant recipients are:

### **Ada County**

American Red Cross of Greater Idaho - Chapter Headquarters – \$1,000 to provide services, comfort and temporary shelter for victims of home fires or wildfires

Assistance League of Boise – \$2,000 to provide gift cards to Payless Shoes for children clothed by the Operation School Bell program.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Idaho – \$1,500 to allow our professional staff to train, oversee and evaluate adult volunteer mentors

Boise Philharmonic Association, Inc. – \$2,500 to provide arts education to the Eagle, Nampa, Boise and West Ada school districts through its Musicians in the Schools program

Boise Public Schools Education Foundation, Inc. – \$500 to purchase books for kindergarten students to check-out at libraries at every elementary school in the Boise School District

Boise Valley Habitat for Humanity, Inc. – \$1,500 to purchase construction materials for homes being built in Habitat’s Frazier Place subdivision

Boys and Girls Club of Ada County – \$2,500 to implement Project Learn, an expansion of the Power Hour Homework Help & Tutoring Program that also offers other rich educational experiences shown to help children and teens

Children's Free Dental Clinic Inc. – \$3,000 to purchase dental supplies for patient wellness kits, educational pamphlets, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toothbrushing timers and cavity preventing fluoride varnish for every child in the program

Children's Home Society of Idaho – \$2,500 to support a collaboration between Children's Home Society and Boys & Girls Clubs Of Ada County, creating a summer group therapy program for children who attend Boys & Girls Club

City of Kuna – \$2,000 to relocate the Kuna Historical Museum from a 480-square foot converted trailer to a 1,344-square foot city-owned building on Main Street that is ADA accessible

Culinary Skills Training Center, Inc. – \$1,500 to provide more than 4,800 total hours of life skills and employability training to at-risk young adults to supplement the culinary arts job training component of the program and foster financial independence

Discovery Center of Idaho, Inc. – \$1,000 to ignite an interest in STEM among Idaho's underserved students by allowing them to experience the wonders of hands-on science through free field trips to DCI

Family Advocates, Inc. – \$2,000 to recruit, screen, train and supervise additional volunteers to conduct home visits to families with young children to meet the growing wait list of families in Ada and Elmore counties who would like to strengthen their parenting

Feed the Gap – \$1,000 to provide breakfast and lunch to children in the Boise School District who do not qualify for or do not receive federal free or reduced meals yet are hungry as identified by the school principal, counselor or teacher

Giraffe Laugh, Inc. – \$1,500 to provide access to the early childhood programs for children who are born into or living in poverty between the ages of zero and 5

Idaho Diabetes Youth Programs, Inc. – \$2,000 for camperships so children with type 1 diabetes in financial need from southwestern Idaho counties may attend 2014 Hodia camps

Idaho Humane Society – \$1,000 to purchase pet food for the Pet Food Pantry for our network of foster parents that volunteer to house IHS pets in their home until they are adopted

Idaho Immunization Coalition, Inc. – \$2,000 to eliminate the administrative fee so there are no barriers preventing youth from receiving vaccines

Idaho Youth Ranch, Inc. – \$2,500 to prepare at-risk young people for success in the workplace

Idaho Zoological Society – \$1,000 to help complete construction of the new behind-the-scenes animal breeding facility

Learning Lab, Inc. – \$2,500 to support Learning Lab's programs which provide adult and family literacy education for functionally illiterate adults, parents and their young children

Lee Pesky Learning Center – \$2,500 to provide cost savings, based on financial need, so more Idaho families can access LPLC services and help their loved ones understand and overcome their learning challenges

Log Cabin Literary Center – \$2,000 to help fund the Writers in the School (WITS) program, which places professional teaching-writers in area classrooms, serving at-risk and underserved populations

Meridian Area Senior Citizens – \$2,000 to provide support to senior caregivers through four educational sessions including provision of respite care so they can attend and bring their loved ones to be professionally supervised while they enhance their ability to continue as caregivers

Meridian Food Bank – \$2,500 to purchase food for the School Backpack Program

National Multiple Sclerosis Society Utah - S Idaho Chapter – \$1,500 to support the Chapter's Financial Assistance Program that helps the neediest individuals cover expenses when insurance or disability benefits fall short, helping them to maintain their independence, personal safety, and quality of life.

