

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:

This program accepts applications year-round, with different deadlines for each of the four regions of the state, as follows:

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.

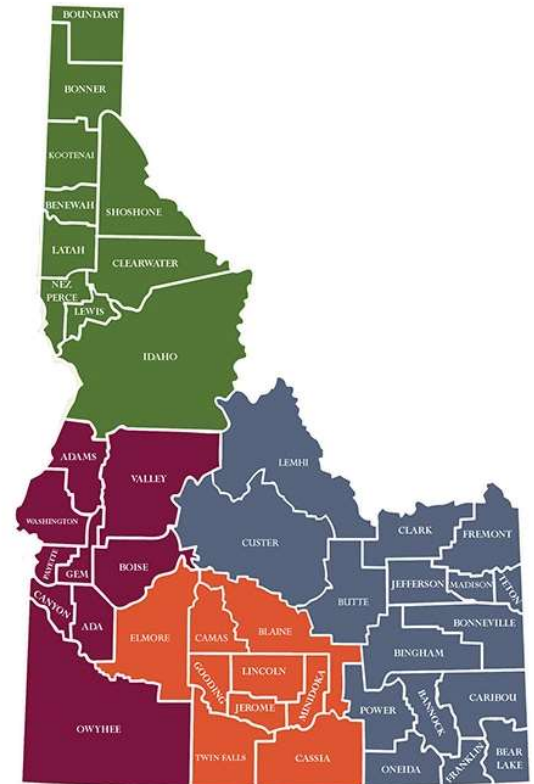
Southwestern Region Cycle (Deadline August 15):

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 Area of Impact 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:

No formal written report is required for this grant opportunity, as ICF recognizes that grantee partners are best suited to define and assess their own success. If awarded, ICF Staff will take a conversational approach, checking in at the end of the grant period to better understand the impact of this grant.

Application Process:

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

Questions?

Please email Grants@idahocf.org or call (208) 342-3535.