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The Idaho Community Foundation Announces First Grant from Supportive Housing Investment Fund (SHIF)

BOISE – The Idaho Community Foundation’s (ICF) Supportive Housing Investment Fund for Ada County (SHIF) will award the inaugural grant to support Terry Reilly Health Services, a longtime provider of health and supportive services for individuals and families.

Launched in 2024, SHIF was created through a collaborative partnership with the City of Boise, Ada-county area businesses, community donors, and ICF to address funding gaps in permanent supportive housing, an approach that pairs stable housing with essential wraparound services. Additional grant funding from SHIF is planned in the months ahead, continuing to strengthen the nonprofit organizations providing these vital services throughout Ada County.

“This first grant represents what’s possible when our community comes together with a shared commitment to caring for our neighbors,” said **Boise Mayor Lauren McLean**. “Through this partnership, we are investing not just in housing, but in people—ensuring residents have the stability, dignity, and support they need to thrive. SHIF is a powerful example of how collaborative partnership across sectors can create impact for our community.”

The Supportive Housing Investment Fund was designed to be both innovative and responsive, pooling public, private, and philanthropic dollars to sustain the services that make permanent supporting housing successful. By working closely with government, healthcare providers, and community-based organizations, SHIF helps ensure that nonprofit partners have flexible, reliable resources to meet complex and urgent needs.



“This fund was built differently—through creativity, trust, and a deep understanding of the challenges facing our community,” said **Kevin Bailey, Vice President of Impact & Nonprofit Center at The Idaho Community Foundation.** “The City of Boise and our community partners worked alongside ICF to develop a funding model that addresses a pressing need in a meaningful, long-term way. This first grant to Terry Reilly Health Services is a strong signal of what this fund was created to do—and we’re just getting started.”

Supportive housing has been shown to improve health outcomes, reduce reliance on emergency services, and create cost savings for communities, while most importantly helping individuals and families achieve long-term stability. Local data reinforces the impact of this approach. The City of Boise’s [New Path Community Housing 2024 Annual Evaluation](#) found that permanent supportive housing in Ada County resulted in **nearly 8,000 fewer days of emergency service** use and more than **\$11 million in community cost savings** over six years, largely due to reductions in emergency medical and crisis response services. Through SHIF, ICF and its partners are investing directly in the services that drive these outcomes, ensuring that as housing capacity and the number of residents expand, the benefits to individuals, communities, and Idaho taxpayers grow as well.

To learn more about the Supportive Housing Investment Fund for Ada County, visit idahocf.org/supportive-housing.php.

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