Opera Idaho, Inc. – \$2,500 to support our Educational Outreach Program, an hour-long performance of "She Never Lost a Passenger" detailing the life of Harriet Tubman, and also a performance at the Egyptian Theatre of the children's opera Brundibár for middle school students

Organization Assisting The Homeless Student – \$2,500 to expand the OATHS program throughout southwest Idaho and help even more homeless students enjoy, succeed and stay in school by providing what they need to be successful, particularly in the areas of technology and extra-curricular activities

Senior Solutions Inc. – \$2,000 to be able to continue to assist the number of elderly in the area who need help to live safely and independently

Snake River Waterkeeper – \$1,000 to establish and grow Snake River Waterkeeper's Adopt-a-Stream program across all of central and southern Idaho by setting up the project, coordinating volunteer efforts, and organizing and overseeing river cleanup events

Terry Reilly Health Services – \$2,500 to provide specialized trauma counseling to child and adult victims of sexual abuse through sliding fee discounts and charitable care

The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society – \$3,000 to help replace the handicapped accessible van that transports the senior and disabled adult residents of Good Samaritan Society - Boise Village

The Idaho Foodbank – \$2,500 to support the School Pantry Program in southwest Idaho which offers a safe, reliable place for families and children to access food during the school year

The Salvation Army Boise Corps – \$2,500 to provide supportive services, such as case management, parenting classes and basic baby care items to pregnant and parenting teens while they complete their high school education

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul SW Idaho District Council – \$2,000 to provide supportive transportation services for recent ex-offenders to obtain and maintain employment and to re-integrate back into society

Treasure Valley Math and Science Center – \$1,000 to provide outreach programs and collaborative activities that encourage and support underrepresented students (female, minority, and/or low income) in pursuing educational opportunities within STEM fields

Women's and Children's Alliance, Inc. – \$2,000 to sustain the WCA's direct victim counseling component which yearly serves hundreds of women, men and children whose lives have been negatively impacted by domestic and/or sexual violence

### **Adams County**

Council School District – \$2,400 restore a one-acre pond into a recreation and educational amenity for our school and community

### **Blaine County**

Advocates for Survivors of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault – \$2,070 to finish and furnish an addition to the shelter that includes client meeting and class space, a sleeping room for overnight weekend staff, 2-3 offices for client services, a bathroom and kitchenette for staff use

Blaine County School District Education Foundation– \$3,457 to meet the emergency needs and academic aspirations of students in the Blaine County School District

Blaine County Seniors' Council, Inc. – \$2,500 to purchase biodegradable packaging trays and wrap with easy to open and read instructions for seniors and disabled adults

Environmental Resource Center – \$500 to update the Integrated Pest Management Companion Guide for use by homeowners, businesses, local governments, local ranchers, farmers and nonprofits

Flourish Foundation – \$500 to meet the growing demand for the Mindful Awareness Program, introducing young people to methods of compassion and self-reflection with the ultimate goal of preventing senseless acts of violence and hate

Girls On The Run Of The Wood River Valley, Inc. – \$1,500 to insure that any young girl in grades 3-8 can participate in the Girls on the Run program regardless of financial need and that the program is made available in all Blaine County schools

Hailey Ice Park, Inc. – \$500 to compensate an adult employee at the rink who will hand out and sharpen skates, unlock and lock the warming hut, manage borrowed equipment and monitor the rink

Higher Ground Sun Valley Inc. – \$500 to continue Higher Ground's Special Olympics alpine skiing program, which allows local children with intellectual disabilities to compete in downhill skiing while developing self-confidence, physical skills, and teamwork abilities

Nurture Idaho – \$500 to promote our vision of increasing the health and well-being of children and families through nutrition and wellness education

Sun Valley Center for the Arts and Humanities – \$500 to provide support for art, music, humanities and theatre programs for children in grades K-12

Swiftsure Ranch Therapeutic Equestrian Center, Inc – \$1,000 to provide therapeutic equine-assisted riding and activities for individuals with disabilities

The Community Library Association – \$1,000 to create and coordinate a travelling historical exhibit that will allow every fifth-grader in Blaine County to participate in an interactive learning experience about their local history

The Crisis Hotline – \$1,000 to pay for a portion of the general operating expenses, including administration salaries, telephones, rent, and office supplies

