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***Idaho Community Foundation Announces
Bistline Foundation Grant Awards***

EAST IDAHO – The Idaho Community Foundation (ICF) is pleased to announce that 17 organizations across southeastern Idaho have been awarded \$68,700 in grants through the **F.M., Anne G., and Beverly B. Bistline Foundation**. These grants support arts education, performance, public art access, and creative opportunities that strengthen communities throughout the region.

The Bistline Foundation was established by **Beverly Bistline**, a Pocatello native, attorney, state legislator, and veteran of the U.S. Navy. Beverly created the fund to honor her parents' deep belief in the arts and to extend her own lifelong dedication to creative expression in Idaho.

Throughout her life, Beverly championed arts education, supported the L.E. and Thelma E. Stephens Performing Arts Center, contributed to Idaho State University, and uplifted numerous cultural institutions and artists. Although she passed away in 2010, her legacy continues through the Bistline Foundation's investments in the artistic vitality of **Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida, and Power counties**.

The following 17 organizations received funding through this cycle, supporting a wide range of arts access, youth programming, performances, equipment, and community building creative work:



Bannock County

- **Empower Humanity** – \$3,300
To support safety and fire code compliance and rights/royalties for arts programming.
- **Idaho State University – Theater Department** – \$3,500
For season productions.
- **Idaho State University – Music Department** – \$3,450
For counselors at the SIPS senior camp, assistant teachers at the junior camp, and piano tunings.
- **Idaho State Civic Symphony Association** – \$2,500
For the free Fourth of July Semi quinentennial Celebration Concert.
- **JRM Foundation for Humanity** – \$3,500
To bring visiting artists to lead multi-day workshops for local and tribal students.
- **Kind Conservatory, Inc.** – \$5,000
To support the annual GEMS Piano Competition.
- **Pocatello Art Center** – \$5,640
To host a workshop and community event with a nationally recognized artist and to expand the Center's Instruction Library.

Bear Lake County

- **Bear Lake Education Foundation** – \$3,500
To license and produce a musical with local students, creating a community performance and school-to-school outreach.

Bingham County

- **Bingham Arts Council** – \$3,400
To support a high school art conference.

Bonneville County

- **The Art Museum of Eastern Idaho** – \$5,680
To provide virtual hands on art lessons to elementary schools in Shelley, Firth, Blackfoot, and Fort Hall.



Caribou County

- **Grace Joint School District #148** – \$3,000
To acquire fire code compliant curtains for school performances.

Oneida County

- **Iron Door Arts & Theater Foundation** – \$5,000
To host a youth drama clinic culminating in a public production.
- **Oneida County Library** – \$9,000
To support *Art in the Park*, serving children and families during the summer reading program.
- **Oneida School District #351** – \$3,000
To purchase intermediate quality instruments and cordless microphones for student performances.

Power County

- **County of Power School District 381** – \$4,730
For new mallet percussion instruments for the high school marching band.

Additional projects serving east Idaho communities:

- **Idaho Shakespeare Festival** – \$3,000
To support eastern Idaho outreach through Idaho Theater for Youth and Shakespearience.
- **Writers at Harriman** – \$1,500
To provide scholarships for families in Bistline eligible counties.

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About The Idaho Community Foundation

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