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***The Idaho Community Foundation Announces \$94,300 in
Bonner County Grant Awards***

BONNER COUNTY – The Idaho Community Foundation is pleased to announce the 2026 grant recipients from two important programs serving Bonner County: the Bonner County Endowment Fund for Human Rights and the Bonner County Fund for Arts Enhancement. Together, these programs support local organizations working to strengthen community connection, expand educational opportunities and celebrate the dignity, creativity and diversity of Bonner County residents.

“We are grateful for the Bonner County Human Rights Task Force’s continued support of meals, movement, and mentorship for more than 15,000 teen visits in 2026-27,” said **Kate Mansur** of Sandpoint Youth Center, Inc. “Demand for the Sandpoint Teen Center has grown each year — doubling since 2022 — and this funding helps us keep pace by supporting food, activities and mentor staff at both of our Sandpoint locations. It takes a community to nurture and serve our youth.”

“Support for arts education helps us bring creative experiences to students, families and neighbors who may not otherwise have access to them,” said **Tone Stolz** of Pend Oreille Arts Council. “Every grant dollar helps open the door to learning, expression and connection in our community.”



The Bonner County Endowment Fund for Human Rights supports projects that affirm the dignity and worth of every person, promote community education around bias and prejudice, and celebrate racial, social and cultural diversity in Bonner County. A total of \$19,300 was awarded through the fund and the recipients are:

Bonner Community Food Center — Support for dignity-centered food assistance, including youth food kits, household support and school-based pantry access. Award amount: \$1,000

Bonner Partners in Care Clinic Inc. — Support to help uninsured and underinsured individuals in rural Bonner and Boundary Counties access essential medical services. Award amount: \$1,500

Community Resource EnVision Center — Support for Spanish-language outreach and culturally responsive resource navigation for Bonner County residents.

Award amount: \$2,300

Music Bridges Borders — Support for free summer music camp and community presentations that connect Sandpoint-area children and families through music. Award amount: \$2,000

NAMI Idaho - Far North — Support for Sand Creek Connections Clubhouse's employment program, including local business recruitment and Transitional Employment training.

Award amount: \$3,000

Pend Oreille Arts Council, Inc. — Support for student workshops and a performance by artist Alysha Brilla focused on music production, composition and inclusive community connection.

Award amount: \$1,500

Pro-Voice Project Foundation Inc. — Support for a virtual event and local watch gatherings exploring courage, human rights and values-based action.

Award amount: \$3,000

Sandpoint Alliance For Equality — Support for Pride Outside volunteer training, youth-focused outdoor programming, monthly events and the Pride on the Mountain advocacy fair and celebration.

Award amount: \$2,000



Sandpoint Youth Center Inc. — Support for after-school meals, snacks, activities and mentorship for Bonner County teens.

Award amount: \$2,000

Wassmuth Center for Human Rights — Support for Bonner County nonprofit staff and volunteers to complete the Human Rights Certificate Course.

Award amount: \$1,000

The **Bonner County Fund for Arts Enhancement** supports arts programs with a strong educational focus, helping expand access to creative learning and enrichment across the community. A total of \$75,000 was awarded through the fund and the recipients are:

Arts Alliance, Inc. — Support for preschool, senior and PSNI art classes, AmeriCorps art instructors, supplies for educational art classes and youth workshops, and scholarships for local youth.

Award amount: \$12,000

Carousel of Smiles Ltd. — Support for the "Prancing Pony" mural, a large-scale community project that will transform a highly visible building facade.

Award amount: \$4,000

Festival at Sandpoint Inc. — Support for the 43rd Summer Performance Series, a two-week event held July 30-Aug. 9, 2026.

Award amount: \$20,000

Kaniksu Land Trust, Inc. — Support for Kaniksu Folk School operations, including instructor stipends, materials and program coordination for year-round community arts education.

Award amount: \$5,000

Lake Pend Oreille School District #84 — Support for a weeklong performing arts residency at Northside Elementary and Hope Elementary.

Award amount: \$4,000

Memorial Community Center — Support for the continuation and expansion of current art programs.

Award amount: \$6,000



Music Conservatory of Sandpoint, Inc. — Support for weekly accessible performing arts programming for early childhood through K-12 students at local elementary schools and the Conservatory's downtown location.

Award amount: \$12,000

Pend Oreille Arts Council, Inc. — Support for educational programs, including the Kaleidoscope Visual Arts Program and Ovarions Performing Arts Program.

Award amount: \$12,000

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