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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Southwest/South Central Forever Idaho Grant Cycle Now Open

**Idaho** — The Idaho Community Foundation (ICF) is excited to announce the opening of the annual Southwest and South Central Forever Idaho grant cycle, inviting nonprofits to apply for funding to address Idaho's diverse needs.

The Forever Idaho Regional Grant Program, one of ICF's cornerstone initiatives, connects passionate donors with community needs for maximum impact. Funded by the generosity of donors who understand the ever-changing needs within communities and among nonprofits, this program offers the flexibility to continually address those needs.

The program embodies ICF's philosophy of community-driven philanthropy, distributing greatest-need funding through grants awarded in four regional cycles. The Forever Idaho Grant Program awards general operating grants that can be used for any direct or indirect costs related to an organization's activities, including payroll, rent, utilities, supplies and equipment, project costs, capital improvements, and programmatic needs.

Grants are reviewed and selected by a volunteer committee of Regional Councils, composed of local citizens with deep community knowledge.

## Grant Cycle Deadlines:

- Southwestern Region Cycle (Deadline August 15): Open to applicants from Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley, and Washington counties.
- South Central Region Cycle (Deadline August 15): Open to applicants from Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Elmore, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, and Twin Falls counties.

Eligibility for funding consideration includes 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charities under IRS Code Section 170 and governmental entities, including public schools.

For more information about ICF's grant programs and how to apply, please visit idahocf.org or contact grants@idahocf.org.

If interested in contributing to the Forever Idaho pooled grant fund, please visit idahocf.org or contact info@idahocf.org.

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