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The Idaho Community Foundation Awards Nearly \$250,000 to 50 Eastern Idaho Region Organizations

Eastern Idaho – The Idaho Community Foundation (ICF) is excited to announce that nearly \$250,000 has been awarded to 50 nonprofit and education organizations serving Eastern Idaho communities through the Forever Idaho East grant cycle. This funding supports organizations across a variety of impact areas, including health and wellness, housing stability, arts and culture, education, and community benefit.

"Forever Idaho is more than just a grant program—it's a movement of philanthropy that fosters a culture of giving across our state," said Lisa Bearg, Senior Philanthropic Advisor of ICF. "Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the work of these nonprofits, we are ensuring that our communities in Eastern Idaho continue to thrive and grow stronger together."

Celebrating Impact Across Eastern Idaho

The grant recipients were carefully selected by ICF's Regional Council for Eastern Idaho, a group of dedicated volunteer community members from the region. These individuals are chosen for their deep understanding of local needs, leadership, and involvement in the social sector. The council reviews grant applications with a keen eye for how each project aligns with the unique needs of Eastern Idaho communities, ensuring that the funds are distributed in ways that will create lasting and meaningful impact. Final grant awards are approved by ICF's Board of Directors, making the process both community-driven and thoughtfully executed.

This year's grants are supporting a wide range of impactful projects. From housing programs to community enrichment, these funds are making a tangible difference

across Eastern Idaho. The organizations and projects supported by this grant cycle include:

Bannock County

- Aid for Friends Inc. \$10,000 to support housing stability.
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Idaho Inc. \$5,000 to support educational and economic opportunities.
- **Pocatello Free Clinic** \$10,000 to support health and wellness efforts.
- **Senior Activity Center** \$5,000 to support health and wellness programs.
- Sixth Judicial District CASA Program, Inc. \$4,000 for community benefit programs.
- The Salvation Army Pocatello Corps \$4,000 for health and wellness initiatives.
- Valley Mission Inc. \$10,000 to support housing stability.

Bear Lake County

- **Bear Lake Education Foundation** \$1,000 to support the Family and Consumer Science program.
- **Bear Lake Valley Health Care Foundation** \$5,000 to support health and wellness programs.

Bingham County

- Bingham County Senior Citizens Center Inc. \$10,000 for health and wellness initiatives.
- **Bingham Crisis Center for Women Inc.** \$12,000 to support health and wellness efforts. **Bonneville County**
 - **College of Eastern Idaho Foundation Inc.** \$4,000 to support the Center for New Directions.
 - **Community Food Basket Idaho Falls** \$12,000 for health and wellness programs.
 - **Development Workshop Inc.** \$3,941 for community benefit programs.
 - **Domestic Violence Intervention Center** \$12,000 for educational and economic opportunities.
 - Habitat for Humanity Idaho Falls, Inc. \$5,000 for housing stability efforts.
 - Idaho Falls Arts Council Inc. \$3,000 to support arts and culture.
 - Idaho Falls Rescue Mission \$5,000 for housing stability.
 - Museum of Idaho \$3,000 to support arts and culture.
 - **Promise Ridge, Inc.** \$5,000 for housing stability efforts.
 - The Salvation Army Idaho Falls Corps \$4,000 for housing stability.

Butte County

• Butte County Extension Office - \$1,000 to support educational and economic opportunities.

Clark County

• Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands – \$2,000 to support environment and animal welfare.

Custer County

- **Sawtooth Interpretive and Historical Association** \$3,000 to support educational opportunities.
- **Stanley School Parents Association Incorporated** \$3,000 to support educational programs.

Franklin County

• Franklin County Public Library District – \$5,000 to support educational opportunities.

• Franklin County Reading Association – \$2,000 to support educational and economic opportunities.

Fremont County

• North Fremont High School – \$5,000 to support the yearbook program. Jefferson County

- **Building Hope Today, Inc.** \$5,000 to support health and wellness efforts.
- The Giving Cupboard \$5,000 to support health and wellness programs.

Lemhi County

- **City of Salmon** \$3,000 to support health and wellness programs.
- Lemhi County Crisis Intervention \$10,389 for community benefit programs.
- Lemhi County Historical Society, Inc. \$3,000 for arts and culture initiatives.
- Lemhi Regional Land Trust \$3,000 for educational and economic opportunities.
- Salmon River Charitable Events Inc. \$3,000 to support the Salmon Skatepark Association.
- Steele Memorial Auxiliary \$3,000 to support health and wellness efforts.

Madison County

- Madison County Senior Citizens Association, Inc. \$5,000 for health and wellness programs.
- Madison Middle School \$1,300 to support the school library.
- **Rexburg Free Clinic** \$3,120 to support health and wellness efforts.

Oneida County

- **Oneida County** \$10,000 to support the LaGrande Aqua Plunge community benefit project.
- **Oneida County Library** \$3,500 to support arts and culture programs.
- **Oneida Crisis Center Inc.** \$6,000 for health and wellness initiatives.

Power County

- Friends Of the Children-Idaho \$5,000 to support educational and economic opportunities.
- **PCHD Foundation, Inc.** \$5,000 to support health and wellness programs.

Teton County

- **ABC Above and Beyond the Classroom Teton Valley** \$7,500 for educational and economic opportunities.
- Community Resource Center of Teton Valley \$2,500 for housing stability efforts.
- Full Circle Education Incorporated \$1,000 for educational and economic opportunities.
- Teton Valley Education Foundation \$2,000 for educational opportunities.
- Teton Valley Mental Health Coalition \$2,500 for health and wellness programs.

Join the Movement of Philanthropy

The Forever Idaho Grant Program is fueled by donors who believe in the power of giving back and recognize that communities and nonprofits have ever-changing needs. By allowing ICF the flexibility to address these needs, the program ensures that vital services and programs continue to benefit Eastern Idaho and beyond.

"We invite everyone to be part of this movement of philanthropy and community building," said Steve Burns, President & CEO of The Idaho Community Foundation. "It's the Idaho way to invest in the future of our communities." Those interested in contributing to the Forever Idaho East Grant Fund can visit IdahoCF.org to learn more and join the growing number of Idahoans who are helping to make a lasting difference in the Idaho communities they love.

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