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## **The Idaho Community Foundation Announces Idaho Youth in Philanthropy Project Grant Opportunity for Rural High Schools**

Overview:

- The Idaho Community Foundation has launched the Idaho Youth in Philanthropy Project (YIPP), a program empowering rural high school students to become future leaders in philanthropy.
- Six rural Idaho high schools will be selected, with each school group awarding \$5,000 in grants to local nonprofits addressing community needs.
- Through hands-on experience, students will learn about nonprofit work, philanthropy's role in community building, and how to evaluate grant applications.
- Interested schools can apply by December 6, 2024.

Detail:

The Idaho Community Foundation (ICF) is thrilled to announce the Idaho Youth in Philanthropy Project (YIPP), an empowering new initiative designed to foster a passion for community service and philanthropy among rural high school students across Idaho.

This hands-on leadership program prepares students in smaller communities to become future leaders in philanthropy by engaging them in the grantmaking process and supporting nonprofits that address critical local needs.

High schools in rural Idaho are invited to apply, with priority given to communities with populations under 30,000 to ensure support reaches areas with limited access to nonprofit resources. Six high school groups will be selected to participate, with each group given the opportunity to distribute \$5,000 to local nonprofits. Through YIPP, students will learn about nonprofit operations, the role of philanthropy in their

community, and how to evaluate grant applications—all while experiencing the power of giving back firsthand.

“This project aims to equip Idaho’s rural youth with skills in leadership, critical thinking, and collaboration,” said ICF Vice President for Impact and Nonprofit Center, Kevin Bailey. “By engaging in real-world philanthropy, these students will gain valuable experience in decision-making and foster a lifelong commitment to their communities.”

Interested schools can apply by December 6, 2024, through the application linked at IdahoCF.org. Selected schools will be announced in early 2025, with student groups engaging in the grantmaking process during the spring semester.

For more information on the Idaho Youth in Philanthropy Project or to apply, please visit IdahoCF.org or contact us at [info@idahononprofits.org](mailto:info@idahononprofits.org).

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

The Idaho Community Foundation is building Idaho’s future through philanthropy and nonprofit excellence. With over 35 years of deep roots and partnerships with Idaho’s most prominent leaders, families, and businesses, ICF empowers community-minded Idahoans to create lasting impact. ICF prioritizes keeping resources local, with over 96% of their grants supporting Idaho needs. Now, with the Idaho Nonprofit Center joining forces, ICF brings even deeper insight into nonprofit needs, providing resources to maximize the impact of philanthropic investments. Partnering with ICF is a reflection of your deep commitment to Idaho—one of the most 'Idaho' ways to strengthen our state and ensure your community and the causes you care about thrive for generations to come.