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***Fidelity Charitable® Catalyst Fund Grant Awarded to The Idaho Community Foundation***

**Key Highlights**

- The Idaho Community Foundation (ICF) has been awarded a grant from the Fidelity Charitable® Catalyst Fund.
- Funding will support four key initiatives:
  - Research on New Idahoans to understand and engage the state’s growing population in philanthropy.
  - Growing Giving Circles and Affiliates to increase community-driven philanthropy across Idaho.
  - Enhancing Idaho Gives, the state’s largest giving campaign, to expand participation and donor engagement.
  - Donor and Nonprofit Education to maximize giving and support nonprofit sustainability.

**Idaho** – The Idaho Community Foundation (ICF) has been awarded a major three-year grant from the Fidelity Charitable® Catalyst Fund, recognizing its leadership in growing philanthropy and strengthening nonprofits across the state. This highly competitive funding opportunity will allow ICF to build on its mission—**to strengthen communities through philanthropy, elevate nonprofit impact, and connect Idahoans in ways that make a lasting difference.**



"Idaho is a place of possibility where everyone can contribute to thriving communities," said Steve Burns, President and CEO of The Idaho Community Foundation. "This grant from the Fidelity Charitable Catalyst Fund is a testament to the work we are doing to engage more Idahoans in philanthropy, support nonprofits in addressing critical challenges, and ensure our growing state remains a place where generosity fuels community success."

### **Expanding Philanthropy and Nonprofit Support in Idaho**

Over the next three years, funding from the Fidelity Charitable® Catalyst Fund will help ICF implement a four-part strategy to increase philanthropic investments and expand nonprofit capacity across Idaho.

Key initiatives include:

- **Research on New Idahoans** – Partnering with Boise State University's Idaho Policy Institute to study the state's growing population, developing strategies to engage new residents in philanthropy.
- **Growing Giving Circles and Affiliates** – Expanding community-driven giving models to encourage more localized philanthropy and sustained support for Idaho nonprofits.
- **Enhancing Idaho Gives** – Increasing nonprofit participation, particularly in rural areas, boosting marketing efforts, and expanding match pools to drive greater donor engagement.
- **Donor and Nonprofit Education** – Providing educational programs to maximize donor impact, connect donors to promising nonprofits, and expand nonprofit capacity-building efforts.

These initiatives build upon ICF's existing programs, including **Idaho Gives**, the state's largest annual giving campaign, and **Idaho Philanthropy Day**, which highlights the contributions of nonprofits, volunteers, and philanthropists. Additionally, the foundation offers personalized philanthropic advising to donors, ensuring that charitable investments align with community needs.



### **Strengthening Idaho’s Philanthropic Future**

Fidelity Charitable® Catalyst Fund’s investment in ICF arrives at a pivotal moment, as Idaho continues to experience significant growth and evolving community needs. Through this grant, ICF will expand its reach, strengthen the nonprofit ecosystem, and inspire greater giving across the state.

“Our goal is to build a culture of philanthropy in Idaho—one that is accessible, inclusive, and deeply rooted in community engagement,” Burns said. “With the support of the Fidelity Charitable Catalyst Fund, we can take bold steps to ensure Idaho’s nonprofits have the resources they need to thrive.”

### **About Fidelity Charitable® Catalyst Fund**

The Fidelity Charitable® Catalyst Fund is a grantmaking program of Fidelity Charitable, separate from its donor-advised fund program. Led by the Fidelity Charitable Board of Trustees, the Catalyst Fund envisions a world where promising nonprofits that strengthen our communities have access to the resources they need to flourish.

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### **About The Idaho Community Foundation**

For more than 36 years, The Idaho Community Foundation has been Idaho’s trusted partner in philanthropy, collaborating with thousands of community-minded residents to invest in the people, places, and causes that enrich our way of life. Following our recent merger with the Idaho Nonprofit Center, we are better equipped than ever to support Idaho’s nonprofits and create lasting, positive change. To learn how you can join the movement to foster a culture of philanthropy, email us at [info@idahocf.org](mailto:info@idahocf.org) or visit [www.idahocf.org](http://www.idahocf.org).