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Grants Available to Support Arts and Human Rights Initiatives in Bonner County

Past Recipients Highlight the Critical Role of Philanthropic Investment in Strengthening Community Programs

IDAHO - Bonner County nonprofit organizations dedicated to enhancing the arts and promoting human rights are encouraged to apply for grants from two impactful community funds: the **Bonner County Fund for Arts Enhancement** and the **Bonner County Endowment for Human Rights**. Administered by The Idaho Community Foundation, these grants provide crucial support to organizations that enrich Bonner County through education, advocacy, and cultural initiatives.

Bonner County Fund for Arts Enhancement

The Bonner County Fund for Arts Enhancement supports programs that integrate arts education into the community, ensuring that artistic expression remains a vital part of Bonner County's culture. Grants typically range from \$3,000 to \$12,000 and are available to nonprofit organizations, public educational institutions, and government entities.

One past recipient, Festival at Sandpoint, has benefited from the fund's investment in sustaining and growing the beloved annual event. Now in its 42nd year, the Festival brings world-class musicians to the region and fosters a deep appreciation for the arts.

"Funding from the Bonner County Fund for Arts Enhancement has allowed us to continue providing an unforgettable artistic experience for our community," said Festival at Sandpoint Executive Director Allison Baranski. "The arts play a crucial role in strengthening our community, and this support ensures that we can continue to create meaningful and inspiring events for all to enjoy."

Bonner County Endowment for Human Rights

The Bonner County Endowment for Human Rights provides funding for programs that promote inclusivity, education, and advocacy in Bonner County. Grants typically range from \$1,000 to \$2,500 and are available to nonprofit organizations, public schools, and government entities committed to advancing human rights and celebrating diversity.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) –Far North affiliate, a 2024 grant recipient, launched Sand Creek Connections Clubhouse to address a critical mental health recovery need for adults living with mental health conditions in Bonner and Boundary counties. This initiative offers members an inclusive community to rebuild connections, access resources, and engage in meaningful activities, providing opportunities to reintegrate into the community and live their best lives.

"This grant has been crucial in creating a space where individuals connect through meaningful work," said Dawn Mehra of NAMI Idaho – Far North. "The funding's impact extends beyond our walls, strengthening lives and building community resilience."

Strengthening Bonner County Through Philanthropy

Both funds play a vital role in meeting community needs and sustaining programs that enrich the lives of Bonner County residents. By providing financial resources to organizations committed to arts, culture, and human rights, these grants help ensure a vibrant, inclusive, and thriving community.

The application deadline for both grant programs is May 1, 2025, with award notifications anticipated in June. Eligible organizations can apply through The Idaho Community Foundation's online portal at [ICF Grant Opportunities](#).

For more information about these grant opportunities, please contact grants@idahocf.org or call (208) 342-3535.

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