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The Idaho Community Foundation Awards Southeast Idaho Arts Organizations Grant Funding

Idaho — The Idaho Community Foundation (ICF) is pleased to announce that the F.M., Anne G., and Beverly B. Bistline Foundation, a fund at ICF, has awarded over \$66,000 in grants to 13 nonprofits dedicated to furthering the arts in Southeastern Idaho. These grants will support programs, classes, performances, concerts, exhibits, seminars, and other activities that inspire, connect, inform and educate through the arts in Idaho's southeastern communities.

The 2024 grant honorees include:

- **Bingham Arts Council**
 - \$2,000 to support youth arts competition.
- **Blackfoot Public Library**
 - \$5,000 to support the installation of a bronze sculpture titled "A Hero's Journey" at the library entrance.
- **County of Power, Class A School District 381**
 - \$9,037 to update the stage lighting system in the American Falls High School Auditorium.
- **Empower Humanity**
 - \$11,000 to support the 2024 Summer Theatre Program and provide scholarships for students.
- **Franklin County Theatre-Arts Council Inc.**
 - \$5,000 to support LED wall scenery for live productions.
- **Hobbs Middle School**
 - \$5,000 to provide instrument repairs and new instruments for Hobbs Middle School students.

- **Idaho Falls Arts Council Inc.**
 - \$4540 to support transportation, staffing, and supplies for field trips to ARTitorium on Broadway from schools in Southeastern Idaho that otherwise would not be able to visit.
- **Musicians West, Inc.**
 - \$3,000 to host cellist Philip Kettler in a benefit concert for ISU music scholarships and conduct a workshop for string players.
- **Nell J. Redfield Memorial Hospital**
 - \$1,500 to purchase display panels and racks for the Evening of the Arts.
- **North Gem School District #149 Education Foundation, Inc.**
 - \$7,500 to provide new curtains for the school auditorium.
- **Old Town Actors Studio Inc.**
 - \$2,500 to support a family-oriented theatre project.
- **Oxford Peak Arts Council Inc.**
 - \$5,000 to provide an educational retreat at Idaho State University for youth to learn about drama and music skills necessary for the stage.
- **Writers At Harriman Inc.**
 - \$5,000 to provide Scholarships for students from the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe to attend the summer writing camp.

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 Southeastern Idaho.

For more information or to contribute to the F.M., Anne G., and Beverly B. Bistline Foundation and its grant programs, visit [F.M., Anne G., and Beverly B. Bistline Foundation \(akoyago.com\)](http://F.M., Anne G., and Beverly B. Bistline Foundation (akoyago.com)) or contact info@idahocf.org.

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