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Bistline Fund in ICF gives more than \$82,000 in grants

BOISE – The F.M. and Anne G. and Beverly B. Bistline Foundation Fund in the Idaho Community Foundation is providing more than \$82,000 in grants to arts-focused nonprofits in southeastern Idaho.

The Bistline Fund gives grants twice a year. It was established in 2011. Previously it was the F.M. and Anne G. and Beverly B. Bistline Foundation, a private foundation founded in 1999 by Pocatello philanthropist Beverly Bistline and named in honor of her parents.

Recipients of the spring/summer grant cycle are:

City of American Falls – \$5,000 to create and install spirited bronze castings of local fish, birds, footprints, and other creatures to be installed between existing landscape plantings along the 100 and 200 blocks of Idaho Street.

City of Malad – \$2,000 to remodel three large (10'x20') backdrop murals, purchase microphones, rent a stagecoach, pay a stipend for music to be written, and purchase supplies for costumes and the set for the Malad Valley sesquicentennial musical “Voices of the Valley.”

Holy Spirit Catholic Church (Pocatello) – \$1,148 to provide water color art supplies for 200 students, grades K-8.

Idaho State University (Pocatello) – \$20,000 to build and sustain a dedicated state-of-the-art website to increase both visibility and revenue for the L.E. and Thelma Stephens Performing Arts Center while providing new and existing patrons accessibility with live and immediate response time.

Idaho State University (Pocatello) – \$11,000 to bring in two guests artists from the Tectonic Theatre Project for three days of intensive workshops with students focused on the February 2015 production of “Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde,” created by their company in 1997.

Lillian Vallely School (Blackfoot) – \$4,500 to purchase arts/craft materials used in teaching/making Native American crafts for gifting to elders and volunteers, and to pay stipends for visiting contemporary artists.

Musician’s West, Inc. (Pocatello) – \$2,730 for general operating support for the Pre-College Division of the Musicians West Piano Competition.

Old Town Actors Studio (Pocatello) – \$5,000 to expand the educational branch to encompass junior and senior high schools while continuing to bring to fruition theatre for youth and young adults that entertains and teaches.

Old Town Pocatello Foundation (Pocatello) – \$1,555 for the repair, restoration, photo documentation and creation of identifying plaques for seven existing public art pieces located in the Old Town Pocatello area.

Oneida Crisis Center, Inc. (Malad City) – \$4,979 for a kiln, kiln supplies, ceramic tools, clay and other art supplies in a collaborative effort in supporting specific art activities geared at increasing healthy relationships and teen dating violence awareness by engaging local high school artists.

Snake River Education Foundation (Blackfoot) – \$4,000 to pay the fees and expenses associated with bringing Ryan Shupe & the Rubber Band to Blackfoot to perform a concert and provide a workshop to train local students and musicians.

Snake River New Horizon's Band (Blackfoot) – \$2,500 to purchase band instruments, music scores, and marketing items such as uniforms, music stands, banners and advertising.

South Bannock County Historical Center (Lava Hot Springs) – \$2,970 to purchase a wireless microphone set for our youth "Readers Theater," featuring historical events as documented by our archives. Wireless microphones will help our performers project the script readings to the audience, while focusing on acting.

The Art Museum of Eastern Idaho (Idaho Falls) – \$7,018 to take hands-on art lessons to elementary school classrooms in Firth, Shelley, Fort Hall and Blackfoot.

West Side School District #202 (Dayton) – \$5,000 to improve individual access to band and orchestra instruments for elementary and middle school students in the West Side School District.

West Side School District #202 (Dayton) – \$3,000 to supplement funds for quality, live performances for the Dayton community.

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