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## **ICF grants nearly \$163,000 in southwest and central Idaho**

BOISE – The Idaho Community Foundation’s Southwestern Regional Grants Panel has selected 83 southwestern Idaho nonprofits, educational organizations and governmental entities to receive nearly \$163,000 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.

This year there were 209 grant applications requesting a total of \$900,775. Grants are awarded in the areas of arts & culture, education, emergency services, health, libraries, conservation/environment, public projects, recreation, and social services.

Money for the grants comes from ICF’s Greatest Need Endowment Fund for Southwest Idaho, which receives money from numerous ICF funds designated 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**

ACLU of Idaho Foundation – \$733 to host a Civics Educators Symposium providing professional development for teachers and purchase pocket U.S. Constitutions for students’ civics education curriculum

Assistance League of Boise – \$2,000 to support funding of shoe cards so each child clothed at Operation School Bell® can receive a \$20 shoe card from Payless Shoes

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Idaho – \$1,500 to match some of the more than 100 children in Ada County and across Southwestern Idaho currently on a waiting list with a safe, trustworthy and compatible mentor to ensure they have the support needed to graduate from high school

Boise Public Schools Education Foundation, Inc. – \$2,000 to fund advanced placement exams for Boise School District students who cannot afford them

Boise Rescue Mission – \$3,725 to provide free mental health care for homeless men, women and children with the goal of stabilizing each program participant and empowering them to achieve the maximum level of independence their individual situation allows

Children's Home Society of Idaho – \$2,000 to provide a free and inspiring support program for children who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling or close family member. The program helps children identify emotions and develop coping skills that aid them throughout the grieving process

Discovery Center of Idaho – \$1,000 to support the Good Neighbor Program, which is designed to make supplemental formal science education accessible for underserved students and their families

Family Advocates, Inc. – \$3,000 to recruit, train and supervise child abuse prevention and intervention volunteers

Idaho State Historical Society – \$1,000 create a special "Get Territorial: Idaho at 150," book exploring 150 years of Idaho history featuring the "Ida" character created by Governor Otter and the First Lady

Idaho Voices for Children Foundation, Inc. – \$1,500 to spearhead a statewide effort to ensure that Idaho's children read proficiently by the end of the third grade.

Learning Lab, Inc. – \$2,500 to provide adult and family literacy classes, and match a private foundation challenge grant to double the support of Learning Lab programs

Organization Assisting The Homeless Student – \$2,000 to expand the OATHS program throughout Southwest Idaho

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Idaho, Inc. – \$1,500 to purchase and install new vinyl flooring in the bathrooms of 74 guest rooms and three utility/laundry rooms

The Idaho Foodbank – \$2,000 to purchase food and distribute weekend backpacks to food-insecure and low-income children

The Salvation Army Boise Corps – \$2,000 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

Women's and Children's Alliance, Inc. – \$2,500 to sustain the WCA's childcare component which yearly serves hundreds of children whose lives have been negatively impacted by domestic and/or sexual violence.

### **Blaine County**

Advocates for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault – \$2,500 to pay for job and life skills training to enhance the employability and increase the socioeconomic status of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault

Blaine County Recreation District – \$1,582 to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of the volunteer Nordic Ski Patrol Program

Blaine County School District Education Foundation – \$1,000 to pay for before school or after school tutoring and enhancement programs at the public schools in Blaine County

Girls On The Run Of The Wood River Valley, Inc. – \$1,000 to insure that any young girl in the grades 3-8 can participate in Girls on the Run regardless of financial need and that the program is made available in all Blaine County schools

Nurture – \$1,500 to launch a pilot program of monthly nutrition lessons and healthy food tastings at a Blaine County public school to promote the health and wellness of youth

St. Luke's Wood River Foundation, Inc. – \$3,500 to create an affordable and accessible community mental health clinic for the residents of Blaine County and beyond

Sun Valley Center for the Arts – \$1,000 to support a public concert and school residency program with David Wax Museum

