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## **Bonner County Arts Organizations Receive Funding**

**Idaho** — The Idaho Community Foundation (ICF) is pleased to announce that the Bonner County Fund for Arts Enhancement has awarded over \$70,000 in grants to eight nonprofit organizations dedicated to enhancing the arts in Bonner County. These grants will support a wide array of programs, projects, and educational components that provide or facilitate art-related experiences for the community, with an emphasis on projects that focus on human dignity and celebrate diversity.

The 2024 grant honorees include:

- **Arts Alliance, Inc.**
  - \$10,500 to support 1-2 AmeriCorps Art Instructors at Creations, purchase art supplies for educational art classes and youth art workshops and provide 10 local youth with art class scholarships.
- **Carousel Of Smiles Ltd**
  - \$4,500 to create a 14-panel, 56-foot-long mural accomplished by community artists depicting the history of Bonner County. This Rounding Board Mural will crown the restored historic Carousel of Smiles, soon to be operating in Sandpoint.
- **Festival at Sandpoint Inc**
  - \$18,000 to support the 41st Summer Performance Series, a two-week event in July and August showcasing a diverse range of musical genres.
- **Kaniksu Land Trust, Inc.**
  - \$5,550 to provide support including continuing education, marketing and promotion efforts, scholarships for community members, compensation for the Folk School Coordinator's time, and the acquisition of necessary tools for instructors and student use.

- **Memorial Community Center Inc.**
  - \$5,500 to continue art class offerings, bringing in skilled artists to lead workshops.
- **Music Conservatory of Sandpoint, Inc.**
  - \$12,000 to support Music Matters! outreach classes, which include serving over 300 children during after-school and summer programming for the 2024-25 academic year.
- **Northside Elementary School**
  - \$2,000 to support a week-long residency program and play with the Missoula Children's Theater.
- **Pend Oreille Arts Council, Inc.**
  - \$12,000 to support the visual and performing arts education programs.

Investing in the arts enriches communities by fostering creativity, cultural understanding, and economic development. Arts education and access to artistic experiences are vital for personal growth, community cohesion, and the overall quality of life. These grants will help ensure that the arts continue to thrive and inspire in Bonner County.

For more information or to contribute to the Bonner County Fund for Arts Enhancement please visit [Bonner County Fund for Arts Enhancement](#) or contact [grants@idahocf.org](mailto:grants@idahocf.org).

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