



Forever Idaho Grant Cycle Guidelines

About the Forever Idaho Grant Program:

The Forever Idaho Grant Program is funded through the generosity of donors who recognize that the needs within communities and among nonprofits are constantly changing and who have entrusted ICF with the flexibility to forever meet those evolving needs.

This program awards general operating grants. If awarded, funds may be used for any direct or indirect costs related to the organization's activities, including payroll, rent, utilities, supplies and equipment, project costs, capital improvements, and/or programmatic needs.

Deadlines and Regional Definitions:

Northern Region Cycle (Deadline June 15):

Open to applicants from Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce, and Shoshone counties.

Eastern Region Cycle (Deadline June 15):

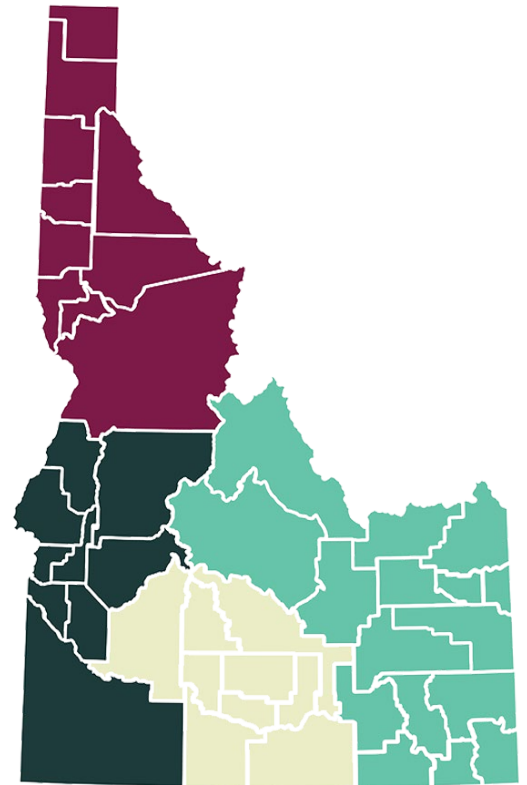
Open to applicants from Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Bonneville, Butte, Caribou, Clark, Custer, Franklin, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, Oneida, Power, and Teton counties.

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.



**You may apply for the region in which your office is located and/or any region in which you are serving residents in that area.*



Anticipated Award Notification Date:

- **North & East:** September
- **Southwest & South Central:** November

Applications Reviewed By: [ICF Regional Councils](#)

The Regional Councils are made up of volunteer community members from each region. They are chosen based on their community knowledge, leadership, and their previous involvement in the social sector in their respective communities. Regional Councils make grant recommendations, and the final awards are approved by ICF's Board of Directors.

Grant Range:

The maximum request amount is \$25,000, though most grants will range between \$3,000-\$8,000.

Eligibility for Funding Consideration:

The Idaho Community Foundation makes grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charities under IRS Code Section 170 and governmental entities including public schools.

Please read below for additional context, as applicants will be asked to self-select the Impact Area in which you are working:

Arts & Culture

- Keeping Idaho's arts and cultural activities vibrant and vital

Community Benefit

- Building trust and social cohesion
- Supporting and developing community leaders
- Economic development and community building

Educational & Economic Opportunities

- Increasing access to early childhood education and childcare
- Strengthening K-12, afterschool, and summer learning programs
- Addressing college affordability and access
- Providing training for promising careers
- Bolstering support for entrepreneurs and small business owners



Environment & Animal Welfare

- Addressing environmental concerns that affect animals, both wild and domestic
- Improving land use and preserving access to the outdoors
- Protecting waterways, forested areas, and air quality
- Creating and beautifying public spaces

Health and Wellness

- Supporting mental and physical health and wellness
- Caring for Idaho's aging population
- Ensuring health equity and food access

Housing Stability

- Promoting access to safe and stable housing
- Igniting investments in affordable housing
- Enabling home ownership

Grant Reporting:

As part of our ongoing commitment to trust-based philanthropy, Forever Idaho grants do not require a final report. We trust our partners to use funding in the ways that best serve their communities. Instead of traditional reports, we welcome stories, photos, or updates to support our ongoing learning about your organization.

Application Process:

To apply, [log in to your ICF portal account](#) and click on Opportunities. Select the Forever Idaho grant cycle for your respective region.

Questions?

Please email Grants@idahocf.org or call (208) 342-3535. For technical assistance, please email ApplicantPortal@idahocf.org.



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What should we include when calculating our annual budget?

- If you are applying for an institution such as a school district, library, etc, please list the operating budget for the department or program that would implement the proposed activities.
- If you are a statewide organization applying for a project in a more limited geographic area, please include your full organizational budget and note that this is a statewide figure.
- If you are an affiliate of a larger organization, please include only the budget for your local chapter.
- If you are unsure how to approach this question, please contact us at Grants@idahocf.org

2. How should we calculate the number of individuals we serve annually?

- If you are applying for an institution such as a school district, library, etc, please list the number of individuals who would be served by the proposed activities.
- If you are a statewide organization, please list the number of individuals served by your organization in total. In the "Organization's greatest needs" section where you describe the project idea, feel free to add additional details about the anticipated number of individuals who would be served with these funds.

3. We work in multiple counties. Which county should we list as the "Primary" county for this application?

- Some of the funds contributing to this opportunity are restricted to particular counties. For this reason, all applications must list one primary county. We recommend that you choose the county where the majority of beneficiaries would be located or where your operations are primarily based. If the activities would support communities in multiple counties, we recommend describing this in the "Organization's greatest needs" section.



4. How is the information in Forever Idaho applications shared to other potential donors?

- The Idaho Community Foundation occasionally receives requests from donors who hold funds with us for information on nonprofits in Idaho. We may use the information provided in the Forever Idaho applications as a starting point for mapping current needs among nonprofits in order to respond to these requests. If you have concerns about information from your Forever Idaho application being shared to other potential donors, please contact us at grants@idahocf.org.