The Hunger Coalition – \$2,500 to provide food assistance programs to meet the challenges facing individuals and families in need, ensuring that no one goes hungry, and empower them to improve their lives by actively connecting them with mentoring, education and other resources

Trailing of the Sheep Cultural Heritage Center, Inc. – \$500 to support the "Celebrating Generations" project, which in 2015 will focus on documenting the stories of second- and third-generation sheep ranching families

Wood River Community Orchestra – \$1,000 buy a two timpani set

Wood River Community Young Men's Christian Association, Inc. – \$2,000 to fund camp scholarships for one week of Y Summit Camp (summer camp) at 100% scholarship, or partial scholarship if they need more than one week of camp

### **Boise County**

Computers for Kids, Inc. – \$3,000 to refurbish computers for economically, socially disadvantaged at-risk youth

Garden Valley Communications, Inc. – \$1,400 to purchase a desktop computer and fireproof safe. The desktop will be the primary computer for weather, road and safety reports for Boise County's only radio station.

### **Camas County**

Camas County School District #121 – \$2,000 to purchase and install a security camera system as well as card reader lock system on main entrance doors

Camas County Senior Citizens Association – \$2,000 to start construction of a building addition to allow the Senior Center to open and operate a thrift store selling used clothing and household goods to the community

### **Canyon County**

Caldwell Fine Arts Series – \$1,500 to combat bullying and increase cultural tolerance through the power of storytelling and music

Family Advocates, Inc. – \$2,000 to recruit, train and supervise volunteers in Canyon County who will strengthen families to prevent child abuse and neglect, and promote optimal early child development and family well-being through regular evidence-based home visitation

Hands of Hope Northwest, Inc – \$2,500 to make durable medical equipment available to everyone who has a need for it regardless of ability to pay, to supply homeless shelters with mattresses, blankets, towels, soap, and to supply community health clinics with equipment and supplies

Love Inc of Treasure Valley – \$2,500 to renovate and furnish a home to be used as free, short-term housing for adult family members of critically ill adults receiving treatment at a local hospital

Middleton Public Library – \$1,000 to replace books in our aging children's collections, many of which were purchased before 1986 and have lead in their bindings as well as to purchase new shelving

Nampa Fire Department – \$2,000 to purchase life safety and educational materials that facilitate the SAFE (Surviving A Fire Emergency) program, as well as cover costs associated with Fire Safe House visits

Nampa Public Library Foundation Inc. – \$500 to purchase Spanish language books and materials for teens for the new Nampa library

Original Gangster’s Basic Academy of Delinquency, Inc. – \$500 to fund wages for students on juvenile probation working on work crews from which they will pay restitution owed to victims of their juvenile crimes

Parma Area Senior Citizens, Inc. – \$2,000 to upgrade the kitchen

Salvation Army Caldwell Corps – \$2,500 to support the education classes at the Baby Haven program

Salvation Army Nampa Corps – \$2,500 to provide case management at the Community Family Shelter for homeless families and single women

The Mentoring Network, Inc. – \$1,500 pay for program costs with 50/50 matching funds allowing The MN to recruit, train, match, and support 15 of the anticipated 193 school aged youth for one school year

Treasure Valley Family YMCA – \$2,500 to teach Caldwell School District third graders how to swim and gain water safety skills, for free, during the school day

United Way of Treasure Valley – \$1,500 to engage and train Caldwell-based preschool and childcare providers to positively impact youth for years to come

### **Cassia County**

Burley Senior High School – \$2,500 to organize the existing choral literature, update the music to be copyright compliant, and purchase new music for the high school and junior high choral programs

### **Elmore County**

Mountain Home Arts Council – \$1,300 bring costumes, props and two directors to organize and facilitate a week’s rehearsals involving 70 to 80 local students from grades K-12 in preparation for two public performances

Three Island Senior Citizens Inc – \$3,000 to pay for repairs to the Senior Center’s van

### **Gem County**

Gem County Senior Citizens, Inc – \$4,498 to help replace the 14-year old-bus

### **Gooding County**

Gooding County Senior Organization, Inc. – \$2,500 to purchase and install a new dishwasher plus racks for the kitchen area

Helping Hearts & Hands – \$3,000 to be used to repair the facility roof

**Jerome County**

Silver & Gold Senior Citizens Center, Inc. – \$1,500 to purchase reusable Meals on Wheels trays and portable heat transporters

