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The Idaho Community Foundation Awards Over \$1.1 Million in Forever Idaho Grants Across the State

Boise, Idaho – The Idaho Community Foundation (ICF) is proud to announce that more than **\$1.1 million** has been awarded through its 2024 Forever Idaho grant program, benefiting **210 nonprofit and educational organizations** across Idaho. These funds address critical needs in health and wellness, housing stability, arts and culture, education, and community development.

The Forever Idaho program is unique in its ability to provide unrestricted funding, allowing nonprofits the flexibility to address their communities' most urgent and evolving challenges. These grants are made possible through the collective generosity of Idaho donors who believe in strengthening local communities.

Empowering Idaho Communities

Each region in Idaho benefits from the Forever Idaho grants.

- **Eastern Idaho:** The East Region, including Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Bonneville, Butte, Caribou, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, Oneida, Power, and Teton counties, awarded nearly \$250,000 supporting 50 organizations including The Community Food Basket in Idaho Falls who received \$12,000 to support health and wellness initiatives.
- **North Idaho:** The North Region, including Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, and Nez Perce counties, received more than \$275,000 for 40 organizations including Kaniksu Land Trust who received \$12,500 to support community benefit programs in Bonner County.
- **South Central Idaho:** The South Central Region, including Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, and Twin Falls counties, received nearly \$214,000 for 34 organizations including \$20,000 to Valley House Homeless Shelter to address housing stability in Twin Falls County.

- **Southwest Idaho:** The Southwest Region, including Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley, and Washington, received over \$385,000 to support 86 organizations including \$12,000 to support The Jesse Tree of Idaho and their efforts to provide housing assistance in Ada County.

Forever Idaho funds are generated annually through the contributions of Idaho residents and businesses who elect to support their regional grant cycle.

“Our Forever Idaho grants reflect the power of collective giving,” said Steve Burns, President & CEO of The Idaho Community Foundation. “These funds empower nonprofits to respond to the unique and dynamic needs of their communities, whether that’s housing stability, educational opportunities, or community enrichment. It’s inspiring to see Idahoans come together to strengthen the places we call home.”

The Voices Behind the Impact

Nonprofit leaders and regional council members shared their perspectives:

- “Thanks to the Forever Idaho grant, we can expand our efforts to provide stable housing for families in need,” said John Spiers, Executive Director of Valley House Homeless Shelter. “This funding is a lifeline for so many in our community.”
- “As a Regional Council member, I’m constantly inspired by the creativity and resilience of our local nonprofits,” said Frances Nagashima, a Regional Council member from the Southwest Region. “These grants enable them to focus on their mission and make a meaningful impact.”

Join the Movement of Philanthropy

Forever Idaho is more than just a grant program—it’s a movement that fosters a culture of giving across the state. Through this initiative, ICF connects generous donors with the causes that matter most, creating lasting impact in Idaho’s communities.

To learn more about the Forever Idaho Fund or to contribute, visit www.IdahoCF.org.

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About The Idaho Community Foundation

For over 35 years, The Idaho Community Foundation has helped Idahoans make their communities even better through philanthropy. We are leading a movement to create a culture of philanthropy and nonprofit excellence in communities across the state, empowering individuals and organizations to support the causes that matter most to them. Following our recent merger with the Idaho Nonprofit Center, we are even more equipped to strengthen Idaho’s nonprofits and create lasting, positive change. If you want to support the nonprofits, schools, recreational opportunities, and more that make your community special, please contact us at info@idahocf.org or visit www.idahocf.org.