



Contact: Autumn Kersey-Camilovic
Marketing & Communications Manager
autumn@idahocf.org
208.342.3535 Ext. 16

October 21, 2024

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Idaho Community Foundation Awards Nearly \$214,000

Idaho – The Idaho Community Foundation (ICF) is excited to announce the recipients of the 2024 Forever Idaho South Central grants. These grants, funded by the generosity of charitable and community-minded Idaho residents, provide support for the operational needs of organizations serving South Central Idaho. This year, a total of \$213,750 has been awarded to 34 organizations in the region.

The Forever Idaho program allows grantees to use the funds flexibly, addressing the most pressing needs within their organizations and communities.

The applications for these grants were reviewed and selected by ICF's Regional Council, a volunteer group of local citizens and community leaders who thoughtfully assess each application and make granting recommendations. ICF strongly believes in local decision-making, ensuring that funding decisions reflect the unique needs and priorities of the communities being served.

Below are the recipients, listed by county:

Blaine County

- Advocates for Survivors of Domestic Violence – \$10,000
- Blaine County Charitable Fund Inc. – \$7,500
- Girls on the Run of Southern Idaho Inc. – \$1,804
- Men's Second Chance Living – \$10,000
- NAMI Idaho - Wood River Valley – \$2,500
- The Crisis Hot Line Inc. – \$10,000

Cassia County

- Children's Museum of The Magic Valley Inc. – \$7,000

- Declo Elementary School – \$3,791
- Simply Hope Family Outreach Inc. – \$10,000

Elmore County

- Boise State University Foundation Inc. – \$2,500
- Girls on the Run Idaho, Inc. – \$3,000
- Operation Homefront Inc. – \$3,000

Gooding County

- First Responders and Friends Association – \$5,000
- Gooding Soil Conservation District – \$2,500
- Helping Hearts & Hands, Inc. – \$10,000

Jerome County

- Jerome County Senior Citizens Service Area, Inc. – \$6,250

Lincoln County

- Friends of Idaho Public Television Inc. to support kindergarten readiness – \$5,000
- Lincoln County Swimming Pool – \$6,877
- Shoshone School District – \$7,000
- Wood River Soil & Water Conservation District – \$2,500

Minidoka County

- Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley – \$10,000
- Fighters Chance – \$2,500

Twin Falls County

- Ageless Senior Citizens – \$2,500
- Buhl Family Network Inc. – \$5,000
- Castleford Joint School District 417 – \$5,000
- Culture For Change Foundation – \$2,800
- Everybody House – \$5,228
- Family Health Services Corporation – \$10,000
- Hansen Elementary School – \$1,500
- Idaho Foodbank Warehouse – \$7,500
- Interlink Volunteer Caregivers Inc. – \$7,500
- La Posada Inc. – \$8,000
- Twin Falls Optimist Youth House Inc. – \$10,000
- Valley Housing Coalition – \$20,000

These grants will provide vital support for programs across sectors such as health and wellness, housing stability, community benefit, and more.

“The flexibility of the Forever Idaho grants allows us to address evolving community needs,” said Lisa Bearg, Senior Philanthropic Advisor of The Idaho Community

Foundation. “We’re proud to support these outstanding organizations working to strengthen our South Central Idaho communities.”

###

About The Idaho Community Foundation

For 35 years, The Idaho Community Foundation has helped Idahoans make their communities even better through philanthropy. We are leading a movement to create a culture of philanthropy and nonprofit excellence in communities across the state, empowering individuals and organizations to support the causes that matter most to them. Following our recent merger with the Idaho Nonprofit Center, we are even more equipped to strengthen Idaho’s nonprofits and create lasting, positive change. If you want to support the nonprofits, schools, recreational opportunities, and more that make your community special, please contact us at info@idahocf.org or visit www.idahocf.org.