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Idaho Community Foundation grants \$294K for education

The Idaho Community Foundation has awarded \$294,000 to 22 education projects in Idaho through the Idaho Future Fund.

The Idaho Future Fund was established at the community foundation in 2015 by a couple from Blaine County. Grants from the fund are intended to create, sustain or reinvigorate impactful educational programs throughout the state in the areas of preschool scholarships, charter schools, public schools/public school libraries and supplemental educational programs.

The Cascade School District in Valley County will use its \$8,000 grant to support its community school strategy. Community schools provide flexible support to students and families through their neighborhood schools.

“The money will provide emergency licensed clinical therapy to students and families in need and assist our students with other needs like clothing, supplies, school nutrition, and more,” said Superintendent Joni Stevenson.

The Oneida County Library will use its \$10,000 grant to host a summer reading program in the park to help prevent “summer slide,” when students lose proficiency in academics because of not being in school. More than 300 kids are participating, and each receives a book that will be discussed every week.

“We have no programs that help with summer slide, so this program is vital to our youth,” said Director Kathy Kent. “In addition to giving them a book, they will also be

creating their own book each week throughout the summer. The kids treat these books like gold and are so excited to get their very own book to take home.”

Grant recipients are:

EAST IDAHO

American Falls School District #381 (Power) – \$18,000 to provide preschool students with scholarships.

Idaho Falls School District #91 (Bonneville) – \$16,300 to expand and update the Taylorview Middle School Media Center’s limited selection of books in the categories of narrative non-fiction, English Language Learner texts, and fiction/nonfiction.

My World Discovery Museum (Bannock) – \$10,000 to enhance STEM learning in southeast Idaho by providing exhibit learning opportunities and educational kits that can be used in programming as well as during play time.

Oneida County Library – \$10,000 to prevent “summer slide” with a summer reading program held weekly in the park.

Jefferson School District #251 – \$15,000 to update the Rigby High School library with current and diverse reading materials for all students.

United Way of Southeastern Idaho, Inc. (Bannock) – \$20,000 to provide preschool scholarships for children and offer professional development, resources and more to childcare providers in southeast Idaho.

NORTH IDAHO

Avery School District #394 (Shoshone) – \$15,000 to establish a preschool program.

Kendrick Joint School District #283 (Latah) – \$5,500 to purchase equipment to provide students at Kendrick Junior-Senior High School education and training in sheet metal fabrication.

Memorial Community Center, Inc. (Bonner) – \$20,000 to continue offering preschool for the 2023/24 school year.

Moscow School District #281 (Latah) – \$20,000 to provide new books in high school libraries.

Panhandle Alliance for Education, Inc (Bonner) – \$3,000 to support “Ready to Read,” PAFE’s early literacy reading program for all first-grade students in the Lake Pend Oreille School District.

Priest Lake Community Education Foundation, Inc. (Bonner) – \$15,000 to support early learners through free high-quality preschool, READY! for Kindergarten educational classes to parents of children birth through 5, and small group instruction in the kindergarten classroom.

Reach Club, Inc. (Idaho) – \$7,200 toward the salary of the Elk City preschool teacher.

SOUTH CENTRAL

Richard McKenna Charter Schools (Elmore) – \$8,000 to purchase books, media, furniture and other materials for the K-8 school library.

The Space Idaho, Inc. (Blaine) – \$15,000 to provide academic tutoring, enrichment, snacks, school supplies and a sense of community to students who have financial and academic needs.

SOUTHWEST

Advocates Against Family Violence, Inc (Canyon) – \$8,000 to provide preschool opportunities to low-income community children through scholarships and transportation.

Boys and Girls Club of Nampa, Inc. (Canyon) – \$15,000 to support teens to be successful in school and build foundational, STEM, and life skills through programs at the BGCN Teen Center.

Cascade School District #422 (Valley) – \$8,000 to continue the Community School model, connecting students and their families to community resources each year.

Children’s Museum of Idaho, Inc. (Ada) – \$15,000 to provide STEAM enrichment programs for children in low-income schools and rural communities in southwest Idaho through mobile outreach.

Giraffe Laugh, Inc. (Ada) – \$20,000 to purchase materials for the circle time area in the preschool rooms at the newest Giraffe Laugh center.

The Salvation Army Boise Corps (Ada) – \$10,000 to provide high school-aged parents with summer school programming at the Booth Program during the 2023 summer.

United Way of Treasure Valley (Canyon) – \$20,000 to fund expenses for the Canyon County Preschool Collaborative to provide children ages 3-5 in families experiencing poverty with early childhood education.

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