The Animal Shelter of Wood River Valley – \$1,500 to fund the No-Cost Community Spay/Neuter program

The Crisis Hotline – \$1,000 to pay for a portion of general operating expenses, including telephones, insurance and media outreach

The Hunger Coalition – \$2,000 to ensure local children and adults experiencing hunger have access to wholesome fresh and non-perishable foods and the necessary support services as they work toward greater self-sufficiency

Wood River Community Orchestra – \$1,250 to purchase music and pay for instruction and venue rental to perform four free orchestral concerts

### **Boise County**

Boise Basin Library District – \$2,500 to provide Internet access and general computer use to the people of the library district

Horseshoe Bend Community Food Pantry – \$1,500 to purchase two hydraulic lift table carts, two shopping carts, an enclosed trailer and an upright freezer

The Mutual Improvement Club of Horseshoe Bend – \$1,800 to renovate the existing men's bathroom to make it accessible and to add a ramp to enter the building

### **Canyon County**

Advocates Against Family Violence, Inc. – \$3,500 to provide emergency assistance, shelter and food to women and children fleeing domestic violence

Boise Art Museum – \$1,500 to support the costs of program instructors for delivery of BAM's art outreach program to rural classrooms

Boys and Girls Club of Nampa – \$2,000 to hire a Teen Services Director whose primary responsibility will be to recruit and retain new teen members for the Teen Center

Caldwell Fine Arts Series – \$1,750 to present programs/workshops by ballet and contemporary dancers, classical string ensembles, pianists, puppeteers, children's theatre, and jazz artists who will enhance the curriculum of area school and home-school participants

Hands of Hope Northwest, Inc – \$2,500 to purchase additional pieces of durable medical equipment (not normally donated) to be used in the local medical equipment loan program, and to assist with ongoing personnel expenses

Junior Achievement of Idaho, Inc. – \$3,000 to place JA programs in 20 classrooms in the Wilder and Melba school districts, giving 520 low income students with high dropout rates financial skills, business concepts and a desire to stay in school

Middleton Food Pantry – \$1,000 to expand food distribution services to needy families and start a building fund

Salvation Army Caldwell Corps – \$1,500 to purchase baby items to put in the incentive store for low-income families

Salvation Army Nampa Corps – \$1,500 to provide case management at the Community Family Shelter for homeless families and single women

Terry Reilly Health Services – \$3,000 to purchase a new hematology machine for Terry Reilly's central laboratory

The Mentoring Network, Inc. – \$2,500 to add and support more mentors and mentees

The Music Theatre of Idaho, Inc. – \$1,750 to support the MTI Arts For Everyone program, which provides arts attendance opportunities for underserved audiences

Valley Crisis Center, Inc. – \$2,000 to replace the carpet in the Child Care Center, purchase durable goods for the Child Care Center, and provide 340 hours of child care for clients during the next year

### **Cassia County**

Cache Peak Civic Association - Raft River Bookmobile Committee – \$2,500 to pay the Box Elder County, Utah, Library District to provide bookmobile service to the rural communities of southeastern Cassia County and an isolated community in Oneida County

### **Elmore County**

Mountain Home Historical Society Inc. – \$1,500 to purchase two museum display cases

Three Island Senior Citizens Inc. – \$4,178 to create better storage space

### **Gem County**

Cemetery Department/City of Emmett – \$2,098 to buy sprinkler parts for the Emmett Cemetery

Center for Arts and Education, Inc. – \$2,500 to purchase and install hardwood flooring for the dance studio to provide a training area and stage area for rehearsal and performances

City Life, Inc. – \$3,000 to provide free therapy for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and general program support

City of Emmett – \$2,500 to install tree watering system on Washington Avenue in conjunction with the city's Downtown Revitalization Project

Emmett Community Playhouse, Inc. – \$3,614.50 to pay costs of the royalties, publicity, audition materials, scripts and annual awards events for the theater year 2013

Emmett Public Library – \$2,500 to provide match dollars to complete tagging the collection for the security system to minimize theft from the library