**Lincoln County**

Shoshone Joint School District #312 – \$3,000 to purchase art and other supplies used in the Storyline teaching method

**Minidoka County**

DeMary Memorial Public Library – \$2,000 to replace out-of-date public computers with nine new computers and one new public printer/copier

Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District – \$941 to purchase a new laptop computer with updated software and a wireless router

**Owyhee County**

Bruneau Quick Response Unit Inc – \$5,000 to purchase mannequins for training of EMTs and members of the community in CPR

Bruneau Valley Library – \$500 provide luncheon speaker programs in 2015

City of Homedale – \$2,000 to purchase playground equipment appropriate for children 5 and younger

Marsing Senior Citizens Inc – \$3,000 to apply toward purchase of 14-seat van used to transport clients to medical, dental, shopping and recreational trips

Wilson Butte 4-H Club – \$1,000 to purchase screen printed, educational, double-sided signs along with large, welded, free standing display racks

**Payette County**

Fruitland High School – \$2,500 to purchase a NewTek TriCaster 40 video editing system, which will allow students to use current technology to live-edit multi-camera studio projects with HD cameras

ROSE Advocates Inc. – \$3,000 to purchase new materials, supplies and equipment, providing and strengthening the victims “Journey Beyond Abuse” support so that they and their children can move forward to become safe, productive members of their communities, free from abuse

**Twin Falls County**



Buhl Public Library – \$2,000 to update the current boardroom and make it into a community space

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Magic Valley – \$2,400 to finish production of elementary, middle and high school level class materials/curriculum and to purchase product tools that will aid CCCS in educating, mentoring and inspiring students on the importance of good financial practices

Family Health Services Corporation – \$2,400 to purchase new vital sign monitors and otoscope/ophthalmoscope units for exam rooms in the Buhl clinic to replace outdated units currently in use, allowing providers to effectively gather vital patient information and make informed diagnoses

Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of the Magic Valley – \$2,400 to assist with day-to-day operations to ensure that people who can no longer drive have free transportation so they have access to health care service providers

Jubilee House, Inc. – \$2,000 to pay for teaching and classroom facilitation, and purchase books, workbooks and teaching materials

La Posada, Inc – \$3,500 to provide assistance to families in need of basic food essentials, temporary shelter and/or assistance with utility and medical bills

Murtaugh Joint School District #418 – \$2,500 to provide preschool services to all 4-year-olds in the district

Mustard Seed Ministries, Inc. – \$2,000 to purchase bikes, helmets and locks for people who have graduated from a local aftercare prison program

Rising Stars Therapeutic Riding Center – \$2,400 to increase donor awareness of the program and its needs by preparing and distributing a comprehensive professional annual report and enhancing marketing tools such as videos, and printed media ads

The Home Partnership Foundation Inc – \$1,500 to provide deposits for rental housing for homeless veterans throughout south central Idaho

Valley Housing Coalition – \$1,250 to help provide transportation/taxi service to homeless families and single individuals the first week of entering into the Valley House

West End Senior Citizens Inc of Buhl – \$1,401 to purchase home-delivered user-friendly containers, and food

## **Valley County**

Adaptive Wilderness Sports of McCall, Inc. – \$400 to purchase a mono-ski for the winter sports program

Cascade Food Pantry, Inc. – \$2,500 to purchase a modular 10x12 walk-in refrigerator and a modular 10x12 walk-in freezer

Friends of the Donnelly Library Inc. – \$2,500 to purchase new computers for the library

McCall Senior Citizens, Inc. – \$2,000 to assist in the purchase of basic food for the meals served at the Senior Center or delivered through the Meals on Wheels program, buy kitchen supplies, and, when necessary, supplement the wages of kitchen personnel preparing the meals.

Selway-Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation – \$2,400 to increase the number of Frank Church Wilderness Steward Volunteers through community outreach and recruitment efforts in Valley, Ada, Adams, and Boise counties

Shepherd's Home, Inc. – \$2,500 to ensure that the doors are open when children are in need

Tamarack Environmental Protection Association – \$850 to purchase plants and materials for a FireWise demonstration garden

### **Washington County**

Midvale Community Library – \$2,500 to purchase new computers for the public to use, and new Office software.

Weiser Memorial Hospital Foundation Inc. – \$1,000 to purchase digital weight monitoring scales for patients diagnosed with congestive heart failure

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