Gem County Chamber of Commerce – \$3,013.50 to purchase 29 flag banners for entrance corridors on Washington Avenue and Highway 16

Gem County Fair Board – \$3,614.50 to replace the roof on the 4-H animal beef barn at the Gem County Fairgrounds

Gem County Recreation District – \$2,500 to replace six 20-year-old pool skimmers

Gem County Senior Citizens – \$5,000 to repair the walk-in freezer

Idaho Renaissance Faire – \$2,500 to bring artisans, exhibitors, and craftsman to the Faire

Parks Department/City of Emmett – \$2,500 to buy sprinkler parts for the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Park

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Rotary Club of Emmett Foundation, Inc. – \$400 to purchase large raffle items for the annual Youth Auction

West Central Highlands Resource Conservation and Development – \$500 to preserve the north exterior wall of the Ola Community Church building

### **Gooding County**

Gooding County Senior Organization, Inc. – \$1,473 to purchase the materials to renovate the walk-in cooler at the senior center

### **Lincoln County**

Saddle Up Lincoln County Inc. – \$1,000 to renovate and improve an existing skate park

Shoshone Joint School District #312 – \$2,000 to purchase materials to support Storyline, a standards-based learning method designed to increase student engagement and achievement

### **Minidoka County**

City of Rupert Parks and Recreation Department – \$1,000 to purchase and install signage and implement a community awareness campaign for the local walking path

Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women and Children – \$2,500 to provide education and empowerment to young individuals who have low self-esteem, and/or have experienced domestic, dating, sexual violence or stalking

### **Owyhee County**

Bruneau Valley Library – \$750 to support the luncheon-speaker program for eight programs in 2013

### **Payette County**

Payette County Recreation District – \$1,000 to expand the subsidy program to provide access to programs for children in the community who are unable to participate due to financial hardship

ROSE Advocates – \$2,900 to provide equipment and translation services to deaf clients and provide interpreter services for deaf and unique language clients

### **Twin Falls County**

Castleford School District #417 - Music Department – \$2,500 to purchase safe, stable choral risers for music concerts so that all students can be seen by the community

College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging – \$1,000 to reimburse senior volunteers for mileage incurred while transporting homebound elderly in the Magic Valley

Family Health Services Corporation – \$1,513 to purchase replacement medical equipment for the Rupert, Buhl, Jerome, and Twin Falls clinics

Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of the Magic Valley – \$1,000 to keep offering services to the individuals in the community and offer a volunteer appreciation banquet for volunteers this year

La Posada, Inc. – \$1,000 to provide assistance to families in need of food essentials, temporary shelter, assistance with utility and/or medical bills

Magic Valley Arts Council, Inc. – \$2,000 to provide operational support to increase capacity of the organization to expand art promotion, education and interest for and by the community

Magic Valley Symphony Orchestra – \$1,500 to retain a guest conductor/clinician/violin soloist for the February concert

Valley Housing Coalition – \$1,600 to update the existing 9-camera surveillance system to a 16-camera system

West End Senior Citizens Inc of Buhl– \$1,400 to continue to provide nutritious meals for the vulnerable home-bound seniors and disabled adults who live in Buhl and surrounding areas, and purchase containers for the delivery of those meals

### **Valley County**

Central Idaho Historical Museum – \$2,000 to stain and preserve the deteriorating logs of the historic Assistant Warden’s House, which is on the National Register

McCall Public Library – \$700 to purchase blocks, storage units, block play related books, math and language materials for the “Block Play Story Time” program at McCall Public Library

McCall Senior Citizens, Inc. – \$1,000 to supplement the wages of the kitchen personnel and to assist in the purchase of basic food for the meals provided to the seniors.

Payette Lakes Ski Club – \$2,500 to purchase a soft start for the T-Bar

### **Washington County**

Weiser Memorial Hospital Foundation Inc. – \$1,000 to buy a Pigg-o-Stat for the medical imaging department at Weiser Memorial Hospital